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**Proposed New Freedom Camping In  
Vehicles Bylaw 2021**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS  
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<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
7		Albert-Eden
38		Albert-Eden
40		Albert-Eden
48		Albert-Eden
55		Albert-Eden
56		Albert-Eden
71		Albert-Eden
80		Albert-Eden
84		Albert-Eden
87		Albert-Eden
89		Albert-Eden
94		Albert-Eden
113		Albert-Eden
123		Albert-Eden
140		Albert-Eden
152		Albert-Eden
157		Albert-Eden
165		Albert-Eden
169		Albert-Eden
175		Albert-Eden
179		Albert-Eden
186		Albert-Eden
189		Albert-Eden
198		Albert-Eden
200		Albert-Eden
202		Albert-Eden
209		Albert-Eden
224		Albert-Eden
268		Albert-Eden
271		Albert-Eden
279		Albert-Eden
319		Albert-Eden
360		Albert-Eden
361		Albert-Eden
425		Albert-Eden
426		Albert-Eden
445		Albert-Eden
455		Albert-Eden
479		Albert-Eden
505		Albert-Eden
614		Albert-Eden
648		Albert-Eden
651		Albert-Eden
691		Albert-Eden
770		Albert-Eden
808		Albert-Eden
810		Albert-Eden
822		Albert-Eden
824		Albert-Eden
854		Albert-Eden



<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
911		Albert-Eden
930		Albert-Eden
967		Albert-Eden
977		Albert-Eden
1052		Albert-Eden
1054		Albert-Eden
1077		Albert-Eden
1082		Albert-Eden
1090		Albert-Eden
1117		Albert-Eden
1129		Albert-Eden
1136		Albert-Eden
1173		Albert-Eden
1174		Albert-Eden
1179		Albert-Eden
1191		Albert-Eden
1201		Albert-Eden
1220		Albert-Eden
1222		Albert-Eden
1242		Albert-Eden
1248		Albert-Eden
1332		Albert-Eden
1358	Pt Chevalier Sailing Club	Albert-Eden
1364		Albert-Eden
1365		Albert-Eden
1406		Albert-Eden
1410	Metro Mt Albert Sports Club	Albert-Eden
1411	Metro Football Club	Albert-Eden
1412	Metro Softball Club	Albert-Eden
1428		Albert-Eden
1447		Albert-Eden
1457		Albert-Eden
1461		Albert-Eden
1479	Mt Albert Residents Association Inc	Albert-Eden
1480		Albert-Eden
219		Aotea/Great Barrier
435		Aotea/Great Barrier
461		Aotea/Great Barrier
541		Aotea/Great Barrier
617		Aotea/Great Barrier
1252		Aotea/Great Barrier
1356		Aotea/Great Barrier
1416		Aotea/Great Barrier
11		Devonport-Takapuna
12		Devonport-Takapuna
29		Devonport-Takapuna
49		Devonport-Takapuna
54		Devonport-Takapuna
83		Devonport-Takapuna
160		Devonport-Takapuna

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163		Devonport-Takapuna
207		Devonport-Takapuna
235		Devonport-Takapuna
236		Devonport-Takapuna
247		Devonport-Takapuna
278		Devonport-Takapuna
469		Devonport-Takapuna
474		Devonport-Takapuna
500		Devonport-Takapuna
501		Devonport-Takapuna
520		Devonport-Takapuna
535		Devonport-Takapuna
552		Devonport-Takapuna
567		Devonport-Takapuna
593		Devonport-Takapuna
613		Devonport-Takapuna
654		Devonport-Takapuna
655		Devonport-Takapuna
657		Devonport-Takapuna
748		Devonport-Takapuna
807		Devonport-Takapuna
856		Devonport-Takapuna
1010		Devonport-Takapuna
1043		Devonport-Takapuna
1055		Devonport-Takapuna
1056		Devonport-Takapuna
1101		Devonport-Takapuna
1113		Devonport-Takapuna
1141		Devonport-Takapuna
1189		Devonport-Takapuna
1193		Devonport-Takapuna
1208		Devonport-Takapuna
1216		Devonport-Takapuna
1223		Devonport-Takapuna
1287		Devonport-Takapuna
1315		Devonport-Takapuna
1335		Devonport-Takapuna
1355		Devonport-Takapuna
1360		Devonport-Takapuna
1385		Devonport-Takapuna
1414		Devonport-Takapuna
1417		Devonport-Takapuna
1463	Milford Residents Association Inc.	Devonport-Takapuna
59		Franklin
62		Franklin
151		Franklin
194		Franklin
197		Franklin
244		Franklin
251		Franklin

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
260		Franklin
275		Franklin
297		Franklin
346	McRent NZ / Pokeno	Franklin
347		Franklin
406		Franklin
457		Franklin
494		Franklin
540		Franklin
545		Franklin
550		Franklin
612		Franklin
646		Franklin
690		Franklin
797		Franklin
955		Franklin
962		Franklin
964		Franklin
980		Franklin
1062		Franklin
1073		Franklin
1075		Franklin
1085		Franklin
1095		Franklin
1103		Franklin
1120		Franklin
1126		Franklin
1131		Franklin
1135		Franklin
1175		Franklin
1214		Franklin
1295		Franklin
1366		Franklin
1445		Franklin
1451		Franklin
1455		Franklin
1488		Franklin
1489		Franklin
32		Henderson-Massey
77		Henderson-Massey
105		Henderson-Massey
137		Henderson-Massey
167		Henderson-Massey
192		Henderson-Massey
206		Henderson-Massey
212		Henderson-Massey
252		Henderson-Massey
314		Henderson-Massey
327		Henderson-Massey
485		Henderson-Massey

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
518		Henderson-Massey
572		Henderson-Massey
583		Henderson-Massey
640		Henderson-Massey
921		Henderson-Massey
1021		Henderson-Massey
1130		Henderson-Massey
1192		Henderson-Massey
1268		Henderson-Massey
1294		Henderson-Massey
1349		Henderson-Massey
1530		Henderson-Massey
1596		Henderson-Massey
1		Hibiscus and Bays
2		Hibiscus and Bays
9		Hibiscus and Bays
16		Hibiscus and Bays
25		Hibiscus and Bays
27		Hibiscus and Bays
50		Hibiscus and Bays
65		Hibiscus and Bays
72		Hibiscus and Bays
74		Hibiscus and Bays
85		Hibiscus and Bays
95		Hibiscus and Bays
101		Hibiscus and Bays
108		Hibiscus and Bays
109		Hibiscus and Bays
155		Hibiscus and Bays
182		Hibiscus and Bays
183		Hibiscus and Bays
193		Hibiscus and Bays
195		Hibiscus and Bays
208		Hibiscus and Bays
210		Hibiscus and Bays
229		Hibiscus and Bays
230		Hibiscus and Bays
246		Hibiscus and Bays
255		Hibiscus and Bays
261		Hibiscus and Bays
269		Hibiscus and Bays
293		Hibiscus and Bays
305		Hibiscus and Bays
307		Hibiscus and Bays
308		Hibiscus and Bays
315		Hibiscus and Bays
316		Hibiscus and Bays
318		Hibiscus and Bays
320		Hibiscus and Bays
323		Hibiscus and Bays

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
324		Hibiscus and Bays
325		Hibiscus and Bays
326		Hibiscus and Bays
391		Hibiscus and Bays
450		Hibiscus and Bays
473		Hibiscus and Bays
477		Hibiscus and Bays
483		Hibiscus and Bays
486		Hibiscus and Bays
492		Hibiscus and Bays
493		Hibiscus and Bays
499		Hibiscus and Bays
517		Hibiscus and Bays
536		Hibiscus and Bays
539		Hibiscus and Bays
542		Hibiscus and Bays
544		Hibiscus and Bays
549		Hibiscus and Bays
562		Hibiscus and Bays
568		Hibiscus and Bays
573		Hibiscus and Bays
589		Hibiscus and Bays
607		Hibiscus and Bays
609		Hibiscus and Bays
625		Hibiscus and Bays
659		Hibiscus and Bays
661		Hibiscus and Bays
662		Hibiscus and Bays
664		Hibiscus and Bays
666		Hibiscus and Bays
667		Hibiscus and Bays
668		Hibiscus and Bays
669		Hibiscus and Bays
672		Hibiscus and Bays
674		Hibiscus and Bays
705		Hibiscus and Bays
742		Hibiscus and Bays
773		Hibiscus and Bays
817		Hibiscus and Bays
848		Hibiscus and Bays
859		Hibiscus and Bays
897		Hibiscus and Bays
898		Hibiscus and Bays
900		Hibiscus and Bays
942		Hibiscus and Bays
959		Hibiscus and Bays
966		Hibiscus and Bays
972		Hibiscus and Bays
976		Hibiscus and Bays
984		Hibiscus and Bays

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
992		Hibiscus and Bays
1017		Hibiscus and Bays
1034		Hibiscus and Bays
1040		Hibiscus and Bays
1041		Hibiscus and Bays
1044		Hibiscus and Bays
1053		Hibiscus and Bays
1112		Hibiscus and Bays
1138		Hibiscus and Bays
1148		Hibiscus and Bays
1162		Hibiscus and Bays
1163		Hibiscus and Bays
1168		Hibiscus and Bays
1169		Hibiscus and Bays
1177		Hibiscus and Bays
1186		Hibiscus and Bays
1206		Hibiscus and Bays
1209		Hibiscus and Bays
1210		Hibiscus and Bays
1218		Hibiscus and Bays
1240		Hibiscus and Bays
1243		Hibiscus and Bays
1244		Hibiscus and Bays
1247		Hibiscus and Bays
1249		Hibiscus and Bays
1257		Hibiscus and Bays
1265		Hibiscus and Bays
1289		Hibiscus and Bays
1305		Hibiscus and Bays
1307		Hibiscus and Bays
1311		Hibiscus and Bays
1328		Hibiscus and Bays
1341		Hibiscus and Bays
1351		Hibiscus and Bays
1376		Hibiscus and Bays
1397		Hibiscus and Bays
1415		Hibiscus and Bays
1453		Hibiscus and Bays
1462		Hibiscus and Bays
1464		Hibiscus and Bays
1472		Hibiscus and Bays
1474		Hibiscus and Bays
1476		Hibiscus and Bays
1477		Hibiscus and Bays
1498		Hibiscus and Bays
1612		Hibiscus and Bays
20		Howick
23		Howick
33		Howick
52		Howick

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
135		Howick
144		Howick
150		Howick
266		Howick
337		Howick
427		Howick
463		Howick
466		Howick
471		Howick
495		Howick
506		Howick
581		Howick
633		Howick
642		Howick
663		Howick
774		Howick
782		Howick
833		Howick
886		Howick
913		Howick
929		Howick
975		Howick
998		Howick
1019		Howick
1087		Howick
1099		Howick
1104		Howick
1109		Howick
1111		Howick
1114		Howick
1123		Howick
1140		Howick
1172		Howick
1184		Howick
1196		Howick
1202		Howick
1271		Howick
1303		Howick
1306		Howick
1314		Howick
1338		Howick
1347	Cockle Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association (CBRRA)	Howick
1367		Howick
1374		Howick
1429		Howick
1446		Howick
1448		Howick
1465		Howick
1468		Howick
8		Kaipātiki

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
41		Kaipātiki
47		Kaipātiki
64		Kaipātiki
70		Kaipātiki
102		Kaipātiki
107		Kaipātiki
116		Kaipātiki
132		Kaipātiki
139		Kaipātiki
142		Kaipātiki
149		Kaipātiki
153		Kaipātiki
171		Kaipātiki
245		Kaipātiki
250	Kelpstrewn.com	Kaipātiki
270		Kaipātiki
273		Kaipātiki
274		Kaipātiki
296		Kaipātiki
298		Kaipātiki
424		Kaipātiki
462		Kaipātiki
489		Kaipātiki
490		Kaipātiki
528		Kaipātiki
532		Kaipātiki
543		Kaipātiki
574		Kaipātiki
582		Kaipātiki
585		Kaipātiki
637		Kaipātiki
639		Kaipātiki
643		Kaipātiki
821		Kaipātiki
855		Kaipātiki
858		Kaipātiki
871		Kaipātiki
872		Kaipātiki
873		Kaipātiki
1016		Kaipātiki
1057		Kaipātiki
1061		Kaipātiki
1063		Kaipātiki
1132		Kaipātiki
1185		Kaipātiki
1197		Kaipātiki
1261	Generosity Coffee	Kaipātiki
1267		Kaipātiki
1272		Kaipātiki
1280		Kaipātiki



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1308		Kaipātiki
1313		Kaipātiki
1423		Kaipātiki
1426		Kaipātiki
1503	Birkenhead Residents Association	Kaipātiki
46		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
88		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
127		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
164		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
222		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
364	Wilderness Motorhomes	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
459		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1199		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1203		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1204		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1228		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1259		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1263		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1266		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1331		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1390		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1421		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1454		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1475		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1487		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1552	Friends of the Farm	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1554		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1555		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1556		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
1557		Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
173		Manurewa
184		Manurewa
365		Manurewa
429		Manurewa
597		Manurewa
1116		Manurewa
1121		Manurewa
14		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
21		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
97		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
119		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
134		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
141		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
145		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
154		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
277		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
284		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
285		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
301		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
310		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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329		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
370		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
384		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
399		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
421		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
460		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
465		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
480		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
491		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
498		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
509		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
516		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
525		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
531		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
537		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
584		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
606		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
631		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
670		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
671		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
707		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
758		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
838		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
944		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1032		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1049		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1065		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1068		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1118		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1119		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1159		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1188		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1334		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1369		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1418		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1431	Onehunga Cricket Association	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1466		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1473		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1482		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1492	The Onehunga Combined Sports Trust	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
1559		Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
58		Not supplied
125		Not supplied
180		Not supplied
332		Not supplied
386		Not supplied
610		Not supplied
628		Not supplied
665		Not supplied
775		Not supplied

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
865		Not supplied
870	Spaceships Rentals	Not supplied
1002		Not supplied
1125		Not supplied
1195		Not supplied
1324	Federated Farmers	Not supplied
1493		Not supplied
1494		Not supplied
1495		Not supplied
1496		Not supplied
1497		Not supplied
1499		Not supplied
1500		Not supplied
1502		Not supplied
1504		Not supplied
1507		Not supplied
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1512		Not supplied
1513		Not supplied
1517		Not supplied
1518		Not supplied
1521		Not supplied
1525		Not supplied
1528	Friends of Madill's Farm	Not supplied
1529		Not supplied
1531		Not supplied
1532		Not supplied
1533		Not supplied
1534		Not supplied
1535		Not supplied
1536		Not supplied
1537		Not supplied
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1576		Not supplied

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1585		Not supplied
1587		Not supplied
1594		Not supplied
1604		Not supplied
1611		Not supplied
1614		Not supplied
1615		Not supplied
1616		Not supplied
1617		Not supplied
3		Ōrākei
10		Ōrākei
15		Ōrākei
19		Ōrākei
24		Ōrākei
26		Ōrākei
30		Ōrākei
31		Ōrākei
43		Ōrākei
57		Ōrākei
66		Ōrākei
67		Ōrākei
75		Ōrākei
81		Ōrākei
82		Ōrākei
96		Ōrākei
110		Ōrākei
131		Ōrākei
143		Ōrākei
158		Ōrākei
166		Ōrākei
177		Ōrākei
199		Ōrākei
213		Ōrākei
253		Ōrākei
272		Ōrākei
280		Ōrākei
304		Ōrākei
317		Ōrākei
321		Ōrākei
358		Ōrākei
369		Ōrākei
372		Ōrākei
373		Ōrākei

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
374		Ōrākei
375		Ōrākei
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448		Ōrākei
451		Ōrākei
453		Ōrākei
458		Ōrākei
482		Ōrākei
484		Ōrākei
504		Ōrākei

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
513		Ōrākei
522		Ōrākei
524		Ōrākei
529		Ōrākei
538		Ōrākei
546		Ōrākei
559		Ōrākei
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586		Ōrākei
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622		Ōrākei
626		Ōrākei
641		Ōrākei
673		Ōrākei
712		Ōrākei
754		Ōrākei
761		Ōrākei
789		Ōrākei
794		Ōrākei
799		Ōrākei
818		Ōrākei
827		Ōrākei
846		Ōrākei
850		Ōrākei
851		Ōrākei
866		Ōrākei
896		Ōrākei
920		Ōrākei
923		Ōrākei
932		Ōrākei
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948		Ōrākei
949		Ōrākei
951		Ōrākei
957		Ōrākei
973		Ōrākei
991		Ōrākei
1018		Ōrākei
1022		Ōrākei
1030		Ōrākei
1035		Ōrākei
1058		Ōrākei
1071		Ōrākei
1072		Ōrākei
1076		Ōrākei
1092		Ōrākei
1093		Ōrākei

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
1094		Ōrākei
1098		Ōrākei
1105		Ōrākei
1134		Ōrākei
1139		Ōrākei
1149		Ōrākei
1151		Ōrākei
1180		Ōrākei
1194		Ōrākei
1205		Ōrākei
1213		Ōrākei
1245		Ōrākei
1250		Ōrākei
1264		Ōrākei
1270		Ōrākei
1296		Ōrākei
1299		Ōrākei
1302		Ōrākei
1317		Ōrākei
1318		Ōrākei
1322		Ōrākei
1340		Ōrākei
1342		Ōrākei
1344		Ōrākei
1353		Ōrākei
1368		Ōrākei
1373		Ōrākei
1382		Ōrākei
1383	Mission Bay Business Association	Ōrākei
1400		Ōrākei
1402		Ōrākei
1404		Ōrākei
1413		Ōrākei
1434		Ōrākei
1439		Ōrākei
1441		Ōrākei
1443		Ōrākei
1449		Ōrākei
1467		Ōrākei
1478		Ōrākei
1481		Ōrākei
1483		Ōrākei
1485		Ōrākei
1490		Ōrākei
1491	Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association	Ōrākei
1501		Ōrākei
1516		Ōrākei
1520	Drive Holdings Ltd	Ōrākei
1607		Ōrākei
191		Ōtara-Papatoetoe

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
503		Ōtara-Papatoetoe
555		Ōtara-Papatoetoe
13		Outside Auckland
35		Outside Auckland
37		Outside Auckland
39		Outside Auckland
106		Outside Auckland
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124		Outside Auckland
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161		Outside Auckland
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204		Outside Auckland
215		Outside Auckland
237		Outside Auckland
238		Outside Auckland
243		Outside Auckland
257		Outside Auckland
258		Outside Auckland
262		Outside Auckland
289		Outside Auckland
348		Outside Auckland
481		Outside Auckland
1011	Holiday Parks New Zealand	Outside Auckland
1025		Outside Auckland
1028		Outside Auckland
1046		Outside Auckland
1144		Outside Auckland
1153		Outside Auckland
1155		Outside Auckland
1156		Outside Auckland
1276		Outside Auckland
1387		Outside Auckland
1398		Outside Auckland
1436		Outside Auckland
93		Papakura
118		Papakura
478		Papakura
644		Papakura
1097		Papakura
1127		Papakura
1389		Papakura
28		Puketāpapa
42		Puketāpapa
44		Puketāpapa
51		Puketāpapa



<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
100		Puketāpapa
203		Puketāpapa
312		Puketāpapa
338		Puketāpapa
547		Puketāpapa
600		Puketāpapa
877		Puketāpapa
1050		Puketāpapa
1363		Puketāpapa
1508		Puketāpapa
1593		Puketāpapa
1506	Fire Emergency New Zealand	Regional organisation
1514	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc	Regional organisation
1515	Heart Of The City	Regional organisation
1523	Forest & Bird	Regional organisation
5		Rodney
6		Rodney
34		Rodney
45		Rodney
69		Rodney
76		Rodney
90		Rodney
103		Rodney
104		Rodney
112		Rodney
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201		Rodney
205		Rodney
216		Rodney
242		Rodney
249		Rodney
254		Rodney
267		Rodney
281		Rodney
282		Rodney
287		Rodney
290		Rodney
292		Rodney
295		Rodney
300		Rodney

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
302		Rodney
306	Warkworth & District Museum	Rodney
309		Rodney
313		Rodney
345		Rodney
359		Rodney
362		Rodney
431		Rodney
437		Rodney
438		Rodney
439		Rodney
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449		Rodney
452		Rodney
456		Rodney
467		Rodney
472		Rodney
476		Rodney
497		Rodney
507		Rodney
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616		Rodney
621		Rodney
624		Rodney
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630		Rodney
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<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
634		Rodney
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675		Rodney
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<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
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769		Rodney
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783		Rodney
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785		Rodney
787		Rodney
788		Rodney
790		Rodney
791		Rodney

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
792		Rodney
793		Rodney
795		Rodney
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863		Rodney
864		Rodney
868		Rodney
874		Rodney
875		Rodney

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
876		Rodney
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879		Rodney
880		Rodney
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890		Rodney
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892		Rodney
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903		Rodney
904		Rodney
905		Rodney
907		Rodney
908		Rodney
909		Rodney
910		Rodney
912		Rodney
914	Rainbows End & Rivers Environmental Group Inc	Rodney
915		Rodney
916		Rodney
917		Rodney
918		Rodney
919		Rodney
924		Rodney
925		Rodney
926		Rodney
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939		Rodney
940		Rodney
943		Rodney
946		Rodney
947		Rodney
950		Rodney
954		Rodney

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
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1031		Rodney
1036		Rodney
1038		Rodney
1042		Rodney
1045		Rodney
1047		Rodney
1048		Rodney
1051		Rodney
1060		Rodney
1064		Rodney
1070		Rodney
1074		Rodney
1078	Baddleys and Campbells Beach Ratepayers Association	Rodney
1079		Rodney
1080		Rodney

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
1081		Rodney
1083		Rodney
1084		Rodney
1086		Rodney
1088		Rodney
1089		Rodney
1091		Rodney
1096		Rodney
1100		Rodney
1102		Rodney
1106		Rodney
1115		Rodney
1128		Rodney
1133		Rodney
1137		Rodney
1145		Rodney
1146		Rodney
1147		Rodney
1152		Rodney
1157	Gulden Investments Ltd	Rodney
1158		Rodney
1160		Rodney
1161		Rodney
1164		Rodney
1165		Rodney
1166		Rodney
1167		Rodney
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1190		Rodney
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1234		Rodney
1236		Rodney
1237		Rodney
1238		Rodney



<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
1241		Rodney
1246		Rodney
1251		Rodney
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1269		Rodney
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1377		Rodney
1380		Rodney
1381		Rodney
1384		Rodney
1386		Rodney
1391		Rodney
1392		Rodney
1393		Rodney
1394	Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association	Rodney
1396		Rodney
1405		Rodney
1407	Matheson Bay Neighbourhood Committee	Rodney
1408		Rodney

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
1409		Rodney
1422		Rodney
1430		Rodney
1432		Rodney
1433		Rodney
1435		Rodney
1437		Rodney
1440	Omaha Beach Community Inc.	Rodney
1442		Rodney
1452		Rodney
1456		Rodney
1459		Rodney
1460		Rodney
1469		Rodney
1470		Rodney
1471		Rodney
1484		Rodney
1505		Rodney
1522	Algies Bay Residents & Ratepayers Association	Rodney
1524		Rodney
1591		Rodney
53		Upper Harbour
63		Upper Harbour
130		Upper Harbour
147		Upper Harbour
156		Upper Harbour
168		Upper Harbour
170		Upper Harbour
196		Upper Harbour
259		Upper Harbour
276		Upper Harbour
283		Upper Harbour
328		Upper Harbour
508		Upper Harbour
512		Upper Harbour
636		Upper Harbour
732		Upper Harbour
786		Upper Harbour
965		Upper Harbour
1154		Upper Harbour
1262		Upper Harbour
1301		Upper Harbour
1419		Upper Harbour
1420		Upper Harbour
1424		Upper Harbour
17		Waiheke
18		Waiheke
99		Waiheke
174		Waiheke
227		Waiheke

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
248		Waiheke
291		Waiheke
322		Waiheke
334		Waiheke
335		Waiheke
336		Waiheke
339		Waiheke
340		Waiheke
341		Waiheke
343		Waiheke
344		Waiheke
349		Waiheke
350		Waiheke
351		Waiheke
352		Waiheke
353		Waiheke
354	Onetangi Beach Ratepayers' Association	Waiheke
355		Waiheke
357		Waiheke
368		Waiheke
371		Waiheke
400		Waiheke
401		Waiheke
402		Waiheke
420		Waiheke
422		Waiheke
430		Waiheke
432		Waiheke
434		Waiheke
436		Waiheke
443		Waiheke
454		Waiheke
464		Waiheke
468		Waiheke
487		Waiheke
488		Waiheke
496		Waiheke
510		Waiheke
511		Waiheke
514		Waiheke
519		Waiheke
523		Waiheke
587		Waiheke
591		Waiheke
592		Waiheke
608	Protect Our Gulf Inc	Waiheke
623		Waiheke
635		Waiheke
645		Waiheke
647		Waiheke

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
702		Waiheke
716		Waiheke
893		Waiheke
895		Waiheke
899		Waiheke
906		Waiheke
945		Waiheke
953		Waiheke
968		Waiheke
970		Waiheke
1020		Waiheke
1230		Waiheke
1601		Waiheke
1613		Waiheke
4		Waitākere Ranges
22		Waitākere Ranges
60		Waitākere Ranges
86		Waitākere Ranges
98		Waitākere Ranges
115		Waitākere Ranges
121		Waitākere Ranges
211		Waitākere Ranges
217		Waitākere Ranges
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225		Waitākere Ranges
232		Waitākere Ranges
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239		Waitākere Ranges
256		Waitākere Ranges
263		Waitākere Ranges
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265		Waitākere Ranges
288		Waitākere Ranges
294		Waitākere Ranges
299		Waitākere Ranges
303		Waitākere Ranges
311		Waitākere Ranges
330		Waitākere Ranges
333		Waitākere Ranges
342		Waitākere Ranges
356		Waitākere Ranges
367		Waitākere Ranges
408		Waitākere Ranges
475		Waitākere Ranges
530		Waitākere Ranges
548		Waitākere Ranges
551		Waitākere Ranges

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
554		Waitākere Ranges
576		Waitākere Ranges
588		Waitākere Ranges
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620		Waitākere Ranges
629		Waitākere Ranges
649		Waitākere Ranges
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652		Waitākere Ranges
847		Waitākere Ranges
861		Waitākere Ranges
922		Waitākere Ranges
978		Waitākere Ranges
994		Waitākere Ranges
1001		Waitākere Ranges
1003		Waitākere Ranges
1007		Waitākere Ranges
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1015		Waitākere Ranges
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1039		Waitākere Ranges
1066		Waitākere Ranges
1067		Waitākere Ranges
1108		Waitākere Ranges
1110		Waitākere Ranges
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1142		Waitākere Ranges
1171		Waitākere Ranges
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1221		Waitākere Ranges
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1254		Waitākere Ranges
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1256		Waitākere Ranges
1278		Waitākere Ranges
1281	Karekare Ratepayers and Residents Trust	Waitākere Ranges
1283		Waitākere Ranges
1284	French Bay Yacht Club inc	Waitākere Ranges

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
1290		Waitākere Ranges
1291		Waitākere Ranges
1292		Waitākere Ranges
1298		Waitākere Ranges
1300		Waitākere Ranges
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1316		Waitākere Ranges
1337		Waitākere Ranges
1350		Waitākere Ranges
1361		Waitākere Ranges
1362		Waitākere Ranges
1372		Waitākere Ranges
1378		Waitākere Ranges
1379		Waitākere Ranges
1388		Waitākere Ranges
1395	Preserve the Swanson Foothills Society	Waitākere Ranges
1401		Waitākere Ranges
1403		Waitākere Ranges
1425		Waitākere Ranges
1427		Waitākere Ranges
1444		Waitākere Ranges
1450		Waitākere Ranges
1458	Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.	Waitākere Ranges
1486		Waitākere Ranges
1519		Waitākere Ranges
1526	Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association	Waitākere Ranges
1527		Waitākere Ranges
1547		Waitākere Ranges
1548		Waitākere Ranges
1549		Waitākere Ranges
1550		Waitākere Ranges
1551		Waitākere Ranges
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1570		Waitākere Ranges
1572		Waitākere Ranges
1573		Waitākere Ranges
1582		Waitākere Ranges
1586		Waitākere Ranges
1588		Waitākere Ranges
1589		Waitākere Ranges
1590		Waitākere Ranges

<b>Sub No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
1592		Waitākere Ranges
1595		Waitākere Ranges
1597	Waitākere Ranges Protection Society	Waitākere Ranges
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172		Whau
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286		Whau
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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Franklin Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

#### **Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**



**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wanted to, as part of a longer trip

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Three days would be better, which allows for a later departure than 9 0,clock

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

People should not be fined for an overnight stay in a normal car or van or small truck, certification for "self contained" is too difficult.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough



**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Waitākere Central and Central One**2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? no

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** General rules including hygiene, sanitation, littering, noise control are enough

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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#### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**



**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** With borders closed to tourists, it is disingenuous to even call people living in vehicles "freedom campers". Many of these people have jobs and children attending schools, they cannot move around easily. We have a very longstanding HOUSING CRISIS

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By looking at instances of problems since Covid closed the borders and government took over motels for homeless you can obtain a fresh perspective on the needs of people just trying to live within their means and the fact that they want to be unobtrusive! Provide more services please, toilets, dump stations, fresh water supplies, in many more places will avoid acts of desperation that annoy locals and people will willingly pay for these services. Allowing people to stop in quiet areas and to move easily if any spot is noisy or overcrowded will make for better peaceful solutions for both residents and 'campers'.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** By increasing access to more areas (allowing spread), and by providing paid access to services at more locations. Water supply, dump stations and toilet/shower blocks could be accessed by a prepay app with an individual code to 'open locked access'.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a certified self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** These people are not visitors, this is their lives! and all would be willing to pay a fair price for necessary services (which they must currently be using without paying and without convenient access).

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** People receiving medical treatment (or caring for an inpatient) need to be able to remain in a location for longer. Parents of school age children attending school need to be able to leave their vehicle parked for longer. People working in an area need to

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Allow campers to be registered if there is good cause for them to remain in a specific area.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Having visited the area, I have enjoyed the wonderful views, the bush and the sense of community. It would be quite inappropriate to have any sort of freedom camping here.



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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard to enforce the self-containment rule without referencing the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

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## Franklin Local Board area

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**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 2 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** If the space is free use it. If the demand is high you need to move on after your 2 night max stay.

Note if people are supporting local, and the space is available don't go putting rules around this. Allow people to enjoy our environment and support local

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** No-support rule should not apply to residential, industrial streets as people camp near their or friends', families homes and near workplaces.

For more sensitive areas like reserves, No return rule should be of 1 week only as people take weekend trips.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

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Fines - the \$200 will unfairly impact those on low incomes who may need to freedom camp the most (e.g. for reduce commuting expenses ).

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Self-containment rule

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Add free facilities.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place, It would be too hard to enforce a no-return period rule. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? There shouldn't be a no-return period

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Provide more public toilet facilities. One of the main issues people have with freedom camping is lack of toilet facilities. So provide more toilet facilities, rather than banning freedom camping.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't think that freedom campers should be allowed to stay on residential road or street in Auckland but ONLY be allowed to park in limited designated freedom camping areas only

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We want more areas prohibited from freedom camping - there is NOT enough areas that are restricted or prohibited

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**



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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

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Other (please specify):

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- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?** Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Ōrākei Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Restricted sites**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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## **Whau Local Board area**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Staff need to be allocated to enforce these rules.

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 3

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 2 nights

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste

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The Council must begin the process by rigidly establishing Resident Parking zones. To protect residents from having to park at a distance from their abode.

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Residents in Auckland already face challenges with AT (Auckland Transport) limiting on-street parking options. Freedom Campers should under no circumstances be given priority over rate paying/rent-paying residents for street parking. There are social risks other than sanitation. Neighbourhoods have every reason to question the presence of strangers in their area, they do so for the safety of their children and property.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

'In general I am very supportive of this proposed Bylaw.

- I support that vehicles should hold an SCC
- I support freedom camping on street locations.
- I support freedom camping up to two nights.
- I support that freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks.

In part of the decision making about sites for freedom camping, your literature indicates that the provision of public toilets was considered, and page 12 of the consultation document states that "Auckland has very few areas with safe access to 24-hour toilets". I feel that this is a generic concern that should be addressed by council and is not a problem that is particular to freedom campers.

If sites under the reserve act are considered prohibited for freedom camping, I would expect these sites to have clear signage to indicate this. If this signage is not in place, and there is no list provided for sites that are under the reserve act – how should a camper know? If there is no signage, then campers cannot be fined.

I would love to see positive language on council's web site and public communications around freedom camping. The stereotype of freedom campers causing trouble and being messy is untrue, and it is through language that negative stereotypes are reinforced.

I do not believe that enough freedom camping locations have been designated for locals and tourists. I expect that for the foreseeable future many locals will choose to travel and explore locally and this will increase demand for freedom camping locations. Auckland Regional Parks camp grounds have a limited duration stays and so freedom camping is a way to connect longer stays with shorter ones. There are no DOC campsites on Auckland mainland (as far as I am aware), and so the number of affordable camping locations is few. When we do have foreign visitors back in Auckland, demand will certainly outstrip supply.

Of the sites were trialed as locations for freedom camping in 2018, which of these were considered successful that could be incorporated into the designated freedom camping sites?

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No sites are proposed as restricted areas. This limits fair access for freedom campers. Coyle Park carpark (at the toilet block) seems to be a viable freedom camping location (it is at the end of a dead end street, away from residences, with enough parking spaces to allow for some (perhaps up to 3) to be designated as freedom camping spots. This location is not listed under the restricted sites. Being that there is no list of reserves to cross reference against - can I assume that this location can be used for freedom camping under the general rules?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** One night maximum stay in two weeks, only from 6pm and must depart by 9am

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

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Other (please specify):

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Hamilton's Gap, Te Toro Hall and Rosa Birch Park are currently an Auckland freedom camping locations.  
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## **Henderson-Massey Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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**Waitākere Central and Central One2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena? Maximum number of vehicles**

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**Other (please specify): 5+**

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**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

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**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Hatfields Beach Reserve is currently an Auckland freedom camping location. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/bylaws/Pages/freedom-camping-bylaw.aspx>. This location is neither listed as prohibited or restricted. Please provide clarification that this site can continue to be used for freedom camping or not.

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Hatfields Beach Reserve is currently an Auckland freedom camping location. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/bylaws/Pages/freedom-camping-bylaw.aspx>. This location is neither listed as prohibited or restricted. Please provide clarification that this site can continue to be used for freedom camping or not.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I support the prohibition only with the inclusion of the Chapel Road entrance site being available for freedom camping.

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I support the prohibition only with the inclusion of the Chapel Road entrance site being available for freedom camping.

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Ōrākei Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?



Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I feel that one night maximum stay in two weeks, only from 6pm and must depart by 9am would provide fair access and fair protection.

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I feel that one night maximum stay in two weeks, only from 6pm and must depart by 9am would provide fair access and fair protection.

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I feel that one night maximum stay in two weeks, only from 6pm and must depart by 9am would provide fair access and fair protection.

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I feel that one night maximum stay in two weeks, only from 6pm and must depart by 9am would provide fair access and fair protection.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I feel that one night maximum stay in two weeks, only from 6pm and must depart by 9am would provide fair access and fair protection.

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Matheson Bay Reserve, Sunburst Reserve and Snells Beach are currently an Auckland freedom camping locations. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/bylaws/Pages/freedom-camping-bylaw.aspx>. This location is neither listed as prohibited or restricted. Please provide clarification whether these site can continue to be used for freedom camping or not.

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Once general rules are in force everyone will (finally) know what the baseline is. Including whoever you pay to enforce the rules.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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A complete waste of time, energy and money if you don't oversee the sites and enforce the rules.

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

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Other (please specify):

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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## **Henderson-Massey Local Board area**

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**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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**Waitākere Central and Central One**2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** None

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** None

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: Non arrival

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: 0

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?



Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Ōrākei Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## **Papakura Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Puketāpapa Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is absurd! Where is the consensus / democratic vote on freedom campers parking ANYWHERE other than designated camping areas?



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

### Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**



Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?



Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park** 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive** Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Waiheke Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark** Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery** 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua)** 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks** 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway** Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House** 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Albert-Eden

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):** As noted above, the combinations of the short max stay rule and the departure rule will have the effect of severely limiting campers stay in an area, reducing the use of local business. These two rules should be reconsidered in combination.

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I support a no return rule of two weeks, but only with the extension of the max stay time to 3 nights.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

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Also how will this be managed,

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

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Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?** Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?** Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park? Maximum number of vehicles**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre? Maximum number of vehicles**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes**  
– restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**  
Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### General rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the N

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Therefore:

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I believe it is ridiculous to allow widespread freedom camping on Auckland streets regardless of the nature of the vehicles

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The idea of allowing and endorsing freedom camping throughout residential streets in Auckland makes no sense. There will undoubtedly be major implications for ratepayers who seem largely blindsided by this proposal.

**Albert-Eden Local Board area**

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the arrival times should also be constrained to reflect peak usage times of adjoining facilities. Activities continue or start in the evening too. The new rules of containment will mean bigger vehicles. They can take up multiple carparks and some park across spaces because they think no one is about and the park is not busy. When users turn up when the tide is in or after work for practice they find these huge vehicles obstructing their parking

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Raymond Rd reserve in Pt Chevalier is not listed as a prohibited area because its classification is not specifically a reserve. This parking area was created physically and legally by the efforts of the Pt Chev Sailing Club . An Act of Parliament ceded it to the council ?harbour board and the club negotiated relinquishment of riparian right with a club member who owned an adjoining property. A long term lease is in place recognising the clubs position.

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Experience before Covid was campers would come in on Friday and stay the weekend. Sailors would arrive at 8am on Sunday and find several large camper vans in their rigging area. The campers would gravitate to area B because its larger and their vans will not fit in area A.

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The council as lessor is obliged to act to protect its lessee's use of the space and avoid creating likely hostility among public . There is also high danger of these big vehicles exiting the area around a nigh blind bend. The vans also park sideways taking up multiple spaces. That occurred a number of times in the past usage .

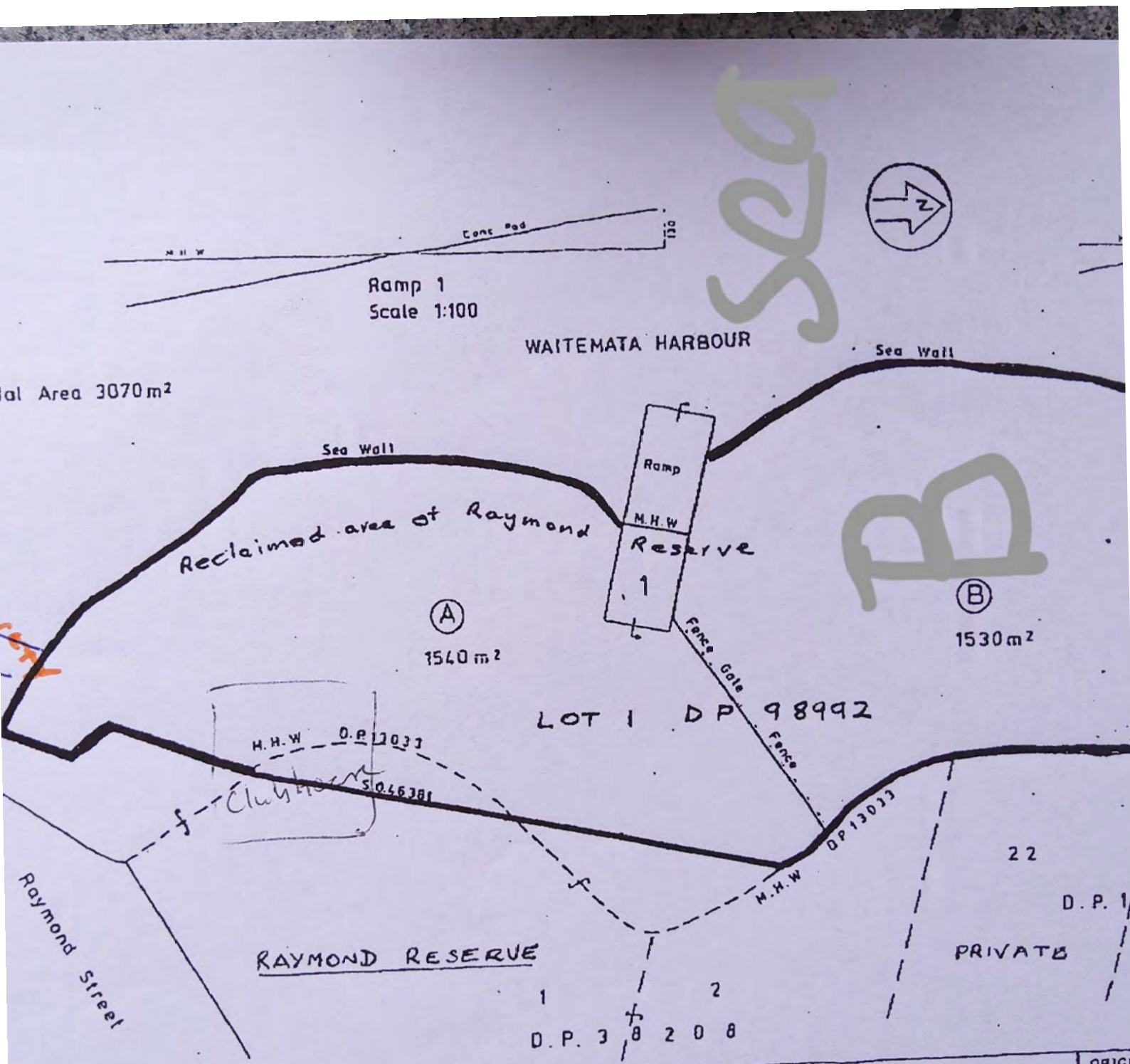
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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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b. Phyllis Reserve, Mount Albert

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c. Kūkūwai Park, Ōwairaka

No toilets, sportsfield, on Shared Path. Locked at night due to anti-social behaviour

d. Mount Albert War Memorial Reserve, Mount Albert.

Consecrated site, used for Anzac services, community centre, bridge club building on site, leisure centre, venues for hire and playground on site, large and small events often held in park, playgroup on site, toilets only in Rocket Park, lower carpark locked at night due to anti-social behaviour. About to be part of the Central Interceptor work site.

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Active golf course, no toilets, heritage asset (gun emplacement) on site, locked at night to protect golf course asset

f. Mount Albert Library, Mount Albert

Library and CAB on site.

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Busy carpark servicing the Town Centre from early morning to late evening as well as the Mt Albert Tennis Club

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Any rules are only as good as the ability to police them.

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There are only 4 designated 'prohibited' areas on Aotea/Great Barrier Island. I don't believe that freedom camping should be allowed anywhere on the island. I have seen firsthand the results of people camping along roadside and in carparks. The islanders work so hard to protect and enhance the environment it would be negligent to allow visitors to despoil the island which is guaranteed to happen.



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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Your feedback

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

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the summer of 20-21 there were lots of freedom campers just parking anywhere and not respecting our island. there was one group in tryphena who were using the flax bushes where they parked as a toilet

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** It's not Freedom Camping with rules. However, self-containment is necessary for the protection on the environment.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** If there are bathrooms available, why is it essential to be self contained?

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**



**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I think the gap between rich and poor is widening, and why are we making it harder for people who need to live in a vehicle. I agree with 2 night policy, as I get people cant set up camp forever, but people should not feel like they are criminals for sleeping in their vehicle. I also dont think people need to be self contained if there are bathrooms available.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded. General rules regarding Certified self contained should be applied to all freedom camping area's.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Manurewa Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Ōrākei Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If any area's are restricted then other non restricted area's will be overcrowded.

**Restricted sites**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wanted to, as part of a longer trip

Another reason (please explain):

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**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** I think having general rules will limit the freedom of people who aren't intentionally 'Freedom camping' but might be in a one off situation where they have to spend an overnight in the car, this could be a number of reasons such as car breakdown or refuge from a domestic violence situation.

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** three days for the maximum stay rule, what is the point of being able to store three days of waste if you can only stay for two days in a space?

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** 1 week return period, the no return period would still allow other campers to access the spot

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

There is little distinction given between freedom campers which cover people who are specifically going to a place with the intention of freedom camping and people who are sleeping in their cars due to a series of events that have changed their circumstance. I have seen fines given to people who are sleeping in their car when accommodation arrangements have been changed but are still utilising the services of a private property. In this case there was no undue effect on the environment, access or public. I think more definition for people who have been caught out either by drinking, loss of sleeping arrangements, unable to continue driving due to lack of sleep etc. needs to be addressed.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 1 week

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 1 week

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 1 week

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

**Waitākere Central and Central One2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

#### **Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 1 week

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if freedom camping is undertaken according to the rules then the impact should be negligible

#### **Restricted sites**



**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds** 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Whau Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### General rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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## Self-containment rule

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

There are private operators who try and make a living at the lower end of the market and for Council to operate in competition to them is just blatantly unfair.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

Make them instant fines. It is pointless for tourists to collect fines that remain unpaid upon departure from NZ.



## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? There should not be any freedom camping in the city as there are myriads of cheap options available.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It is not a camping ground so don't treat it as one.

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** None: All of the parking should be paid. Why should a generally wealthy sector of out population, boat owners, have public amenities provided at no costs. Many of these boats are huge carbon emitters and this privilege should come at a cost.

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Manurewa Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?





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We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Freedom camping will cause serious adverse impacts on the environment

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**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Should be Nil nights

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Freedom Camping destroys the rights of residents so should NOT be allowed

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

This is a good start.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

Freedom camping is not intended as a way for tourists to avoid payment for campgrounds. Commercial campground would generally be the appropriate place for camper vans and RVs.

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This park should be recognized as a neighbourhood park. Parking can become congested on weekends. It is not appropriate for freedom campers.

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Urban and suburban carparks are not appropriate for freedom camping. Designating such carparks for freedom camping indicates that the purpose of freedom camping is to avoid paying for accommodation. This idea should not be encouraged.

There is a campground at Omana cliff top.

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The same argument applies as for 27 Moore Street carpark, Howick.

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## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve? Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 2

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This park should be recognized as a neighbourhood park. It is not appropriate for freedom campers who view it as a free place to stay. Our local parks should not be provided as a way for tourists to avoid paying for accommodation.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This park should be recognized as a neighbourhood carpark. Parking can become congested on weekends. It is not appropriate for freedom campers.

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This park should be recognized as a neighbourhood park. It is not appropriate for freedom campers.

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**



**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It is not appropriate for freedom campers.

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This carpark should be recognized as a neighbourhood amenity. It is not appropriate for freedom campers.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Parking here is at a premium for those wishing to enjoy the walkway. It is not appropriate for freedom camping.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a neighbourhood amenity. It is not appropriate for freedom camping.

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

Maximum number of vehicles

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**Other (please specify):** 3

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom camping is not intended as a way for tourists to avoid payment for campgrounds. The Sandspit Holiday Park is nearby. That would be the appropriate place for RVs.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This carpark should be recognized as a neighbourhood amenity. It is not appropriate for freedom campers.

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom camping is not intended as a way for tourists to avoid payment for campgrounds. There are a number of campgrounds nearby. They would be the appropriate places for RVs.

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** No need for more rules

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#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Should also be banned from the streets surrounding Cheltenham beach as these areas get congested with parking in summer



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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Will be hard to control backpacker's on the roads

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Don't know

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for

people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** By limiting numbers of vehicles and number of nights stay in unregulated areas.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I have a major concern that already in my area (near a beach) the roads are full of residents vehicles and campers will take away the parking spaces for residents who should have priority as rate payers and protectors of the area. Also the size of campers restricts vision for those trying to enter and exist their properties. How will delivery trucks and rubbish collection get through the narrower streets? The weekends create excessive parking in my area for people wishing to enjoy the beach as it is. (Milford) Residential streets are not right for campers in principle. Who and how is this going to be monitored? Council will be reliant of residents to monitor and what happens with issues? Already police and council staff are over utilised. How is it funded? Ratepayers should'nt have to fit this cost. How is the calibre of people monitored - pedifiles, potential burglars etc. How will residents be protected? I have concerns that people may consider living full time in their camper on several streets in the area - ie; moving a street each night if there is restricted stay.

This questionnaire doesn't address the option of NO residential street parking!

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I support a 3 night maximum stay. A 2 night maximum stay means only one day to enjoy the area. Self containment rules are based on 3day water and black water storage. Overnight stay limit should align with that

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Auckland, Aucklanders, and local businesses enjoy a number of benefits from freedom campers. Auckland needs to provide better amenities to pay back the freedom campers so to speak.

Either flushing public toilets with potable water, or strategic dump stations around the region as a minimum would go a long way to minimizing problems associated with freedom camping.

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The information states currently there are only 11 areas in all of Auckland region, and notes that many are over capacity many times, leading to problems.

The proposal highlights many additional restrictions, but doesn't mention how many spaces will be available under the proposed bylaw.

It also doesn't mention what additional facilities council will provide (dump stations, toilets) to help prevent the stereotypical problems.

The overview of the proposed bylaw highlights the increasing restrictions, limited facilities, and veiled intent to eventually ban it altogether.

The pandemic has shown we can't rely on high paying foreign tourists. We need to encourage local budget/value conscious locals to enjoy staycations, and not make it harder to enjoy our regions.



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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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### Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?

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This set of rules is not sufficient to protect the environment and ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

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Once permitted areas are identified and designated rather than permitting all areas

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Carparks paid for by ratepayers and for the use of ratepayers will be occupied by freedom campers.

Beautiful views will be blighted by vans, laundry, camp cooking.

Cities are not places to freedom camp. There are camping grounds.

No one ever polices the rules.

Dogs run freely in no-dogs-allowed areas, and no-dogs-off-leash areas, no one polices this, even when there are multiple complaints.

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Tents and marquees are creeping along to Cheltenham Beach and King Edward Parade and on the playground at Vauxhall Reserve, no one polices this.

There is already a new problem with vehicles parking every night on Queens Parade with doors open and playing loud boom box music. In spite of police being called, no one polices this.

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Why should ratepayers subsidise peoples' holidays?

Why should residents' enjoyment of their surroundings be encroached on in order to allow non-paying visitors to use our spaces?

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

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#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** NO WEEKEND stays at Woodall Carpark, NARROW NECK

Narrow Neck is widely used by beachgoers, the local community, Devonport Schools Waterwise, recreational fishermen, and very large groups of whanau and visitors over the weekends. The sailing club hosts le

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** NARROW NECK:

freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure. PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OVER THE WEEKENDS

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### No-return period rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** NO CAMPERVAN PARKING PERMITTED AT WOODALL CARPARK, NARROW NECK AT ANY TIME ON A WEEKEND OR PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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will there be a dedicated enforcement team available over the weekends?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** 1. Restriction to be applied to Narrow Neck Beach. NO CAMPERVAN PARKING PERMITTED AT WOODALL CARPARK, NARROW NECK AT ANY TIME ON A WEEKEND OR PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

2. the whole waterfront should be included (ie King Edward Parade) aCampervans

**Becroft Park Reserve8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** one small area in Devonport is INSUFFICIENT as the area attracts a huge number of freedom campers when it was open a few years ago.

Restrictions must be applied to King Edward Parade and Woodall carpark, Narrow Neck.

Parking must be retained for the local community/homeowners /rate payers



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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard to enforce the self-containment rule without referencing the National Standard

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Because the park is large enough for 2/3 spaces to create more areas to park in Auckland with restrictions on the length of stay, to be enforced by the Council.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

In the Bylaw, freedom camping should be prohibited in Narrow Neck Beach area (car park) over weekends and public holidays. The car park is already overcrowded on those days with boat trailers and general public - having freedom campers in addition would be untenable.

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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I do not agree with freedom camping being allowed on any streets in residential areas of all of Auckland. It would not protect the health and safety of people ordinarily using the area not protect access especially in the event of an emergency.

I note that your proposed restricted areas include some carparks and numbers allowed and spaces are specified. But what about all the other public carparks especially those near beaches? Two that I know from experience are at Narrow Neck beach and by the surf club at Omaha. The possibility under your proposed rules is that 20 freedom campervans could park for up to 2 days and restrict access to the general public.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

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I think 10am would be a sensible departure time allowing some leisure time for motor caravanners before areas get busy. Would also suit my lifestyle!

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\$800 does seem a bit severe, I think the law should have teeth but not be unduly penal. Most offences committed are not severe against a scale of civic offences.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

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**Another reason (please explain):** General rules need to be implemented to support local neighbourhoods.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I do not support any rules that allow people to sleep in vehicles on roads, residential streets or similar overnight unless they are on private property.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets.

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 3 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not support any sleeping in vehicles overnight on any road or streets. I own a motor home and don't want homeless people sleeping outside my house on the street. There are enough parking issues on our streets as it is.





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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** by providing facilities; toilets and rubbish bins for a start

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** the provision of facilities at a site will negate the requirement for self containment and allow freedom camping in the true sense of the word. We are a country famous for welcoming backpackers we need to ensure that we provide the facilities for this to continue. Auckland council continually put red tape around things rather than look for solutions; especially solutions where they have to provide a service

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** if you insist on a rule such as this then 48 hours to a week is sufficient for non-return. how do you propose to regulate this anyway??????

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** it would be useful if your maps also showed where you can still freedom camp - rather feel you are trying to remove all freedom camping from rural locations

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** areas like this where tents are not really practical should have a vehicle only restriction. it would be useful if your maps also showed where you can still freedom camp - rather feel you are trying to remove all freedom camping from rural locations

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** self contained vehicles permitted as no facilities available. max no vehicles 4

### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?** Maximum number of vehicles

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**Other (please specify):** 4

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**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?** Maximum number of vehicles

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Other (please specify):

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Area little used and could be available for one freedom camper subject to restrictions

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

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**Other (please specify):**



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Franklin Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

Is this because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

Another reason (please explain):

Is this because, in your view:

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Another reason (please explain):

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They all seem like great rules

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

General rules seem to cover everything

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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That way council may not receive as many waste of time calls to these people/places

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Must ensure fines are actually paid



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The Bylaw:

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- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

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## Self-containment rule

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but the council should decide what makes a vehicle 'self-contained'

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**



Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We live at Maraetai Beach , already we are having huge escalation in nighttime fights and violence-freedom camping here is dangerous

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** would love to be able to park somewhere permanently have toilet and shower facilities which requires gold coin to use and also maybe a payment i.e \$50 per week to stay there which would make the council money help local businesses and reduce the issues of freedom campers.

I agree with what this Gentleman wrote.

Whanganui spent money providing freedom camping spots along the river with toilets for freedom campers with no issues. Come on Auckland you can do the same

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I support having general rules

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I would suggest being much more discerning when declaring public sites unavailable on "cultural grounds". This is an area of policy that is being heavily abused by persons with more of an interest in utterly undeserved authority and exclusivity of access than on "cultural sensitivities".

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Any public property with flat sealed areas should be available for and have designated spots available to freedom camp within the strict provisions of the act. This need not impose undue pressure on the council to police such a large number of sites. NZMCA membership is predicated on adherence to fair use and good neighbour policies that would help to self monitor clear breaches. Fines for these breaches would be easily administered with time and date stamped photographic evidence



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For example, Whitford Point in Kawakawa Bay. People camp opposite the playground most weekends . They leave rubbish behind and ignore the no camping signs. The local community call Auckland Council and get the response that someone will come out in 2-3 days. By this time the campers have left. It is intimidating to have to confront the campers.

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**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

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Some of your general rules are good - i support those

Some are bonkers - i dont support those.

Please stop regulating vehicles. Its people who litter, cause problems. This is a people problem. Some vans are self contained. Some people are not. you get mess when you put an un self contained person in a self contained van. - Regardless how well you " fix " the toilet.

Define the problem - Fix the problem.

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Campgrounds define it as all the freeloaders who arent paying campground accommodation (\$70 per night for my family of 4 in our CSC motorhome)

"How can we prevent problems... ? " better questions please

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The RMA fines folks for dumping (\$10K +)

regulate the behaviour we wish to end/fix

A year long debate on fixed toilets vs tents vs portable toilets is wasted space.

RCAi has this problem solved. Go read up and endorse.

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#1445

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Excluding freedom camping has to be for a good reason -not sure what restricting Maraetai foreshore would be

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** perhaps one week.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included

**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting reNot setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

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This is unnecessary sand will as significant cost to my rates to regulate. New Zealanders are not the problem. Legislate for non resident tourists that are the main culprit for rule breaking. Fine those kiwis that are running it for everyone else. Don't cray rules to ruin it for everyone and add more cost to rates

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area? At least 30% of the area

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

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Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Orahā Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** All of Auckland should be accessible to all nz residents

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** All nz residents should be allowed free access without restriction. Fine if they actually do something like dump water or waste.

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Non nz residents should be the target. Not kiwis. This is a awful proposal

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Why on earth would this be suggested. How cruel. Sure for visitors to nz. But not for nz residents

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but the council should decide what makes a vehicle 'self-contained'

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena? Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time, No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify): 12pm

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? There shouldn't be a no-return period

Other (please specify):

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

Another reason (please explain): This is New Zealand why should we ban people from "The Kiwi Experience"

Spend more time and effort educating tourists not from NZ on cleaning up after themselves.

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

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## Self-containment rule

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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I do not support any of the rules. I think that anything kiwi is being taken away to satisfy certain types of people.

Leave the freedom camping alone.

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Don't do it.

The close for maintenance would be one I'm mildly behind



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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space. Another reason (please explain)

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Often freedom campers take up valuable parks of other users and take the place over. These rules are really good and should extend to everywhere used as Freedom camping Areas. Places like Hamilton's Gap should be removed as Freedom Camping spots as it is so remote that bylaws are never enforced and people stay here long term.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** If they're expected to not return to a spot for 2 weeks but can only stay 2 nights per area it seems like you're trying to make it difficult for them. Either more nights should be available EG 3-4 or Less time between 'no return period'.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** As explained above if they're only staying in an area for 2 nights and needing to stay away 2 weeks that's sad as. Either more days in 1 area or less stand down time. I think it works better to have more days allowed keep stand down time

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena? Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

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Other (please specify): 5+

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## Rodney Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** good safe spot

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove? Maximum number of vehicles**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Your local board: Henderson-Massey

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

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- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Rules are only as good as they are enforced. If not strictly enforced, these are just ink on paper. Hence, it is expected that these general rules will be strictly enforced on everyone, without exception, and all violators will be penalised accordingly. High penalties and strict enforcement are very effective in ensuring compliance of the rules.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

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## Maximum stay rule

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We have travelled extensively, and have found that tenting people are the problem.

Kind regards,

Thea & Alistair Lloyd 02102458325



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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Yes agree, we see people taking advantage and staying longer, it doesn't give everyone a fair go at using these freedom camping spots. Some people hoard them and stay a lot longer taking up limited parking spaces. The fine of \$800 is too expensive! That is a very unfair amount \$300 or \$400 is realistic.

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):** No return isn't a fair rule in a quieter week times. If you want to stay in an area and spend time looking around, shopping or whatever, it's nice to have return spot you know and enjoy and don't have to travel miles wondering where to stay next.

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

Don't think this is a fair rule (see attachment)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a very popular area and lovely to spend nights, there are a lot of "permanents" here parking up. Some have been here over 6 months or more and don't leave, find it hard to find a spot. A maximum of 10 vehicles is ridiculous as its huge area and can park many more vehicles. Just get rid of permanents.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? What about sunburst Ave freedom park? Snells beach plenty of area - has 5 spaces already but not mentioned as a choice of freedom camping. 2 spaces allowed for Whisper cove is pitiful, at least 4 spaces

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022

Feedback must be received by **5 December 2021**

Freedom camping is when someone stays overnight on public land.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gave people the right to freedom camp on most public land in New Zealand. This includes council-owned and managed land.

We want to ensure freedom campers camp responsibly and have a great experience while visiting Auckland. This means staying in suitable places, keeping themselves and others safe, looking after the environment and respecting their host communities and other campers.

Council can make a bylaw to set rules for freedom camping on the land we manage, but any areas where we want to prohibit or restrict it must meet the criteria set out in the Act.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given.

We want your views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

For more information visit [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz), email (below) or call (09) 301 0101.

We encourage you to give feedback online at [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz), or you can complete this form and:

**Scan and Email your completed form to:**  
[freedomcampingbylaw@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:freedomcampingbylaw@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

**Post your completed form to:**  
Auckland Council – Freedom Camping Bylaw  
Private Bag 92300  
Victoria Street West  
Auckland 1142

## Important privacy information

The personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our privacy policy (available at [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy) and at our libraries and service centres) and with the Privacy Act 1993. The privacy policy explains how we can use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. You should familiarise yourself with this policy before submitting this form.

Your details

We'd also like to find out a bit more about what has led you to give us your views. Please select the appropriate response for the statements below.

	Yes	No	Unsure
I freedom camp, or have freedom camped in the past	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I might want to freedom camp in the future	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I live in, use or visit places in Auckland where other people freedom camp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have general concerns about the impacts of freedom camping in Auckland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I support people having a right to freedom camp, on principle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any other interest in freedom camping regulation?			

Would you like to subscribe to any of the following (tick all that apply):

- People's Panel – to take part in council surveys
- Our Auckland – your weekly guide to what's happening in Auckland
- Auckland Conversations - free public events, offering ideas, inspiration, and action for world-class cities

You can also visit AK Have Your Say at [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz) to find out about, or register to receive regular updates on, consultation activities happening across Auckland



## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

### General rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

### Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are that Freedom campers must:

- use a certified self-contained vehicle ('**self-containment rule**')
- stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area ('**maximum stay rule**')
- vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure ('**departure time rule**')
- not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks ('**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of these rules are summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### 1. Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

- I support having general rules *✓ Only some of those rules.*
- I do not support having general rules
- I don't know

Tell us why

*I agree by laws are necessary but don't support taking campers rights from freedom camping (responsible campers) from staying in parks & reserves especially in SSC Campervans.*

### Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

### 2. Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?

- Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained
- Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)
- No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified
- No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained
- No – I support another self-containment rule (please explain)

I don't know

Tell us why

Yes totally agree. that Certified S.C vehicles allowed to stay - (The only thing SC vehicles leave behind is there footprints).

I have seen myself how Self Contained vehicles - people that own them + use freedom camping area are very responsible people + know how lucky we are to have these freedom camping areas + wish to continue to be able to use them.



### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

### 3. Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?

- Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area
- No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area
- No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)
- No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

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I don't know

Tell us why

Yes agree - as we see people take advantage of staying longer & with restrictions on parking & staying it doesn't give everyone a fair go at using these freedom camping sites. Some people hoard them & stay a lot longer, taking up limited parking spaces. The fine of \$800 is too expensive!! That is very unfair amount! \$300 or \$600 is more realistic!

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

#### 4. Do you support the proposed departure time rule?

- Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure
- No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure
- No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure
- No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)
- No – I support another departure time rule (please explain)

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I don't know

Tell us why

Hey we are on holiday + want a bit of a sleep in, time we organize grandchildren in morning its more reasonable to have a 10am departure time like camping grounds, motels, hotels do!!



### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

### 5. Do you support the proposed departure time rule?

- Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period
- No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period
- No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)
- No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

I don't know

Tell us why

No-return isn't really fair especially in quieter weeks times. If you want to stay in area + spend time looking around, shopping or whatever its nice to have return to spot you know + enjoy + dont have to travel miles wondering where to stay, next.

### 6. Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Dont think this is a fair rule.

## **Our Experiences of Freedom Camping and conclusions**

### **Our Voice Matters and should be heard**

I would just like to point out that there are very limited freedom camping areas that cover the Auckland Region.

Aucklanders, campervanners owners like to get away on the weekend to somewhere in the our region to relax and enjoy our parks and beaches and spend a Saturday night at a freedom camp in our Self Contained campervan. Also with then continuing Covid restrictions on travel out of Auckland region it makes it even harder to find a place to stay overnight.

We have found over the past few months campgrounds were not open to overnighters or had strict restrictions and the NZCMA motor home parks, only two in Auckland region are closed and members could not access them overnight.

Auckland Regional Council would not allow any overnight stays in the any of Regional Parks, yet during the day we found the Regional parks were crowded with day visitors.

Was ridiculous as at night the parks thinned out and plenty of places for campervans to spread out.

Hence, freedom camping was our only other option and very hard to find a space in the limited freedom camper areas available.

It has made us realise how restricted freedom camping was in Auckland region to Self-contained campervans. We are rate payers of Auckland have been for over 45 years plus and we couldn't even get to use our parks and reserves for a one night stay. Some weekends we had to drive all the way home on the Saturday night because we had nowhere to park up overnight.

Sometimes you just don't feel like driving 3 or 4 hours out of Auckland region, just to go freedom camping for a weekend (when Auckland borders are open and we are able to it)

We speak with other Campervanner owners and we all have respect for our environment. We are Kiwis who just want to enjoy our own backyard and regions freely.

We have noticed since our borders have closed their hasn't been the overcrowding of small vans and tourist with "so called" Self-contained vans/cars that are not playing by the rules and messing up the freedom camping areas. These problems have disappeared, **we have seen it ourselves may times!**, on our road trips around NZ,.

So why do councils penalize Kiwis for a tourist issue!.

We travelled all over NZ last summer North and South Island and Councils should realize its Kiwis travelling and using these areas and we have a huge respect for our country and we havent seen any of these bad habits Campers are accused of, littering, not using toilets, or rubbish Dumping.

Councils need to provide the proper rubbish and dumping facilities for Campers to use and are easy to find on the CamperMate and NZMCA apps.

Campervanners don't mind paying a few of dollars to put their rubbish in a rubbish facility like the one at Lake Tekapo Council provides. It's a brilliant coin operated rubbish disposal facility right next to the dumping station for campers to use.

Also, Ak Regional Council is being unfair stopping Responsible campers from staying in the **desired locations of parks and reserves**. Campers don't want to parkup in some of the specific areas they have chosen and shown on their maps, that are undesirable behind buildings etc.

## Designated areas where freedom camping will be prohibited or restricted

We're proposing to designate 67 specific areas in the Bylaw schedules: 45 prohibited areas, and 22 restricted areas.

Note: The Bylaw does not cover areas that are already protected under another enactment. For example, camping will continue to be prohibited on most reserves under the Reserves Act 1977.

### Prohibited areas

We are proposing to designate 45 prohibited areas (places where you cannot freedom camp) in Schedule 1 of the bylaw.

These are places that we've assessed as sensitive and needing protection, or where freedom camping would impact public health and safety and/or access in ways that can't be adequately managed through restrictions.

These areas will have signs that show no camping is allowed and will also be listed on our website.

### Restricted areas

We are proposing to designate 22 restricted areas (places where you can freedom camp subject to site-specific restrictions). These areas and the proposed restrictions in each area are in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw.

These are places that we've assessed as desirable for freedom camping and suitable to accommodate it, provided suitable restrictions are in place.

In setting restrictions in these places, we've considered factors relating to the area's sensitivity, the health and safety of visitors and public access.

These areas will have signs that show the specific rules for freedom camping in that place and the designated parking area, if applicable. These areas will also be listed on our website.

Details and maps of all proposed prohibited and restricted areas are available at [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz). If you would like hard copies of these sent to you, email [freedomcampingbylaw@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:freedomcampingbylaw@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) or call (09) 301 0101.

**If you would like to provide feedback on any of the designated prohibited or restricted areas we've proposed, please use the templates provided below.**

If you would like to provide feedback on more than one designated prohibited or restricted area, we've included some extra pages at the end of this document – please include your name and the name of each site at the top of each page. If you like to provide feedback on more site, you can attach your own paper, but please follow the same template.



**Proposed Prohibited Site**

Area name	Gulf Harbour Maria Hammerhead Reserve
Your name	-

Do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

- Yes
- No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions
- No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules
- No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions
- I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area

This is a very popular area, and lovely to spend nights  
 There are a lot of "permanents" here parking up- some have  
 been here over 6 months or more, + don't leave, find it hard  
 to find a spot, A maximum of 10 vehicles is ridiculous as  
 its a huge area + can park many more vehicles. Just get rid  
 of 'permanents' also!

**Proposed Prohibited Site**

Area name	Snells Beach. (Sunburst Ave) / Whisper Cove
Your name	-

Do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

- Yes
- No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions
- No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules
- No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions
- I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area

What about (Sunburst Ave) freedom park..?  
 Snells Beach.  
 - Plenty of area - has 5 spaces already but  
 not most used. as a choice of freedom camping  
 - 2 spaces allowed for Whisper Cove is pitiful!  
 At least 4 spaces!!



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Henderson-Massey

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

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**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Campers should book into a motel

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** 1 night

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 8am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: Go to another site

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** None in the area

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No freedom camping. I pay rates they should go to motels and pay too

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Restricted sites**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Camping bylaws don't exist! Well I have yet to find any if they do!

There is just one rule, if you stay at any of those places, usually there is a time

Limit on how long you can stay , and that's either 24/48, or 72 hours max, if ir this simple rule, and you cop a \$1500 instant fine , no buts. No if's .... Simple isn't it?

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Reading a recent survey done in Australia, most travelers spend around \$1250 a week! While on the road ( that is if they want to see and do things)

As far as self containment goes , put some basic public toilets up, and provide some rubbish bins , modern caravans are appartments on wheels anyway , they don't need to be self contained ( it's a bit of a joke to even certify this!

I fully agree with rd h you that converted high ace vans or cars should be self contained. But even that's a joke , who in there right mind would have a shit in the back of there converted Honda Civic?? 😏😓

Hence your problem, it's a lack of public facility's - put enough public facility's up ( and that can be \$5000 basic long drops! And rubbish bins, and you don't have any environmental problems to worry about it's that simple, and who in there right mind would read 14 pages of council bylaws that change every 50km Because a different mob is in charge ? Keep it simple like the do in Australia, and all your problems go away

Cheers , a traveling kiwi

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I support having general rules

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 4 days max

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**



**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

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We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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More freedom camping sites are required in Auckland

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** 2 weeks

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain): Freedom camping on road outside a family or friends house should be allowed.

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5 nights+

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** 2 weeks

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 2 weeks

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?** Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes  
– restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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The Bylaw:

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- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Freedom campers should not be able to stay in suburban streets at all. As the population and tourism grows there is only one place for campers to stay and that is in private or council run mobile camper parks.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

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We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Unless the rules are simple and camping is permitted YES/NO then they will be easily broken and impossible to enforce and rate payers will be unhappy.

We are already at a point where true freedom camping should be a thing of the past due to population pressure. They should use dedicated managed mobile camper parks.





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### General rules

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be avail

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify): 4**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Hatfields Beach has been left off the list. During summer there are very unsavory characters that take up residence for weeks on end. They are not self-contained and park furthest away from the public toilets. They act as if they own the beach and move picnic tables, put up unsightly tarpaulins to block wind and rain. Over Christmas and New Year they are particularly annoying as there are so many people wanting to use the beach area. They also hide in the trees behind the toilet block and camp in there for days on end too. They also use set nets which is extremely worrying as this is a very popular and busy beach. It has a boat ramp that is SO busy. So there need to be ways anyone staying for more than 2 days can be made to move on and the netting issue also needs to be addressed

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Hatfields Beach has been left off as has Waiwera beach. Hatfields in particular has 'freedom campers' in tents setting up at the far end for weeks on end and far away from the toilets. These people are aggressive, and they hang washing, tarpauling on trees as shade and wind breaks. They take over the end of the beach and prevent locals and day trippers from using the trees and grassy area. They also use set nets which is so dangerous at this popular beach. They also hide out in the trees and bushes on the reserve behind the toilet block. They even go out during the day leaving everything set up so even though they aren't there physically they are still stopping others enjoyment of the area.

These people don't follow the signage set up at Hatfields Beach.

This is unacceptable especially during December and January when the beach is so busy with families and boaties.



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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Because its so close to residences that if they set up and party and make noise it will inconvenience local houses.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** 1 night

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 9am

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** 2 weeks

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Needs to be managed carefully over the christmas/new year period



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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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### Restricted sites

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

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### Restricted sites

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.



If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

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We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a wonderful site away from a Residential area and is incredibly convenient for campervans carrying E-Bikes to make use of the wonderful estuary track.

As the area is so big, a designated area for up to 10 vehicles could be easily created.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?** No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 2 weeks

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?** Maximum number of vehicles, No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 4

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 2 weeks

Other (please specify):

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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### Where the general rules would apply

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**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland, It would be too hard to enforce a self-containment rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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sleep over one night or 2 in my wagon and enjoy the out doors without nanny council to spoil my enjoyment or fellow rate payers incurring policing charges. Most of us will take away our rubbish and I have a porta potty if all else fails.

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

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How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people? Yes

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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More laws and rules to discriminate towards the poor



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We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

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- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
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**Another reason (please explain):** Freedom campers are an intrusion on the rest of society.

They should pay to stay in formal camp grounds like the rest of us!

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

The principle is unsustainable.

These free loaders should abide by and pay for the existing public available facilities like the rest of us. Why are we even contemplating supporting these parasites. ??

### Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

I can't believe how much time and money has been wasted on this issue.

There should be no such thing as Freedom Camping in NZ

Try getting on a decent beach in Europe or USA as a freedom camper.

We are paying for international bludgers without any return.....

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom camping is a blight on normal society .

Have any of you guys tried to access any decent beach in Europe or USA.

You will not even be able to put your foot on the sand.

Existing freedoms in New Zealand are way ahead of where they come from.

We do not need to allow them to shit on our beach along with unrestricted access.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Why would you?**

It is crazy to even suggest it!

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson.** Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): None: Other suggestion: until boat launching has spare capacity

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify): Other suggestion: on the day they arrive

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: facilities for boat launching and recovery need serious development as per Westhaven or Half Moon bay before we provide for the bludgers of society.

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** replace them completely with boat parking spaces

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** totally under resourced by our wonderful Auckland Council.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



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**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

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### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? send them all to onehunga for a great experience compared to the countries that they come from.

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Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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Other (please specify):

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? fill your boots

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Orahā Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the N

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Freedom camping should occur far away from suburbia and town centres. There's enough traffic, parking and congestion going on in neighbourhoods, and beachfronts in suburbs. Camping grounds are set up for campervans and their needs.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** At the moment campers are staying far too long, way beyond 10 vehicles, encroaching on boat trailer parking area



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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

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## Your feedback

### General rules

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Freedom camping needs to be controlled and the people who own houses and pay rates shouldn't have to worry about strangers living outside their driveways

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland, It would be too hard to enforce a self-containment rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** two days is too short, i think one week would be more appropriate

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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People buy campers and caravans to have the freedom to travel and enjoy New Zealand. Restricting too severely is not only harsh but takes away our rights as New Zealanders. I guess there are some campers that do not respect the environment and they spoil it for others so i think regular policing and fines would be in order.



## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** this area is highly residential and not appropriate for freedom camping

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: I am not familiar with the site but i think sufficient vehicles to allow for social distancing would be appropriate

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5 nights+

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** i am not familiar with the site but it looks more residential than a peaceful beach or forest area

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** this is a lovely place to camp for a few days and should be enjoyed

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** i am not familiar with this site but it looks more like a rest or stop over point

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Not such a destination point.

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** once again a popular place to visit and should be able to be enjoyed by freedom campers who are fully self contained and keep to themselves and enjoy their camping experience for which NZ is known for.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

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Other (please specify):

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area is already busy enough as it is, not to mention the traffic on Lake Road.

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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**Other (please specify):** 2

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** My preference would be no freedom camping in this area for the reasons I have mentioned in the comment sections.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** This area at Rothesay is not suitable for overnight camping. For other areas I would support 8am to leave space for family picnics.

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

It could deter people living in an area and going to work - as has happened.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

Yes where there is a Popular swimming safe beach there is a need to leave these areas for day trippers not to clutter them up with freedom parking.



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** In terms of freedom camping on residential roads, the density of residents parked cars has increased massively with increased building intensification and more residents without off street parking using the roadway to park during the day and night (Rodney area).

This has led to decreased safety in suburban residential streets with drivers needing to duck and dive to traverse streets and also needing to pull over to allow oncoming cars to pass.

Freedom camping risks adding to this issue in some specific places and general rules are essential.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra rest

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I imagine this has been designated restricted owing to the sensitive nature of the adjacent estuary. However, it is a large open space and could perhaps accommodate some parking in a very small area, perhaps with a one night allowance or no return within 4 weeks?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum stay, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** 1 night

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4 weeks

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There appears to be high all year demand on this facility, so this will increase equity of access.





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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Provide vastly more freedom camping areas will spread effects of camping rather than concentrating onto a few areas.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** completely banning non self contained vehicles prohibits camping to many many people

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** two nights is too short

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** two days no return

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

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Other (please specify):

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### General rules

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):** These General Rules are too lenient and will result in wholesale "park and pollute" and could intrude in any neighbourhood, public land, beach, lake or river.

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I would like to know why only 1 site on the Awhitu Peninsular is prohibited.

There are many other sensitive and vulnerable areas> For example - Wattle Bay foreshore. It is at the end of the peninsular , accessed by winding narrow roads that will become choked with these enormous "houses on wheels". Also an area of beach erosion and home to a colony of endangered Terns. Being isolated, it would be difficult to police and enforce these vehicles. Currently many non- selfcontained vehicles park up, pitch tents and generally overrun the existing sparse facilities of 1 toilet/handbasin mens/womens and a tiny tank of rainwater. No public dumpstation either. Vehicles drive all over the beach to fish for the day. DO NOT encourage them!

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Freedom camping should not be allowed on public roads. Areas of Sydney have just been taken over by freedom campers camping on the sides of roads. Many parking places in parks are already under pressure from people wishing to access beaches and people do park on roads to access parks when those areas are full. In addition, now many apartment dwellers park on the roads because developers are not required to allow for parking spaces in the development. Allowing parking on roads will be a disaster in beach communities. There will be roads full of campers and they could take over neighbourhoods as they have done in Sydney.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** 1 week

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Maximum penalty 200 dollars. Policing should be carried out responsibly and sensible unlike strictly authoritarian examples of the past

### Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 3 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 1 week

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Have internet details as to remaining sites available on an hourly basis

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Upper Harbour Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Freedom camping is not a right. It should only be allowed in designated areas where the public are not impacted. It also needs to be properly managed with checks etc. our local freedom park area just seems to be a free for all with campers staying week at a time and some clearly not self contained

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** It is too easy to obtain a sticker that simply states that a van is self contained. I know someone who has done this more than once

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** If parking is in areas that don't impact on homeowners and the public a 2 night stay seems reasonable. However from what we have seen many campers abuse this rule which seems to be unmonitored.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Parking is difficult in Auckland and spaces should be left for

local residents and workers. It could be very intimidating to have strangers parked outside your house.

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** From what we have noticed many freedom campers ignore the rules around maximum stay and return periods. This would be problematic in quiet suburban streets.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

It would be good to see that law breakers are fined for breaches of any of the restrictions

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

I simply want to see that freedom campers are subject to some sensible controls. The rights of rate payers should be considered before those of freedom campers. It is nice to go freedom camping but it needs to be done in a controlled situation and respectfully to the general public

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Residents would not be happy to experience freedom campers taking up parking spaces and creating noise and rubbish

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions



Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Too close to a populated suburban area

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Already a ver busy stretch of road in the summer with limited parking

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? In a suburban area so unsuitable

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Huge growing suburban area so simply not suitable for freedom campers

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 4 weeks

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area? Where they are at present but limited to 10

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Freedom camping is out of control at the Hammerhead and never appears to be monitored. Several vehicles appear to be living there

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with are specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

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## Whau Local Board area

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Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

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A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum stay

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**



Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** For under 25 a more relaxed approach to self containment

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Your feedback

### General rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the N

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** 12 noon if people are waiting 4pm if no people are waiting

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

### Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

How will the proposed rules be enforced ? Currently it's self regulating and only the socially considerate obey signage gets ripped down and we have no ranger service ?

### Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Enforcement , it's easy to have rules regulations bylaws and even statutes but if there not enforced it's a toothless shark there needs to be a Ranger service that patrols the hot spots they could do the beach enforcement for vehicles setnetting and dog control all rolled into one otherwise the public become the enforcers and conflict is the result

Many So called freedom campers are actually displaced persons with mental health problems they are not occasional tourists but Set up temporary structures and can be intimidating if approached

How will the rules be applied to this group as it's this group that are a major issue

Perhaps facilitate the issue with designated medium term stays but in less obstructing positions NIMBY

Hatfield Beach is a major problem for the locals and an eyesore

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I note in the PDF that specific council asset car parks and domains are stated this has risks of omission for example if a council asset is not stated it implies freedom campers can use that asset carpark

Is it not better to state where freedom camping is permitted not where it isn't permitted

Eg location A is permitted for 6

All unstated it's not permitted

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: As many as are available spaces designated

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Summer vs winter is this or any other proposal seasonal ? Places like this are very seasonal and in winter why have any rule on numbers ?

The boat ramp is in alignment with the dump station its sometimes impossible to access the dump station when the booties are moving trailers

There needs to be a second dump station or rearrangement here

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's a library it gets full

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's community use and no space

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is a toilet block here I suspect it's used to discharge black waste there are no Dump stations nearest is wellford centennial Park commonly long term tent campers live here under trees

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

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Other (please specify):

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area



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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Freedom camping should not be allowed at our beaches and on the berms outside peoples houses. They should be able to park in designated car park facilities - which most desirable areas have. They should not have rights to stay longer than one night in the area given they are not tax payers of the area they are camping in. Most freedom campers also prepare their own food in their cars/vans and therefore are unlikely to generate any income for businesses in the area. There also need to be clear fines for people who abuse the system and clear information of who the public are to contact in the event of overstayers. We also need to know that the matter will be taken seriously and followed up with police if necessary to move people along. Our beautiful public spaces should not be occupied by people freeloading in the area while the property owners and people living nearby have restricted access due to their decision to freedom camp in our area

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

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Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, No-return period

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**Other (please specify):** 5+

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**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Very popular indeed, restrictions should allow as many people as possible to take advantage of this great spot.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?** No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify): 4

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** As discussed. Un policable.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard to enforce the self-containment rule without referencing the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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[https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/freedom-camping-bylaw?tool=survey\\_tool&tool\\_id=freedom-camping-feedback-form#tool\\_tab](https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/freedom-camping-bylaw?tool=survey_tool&tool_id=freedom-camping-feedback-form#tool_tab)

Auckland City Council Bylaws: Bylaw No. 20 - Public Places 2008, clauses

20.3.1 (g) and (v), and 20.8

20.3 Specific restrictions

20.3.1 Except with permission of an authorised officer, or a licence from council, a person

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

What does "protect local areas areas" mean? What are you protecting.

What do you mean by protect health and safety of people of visit local areas. How are people's health and safety being threatened by self contained vehicles parking in designated areas minding tgher own business. . Council is simply unwilling to allocate sufficient areas for overnight parking of self contained vehicles because it generally has an antagonist attitude toward freedom camping and doesn't want to spend the money emptying bins, cleaning toilets and so on.

What does it mean by protecting access to local authority areas. There are plenty of roads, car parking areas and parks that are not used at night. Council is in fact discriminating against people in self contained motorhomes who want to enjoy Auckland's environment by staying in a wide range of parks, beaches, roads and car parks. As mentioned above, most of these areas are deserted at night and there is no reason why they should not be used until 9am in the morning.

Those areas where freedom camping is allowed are so limited that only one or two vehicles can park there. That is so ridiculous and completely exclusionary. Auckland Council is making no attempt to support this recreational activity and one or two vehicles means that no one can plan to go away for a night because those two or three spaces will always be filled by the time they get there later in the day.

I and many of my friends and family who enjoy the recreational activity of motor home want to be able to park overnight and enjoy the attractive environments in Councils 400o parking and reserves. The blanket restriction freedom camping on parks and reserve s under the Reserves Act is totally unreasonable and excessively onerous.

It is particularly unreasonable to be imposing fines of \$800 and once again demonstrates to me that all Auckland Council is ever interested in is raising revenue. Ratepayers are treated badly, every little thing Council does, has to be paid for by individuals and we are simply paying rates to fund Council's grandiose schemes instead of providing services to ratepayers, such as freedom camping.

I strongly object to the excessively restrictive nature of this bylaw and submit that

- overnight stays for certified self contained vehicles in Council's parks and reserves should be opened up
- The number of spaces available for freedom camping should be increased tenfold, and
- fines should be reduced to a maximum of \$200.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Please see attached submission which applies to this location and all the others listed below.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 2 weeks

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is just one of example of some of the lovely natural environments that people who like freedom camping seek out to enjoy. They dont want to be stuck away in boring camping grounds with screaming kids and barking dogs.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Could some areas allow three-night stays--e.g., areas where there are lots of sites or points of interest, low through traffic (to help local businesses), etc. We usually eat out or shop or both at our stops.

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I support having general rules

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't know

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

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A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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If parked near public facilities there should not be a requirement to be Self contained. Small vans can have toilets and be self contained, even if not right up to current SC regulations.

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### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Overnight parking could be allowed, subject to leaving each day.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** 1 or 2 places could be set aside here. Very quiet place. Reasonable departure time, as very popular with locals.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove? Maximum number of vehicles**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? We have stayed at Snells Beach, Pakiri area, and visited several sites, spending money on local attractions. Need several areas to park.**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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### Where the general rules would apply

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By stopping any camping that is not at a designated camping area where toilet and cooking facilities and rubbish collection is managed ie pay to stay

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** You can't prevent the issues. We already have major issues with campers throughout the country which is why this is the craziest idea. This will just increase the entitlement of those who have no feeling of responsibility to the community they stay in. The abuse is there now. This idea will just increase it!

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** People who pay high rates for privacy or views or just want to live quietly without these additional elements

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Other (please specify):** None

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Please make freedom camping at the Hammerhead in Gulf Harbour prohibited. There is such a shortage of parking spaces for paying ferry passengers, people commuting to work in Auckland, that it is absolutely outrageous freedom campers are allowed to take up so much space for free. Also, during the entire summer it is almost impossible to find parking spaces for trailers forcing people to park on the green and along the road leading to absolute chaos.

There are spaces in Shakespear Park and a commercial campground in Orewa. Hammerhead should be for us who pay rates, namely ferry passengers and local boaties. Have had some bad experiences with very entitled campers, for example one who poured his black water waste over our boat because he thought we were in his way. We stopped using our local boat ramp after that. But we walk in that area and know how much locals hate the fact that campers are granted so much space when there is ample camping space elsewhere. Ferry and ramp users can't move but campers can.



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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** No freedom camping should be allowed. These rules are not enforceable. We will simply have slums in Auckland

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Prefer no freedom camping in Auckland. Really where is the vendor in this? It's just going to attract undesirables give tourists a free ride. And result in rubbish and waste everywhere. Have you looked at Rest areas? Disgusting

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 0 days

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** No freedom camping

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Not enforceable

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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No freedom camping allowed in Auckland

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No freedom camping should be allowed

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wanted to, as part of a longer trip

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

This needs to be monitored as it is the public of Auckland that will have to pay for the clean up when it happens and it will

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Either the 2 week rule with more sites, or no 2 week rule. Or we risk creating more poverty than we already have. Please have some compassion.

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Let's think about the people who this will affect the most please. The financially disadvantaged, those just trying to make it by, those who can't afford to book a holiday at an inn and just want to raise their kids the kiwi way.

I get everyone wants their way, but if I we can't find it in our hearts to sacrifice a bit of order for the ultimate public good, then what kind of people are we?

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

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**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area



**Prohibited sites**

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Franklin Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**



**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

### **Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?** No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: If you are decreasing freedom camping spaces across the board, making a 2 week no return period across the board is going to be messy, 2 weeks is too long

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Howick Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with are specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The solution to the issues associated with freedom camping is not to make it harder. this will only exacerbate issues, drive people to camp in even more undesirable locales and give us a situation worse than when we started. EDUCATION IS THE KEY.

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions



Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Papakura Local Board area

#### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Puketāpapa Local Board area

#### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Whau Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Howick Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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### Restricted sites

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?



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There should be NATIONWIDE freedom camping rules rather than depending on council bylaw.

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In that case rules and bylaw can be enforced. Otherwise, it is meaningless.

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## Howick Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule. Another reason (please explain)

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## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Do not want any of the rules included in the general rules. Freedom camping should not be allowed in residential streets.

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## Howick Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is not specific to any sore, but you survey is very prescriptive and does not allow much h freedom to deviate from your choosen format. It's very leading.

Anyway look at the site at Maraetai Beach for example. The slope of the parking spots is shocking and are also on a main road. Where as if you choose spots on the directly opposite these in the car park, then the flat amd away from the main road.

You are creating some major health and safety issues by not choosing wisely.

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Howick Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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Who is going to Police these rules? You can write to Council - Nobody bothers to reply. Try phoning out of Office hours, and nobody answers.

So Freedom Camping will be like all other Council By-Laws, they are never upheld. Not in favour of Freedom Camping at all, we do have the facilities in place to cope with them, and as Ratepayers, why should we have to put up with more problems.

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Should be Banned from all Suburban Areas, including Beaches.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Our Beaches are used by Locals and are extremely busy during all seasons of the year. Freedom Campers rarely follow rules, and we run the risk of Polluting our Beaches even more. We live on the Beach and have witnessed this. Who do you report a Breach to, and can you every get hold of them? The same as the Firework Ban in Public spaces. Rules can be made, but nobody upholds them.

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### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Having lots of different rules for different areas makes it very difficult for people to find the relevant information that applies. There is no advantage to local communities to have freedom campers all over the place. If they are self contained they can make their own drinks and food and do not buy local. With housing intensification parking is difficult for residents. It will be even worse if unlimited freedom campers can park on residential streets.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

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A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.



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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

With housing intensification that Auckland is encouraging, parking is difficult for residents. It will be even worse if unlimited freedom campers can park on residential streets. There are some streets in my area where it is already difficult to drive between the parked vehicles.

Freedom campers on residential street will block parking and street access that rate payers are paying for.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Firstly, I own a self contained motor home. I will mostly stay at proper camp sites and my self containment means that I can stay at basic campsites. Any freedom camping I do will not be anyplace that inconveniences locals. This should be the rule for all. There is no advantage to local communities to have freedom campers all over the place. If they are self contained they can make their own drinks and food and do not buy local. With housing intensification parking is difficult for residents to find parking for their own vehicles. It will be even worse if unlimited freedom campers can park on residential streets. The rubbish and recycling vehicles already have a very difficult job negotiating round parked cars. Try spending a day seeing how hard it is for them.

**FREEDOM CAMPING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.**

Many freedom campers are not invested in the community. I have seen some creating a nuisance in the past and the police resources are already overstretched. Freedom Campers should be limited to overnight OFF of residential streets.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Its a community facility and parking should only be available for those using the facility not overnight.

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** I don't know

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area is very busy with parking for locals frequenting shops and the market. It is often very difficult to get a parking spot there, especially on Saturdays. This needs to be available for local residents.

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

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The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
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- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Howick

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** NO CAMPERVANS

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## Self-containment rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No** – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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WE DO NOT SUPPORT CAMPERVANS IN OUR STREETS, IT SHOULD ONLY BE ON COUNCIL PROVIDED PARKS

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Freedom camping should not be allowed in our residential streets and on our beaches. It will open the area up to homeless people moving around living permanently on our streets. Camping vans and campervans should stay in appropriately provided camp sites with full facilities to avoid rubbish, sewage etc. in our township.



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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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In Howick I think the sites are inadequate and in some instances not that safe.

There are better areas in Lloyd Elsmore Park, the right hand reserve end of Eastern Beach, Upper carpark at Mellons Bay, Lower carpark off Fencible Drive but to name a few.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's a good site but would need limits on numbers so it doesn't inconvenience hall users

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I would be reluctant to stay here due to safety concerns.

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom Camping should NOT be allowed in ANY residential streets - full stop!



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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Howick

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):** Shelly Beach Pde Cockle Bay and other similar beaches are not suitable for Freedom Camping. 1. Limited parking and heavily used by the local community

2. It is a cul de sac and limited turning which would be dangerous

3. Safety for children and beach users given it is a 50 kL road and narrow in parts and heavily used by general vehicles.

4. Due to its small road frontage would restrict access to others using the beach.

5. Would block views of residents houses for long periods

6. Would exceed supply given its location and short road .

7 Noise and problems with alcohol use being in an alcoholic free area.

8. Cost of patrolling the 2 day stay and 2 week ban.

If our beach and similar got on Trip Advisor you can imagine the problems.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule? No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**The area must provide dump site for waste

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Only in designated sites

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Leave by 9am in approved sites

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** One month in approved sites

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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For Shelly Beach Pde and other small beaches particularly cul de sac freedom camping must be banned as all the reasons above.

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Freedom Camping must be prohibited from all beaches in Auckland that would.

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3. Block views of resident property ,houses
4. Cost to patrol and enforce the bylaws
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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I believe that maximum stay should be 3 nights not 2 as generally someone coming to explore Auckland - NZs biggest city, is going to arrive on day 1 explore day 2 and 3 then depart early on Day 4 to dump at the nearest public dump station and move to a ne

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I think it would be preferable to have a maximum of 3 nights in a 30 day period and that way travellers have the flexible option of returning if they are just overnighing as they pass through and then return as they are travelling back in this direction again or they can stay for the 3 nights (in my proposal) and really explore the city.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

I certainly think that general rules are necessary so that there is consistency and something to base compliance expectations on.

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## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I think there needs to be somewhere in the Howick, Pakuranga & Botany area where people can stay overnight with rules. Barry Curtis park would be one suggestion I would make as it is an area that has ample room for such provision to be made. Maybe an alternative might be to dedicate a small number of spaces in the vicinity of the Half Moon Bay Marina where there is a dump station open to the public and water supply made available. Up on the Whangaparoa Peninsular you can stay a couple of nights at the Marina and it is an excellent place to stay. Very important though that there be a strict tracking or monitoring system so that people don't park and go away for a week on a boat. Monitoring should be able to be achieved at one of these sites.

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### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I still think that 3 nights in a 30 day period is more reasonable for the travelling public

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** In this case (Moore ST) I think that the 1 night rule is not unreasonable as this is a very residential and business area. good to have some centrally placed overnight stops though.

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**



**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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The Bylaw:

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- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Howick

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

### Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

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We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):** General Rules are acceptable on the basis that there are more areas of prohibited and restricted use where there is already a shortage of parking, particularly at small beaches.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Unless Council extends the prohibited and restricted areas then 2 days is too long for a General Rule. Careful consideration needs to be given to small beach areas where numerous campervans will congregate together and use much needed parking spaces that are required by families visiting playgrounds, the beach itself, the boat ramp the scout dens etc.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Council should not be encouraging the use of on-street and off-street freedom camping to those who live in a camper full time in a Metropolitan area. The Bylaws should be designed to allow TRAVELLING campers a place to safely park and sleep at night. But ie Bylaws need to disincentivise the bouncing around between parking places long term in the Metropolitan area.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

In principle the rules are acceptable except that Council has not considered that there are many more parking areas that should be restricted or have prohibited parking.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

I am very concerned about the lack of restricted and prohibited Freedom Camping areas at Auckland Metropolitan beaches.

I will email through a Proposal for Cockle Bay Beach which currently has no proposed restrictions or prohibited parking areas in the new Freedom Camping By Law. Without restrictions there will be mayhem at this small beach which has a boat ramp, a large children's campground, a Scout Den a petangue pitch and Restaurant. There is already inadequate parking available for families visiting in their vehicles. A designated area where freedom Camping is restricted to a maximum of 4 vehicles in allocated parking spaces and be prohibited to camp elsewhere in the street.

Cockle Bay is a small popular beach with a large playground for families arriving by private vehicle who require parking space close by.

Unrestricted freedom camping in vehicles for 48 hours at a time in Shelly Beach Parade will cause further congestion, safety issues and mayhem unless controlled.

Groups of friends travelling in Camper vans would further dominate and inhibit access to this small beach.

We trust that Council considers why there is genuine concern here.

As a resident at this beach for the past 27 years I have witnessed the visitor growth and increased parking congestion, and sadly the homeless living in vehicles over this time.

Being a past NZ Parking Association Member, Committee Member and Secretary for 24 years from 1993 until 2017 I have heard and participated in many discussions with NZ Council Parking Enforcement representatives about Freedom Camping in Vehicles.

What was obvious is that in areas where Freedom Camping was popular (or likely to be popular when allowed) there needed to be restrictions and controls in place to protect the environment, maintain public safety, preserve access for local residents and minimise any adverse affects on commercial businesses in the area.

It is my opinion that regulatory controls and restrictions for Freedom Camping at small beaches like Cockle Bay in the Auckland Metro area need to be set.

When you have residential homes, commercial business (restaurant) public facilities (playground, boat ramp) and Clubs, Associations (Scout Hall, Petangue Pitch) all in the same small area you cannot successfully implement a Bylaw allowing unrestricted camping at 48 hours at a time. There will be mayhem. (see attachment for more info)

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is an ideal spot to stay overnight. Why has Council designated it has being prohibited for Freedom Campers?

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### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?** Maximum stay, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** 1 night

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4 weeks

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark? No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 2

Other (please specify):

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 4 weeks**

**Other (please specify):**

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In support of my submission made on-line on Friday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**SUBMISSION FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION – FREEDOM CAMPING IN VEHICLES**

**Why Cockle Bay Beach requires designation as an area where freedom Camping is RESTRICTED and PROHIBITED.**

**PHOTOS 1 & 2:** Taken Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.01 pm





**PHOTO 3:** Taken Sunday Morning 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.58 am



**PHOTOS 4 & 5:** Taken Sunday Morning 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.58am at the Boat Ramp on the Reserve





PHOTO 5: Taken Sunday Morning 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.58 am at the Boat Ramp on the Reserve



## PHOTOS

### **Photos 1 & 2 show Cockle Bay Beach early evening on a week day.**

This is at the start of summer looking towards the end of the cul de sac. This is not what we would classify as a busy time at Cockle Bay. A busy day at Cockle Bay is when vehicles are parked 2 deep in the 'nose in' shingled area, and on grassed residential berms in front of homes.

### **Photo 3 shows Cockle Bay Beach early morning on a Sunday (today)**

Every day at some stage parking spaces are full. As you will see from Photos 4 and 5 because the parking spaces were full when the Freedom camper arrived yesterday evening, they decided it was OK to park alongside the Cockle Bay Boat Ramp.

**Photos 4 & 5 show Cockle Bay Beach Boat Ramp area on a Sunday Morning (today)** being used by a Freedom Camper to park their vehicle overnight.

## CURRENT PARKING CONGESTION

Parking congestion at this small beach is a regular occurrence year round. It is by far the most popular small beach in the Howick area for young families due to the shade provided by established trees, the large playground and safe swimming and half and full tides.

Please consider the following:

- Public Transport to visit Cockle Bay beach by locals is not a viable option for many.
- Families wanting to picnic at the beach need to park their own vehicle close by.
- Parking spaces are currently at a premium due to the following:
  - Large Children's Playground
  - Only beach in the area with available shade from the established Pohutukawa trees
  - Windross Restaurant
  - Petangue Pitch
  - Scout Den
  - Local Boat Ramp
  - Large grassed Reserve Areas for picnics, and music festivals (operated by Council)
  - Chicanes and speed humps.
  - Beach erosion remediation which recently reduced the number of carpark spaces.

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The Beach has four (4) main parking areas/categories:

1. **Sealed parking area with road marked parking spaces at the end of the cul de sac.** This larger parking area is from the large toilet block being adjacent to the Toilet Block, Scout Den, Windross Restaurant, Petangue Pitch and Boat Ramp. This is the largest car parking area.
2. **Unsealed 'nose in' unmarked parking (in loose metal) along the foreshore** across the road from residential homes. This parking area is in shingle therefore the spaces are unmarked other than a few low lying half round posts laid into the ground to 'demarcate' that this parking area is designed for vehicles to park nose in. (not for horizontal parking)
3. **Unsealed 'horizontal' Parking (in loose metal) along the foreshore** across the road from residential homes. This area used to be 'nose in' parking but due to the beach erosion remediation Council needed to make this area narrower and designate as only being suitable for horizontal parking.
4. **Sealed on-street roadside area directly outside residential homes** unmarked but used as parking usually by residents and residents' visitors.

## **PROPOSED**

**4 new parking spaces allocated for FREEDOM CAMPERS. Restrict Freedom Camping to this area only. Prohibit Freedom Camping in Vehicles anywhere else in Shelly Beach Parade..**

The most logical solution is to make a purpose built carpark area out the front of the Scout Den and Petangue pitch for Freedom Campers to park overnight. This is a grassed area not normally used as people go over to the beach area. (See Photo 6 next page)

If not then allocate four (4) car park spaces for Freedom Camping only in the large carpark. (1 above)

Car parking areas (2 & 3 above) are too short to safely accommodate large RVs and are highly sought after by families with young children visiting the beach and playground areas. It is of concern that the foreshore 'nose in' parking shingled area is unmarked and if RVs begin to park horizontally (and they do already) then much needed parking spaces will be lost and families will be unable to visit the beach in their cars as there will be nowhere to park.

Council's proposal of 48 hours parking for Freedom Parking will cause mayhem at this beach.

Car Parks on street ( 4 above) are directly in front of beachfront homes which are lived in full time. Residents will not be wanting large buses and vans parking horizontally directly in front of their fences the front of their homes 48 hours at a time. Should this not be considered by Council as being a prohibited area then residents will park their own vehicles out on the road to stop their view shafts from being taken away particularly over the busiest summer period. This is the general consensus of most residents and is counterproductive resulting in more car parking space being lost.



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**PHOTO 5:** Taken Sunday Morning 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.58 am Area in front of Scout Den and Petangue Pitch.

This area is the most logical to be made into a Freedom Parking only for 4 spaces.





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Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Howick

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Shelly Beach Parade is simply not suitable for the accommodation of Freedom campers. it does not have the space, facilities or infrastructure support for large vehicles.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

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Feedback from Cockle Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association (CBRRA) to follow via email,

Following from the statement in the Have Your Say on freedom camping bylaw published 26 Oct 2021 "The council is consulting on the designated prohibited areas and restricted areas".

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It can conflict with and overload the parking areas of this community centre

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Other areas close by to cater for Freedom Campers

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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# Have your say on the proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw



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Replace legacy bylaw provisions about camping in public places with a new bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011

#### Reason

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**What is your opinion on this proposal?** No response

**Please tell us why:**

### Proposal 2

Increase the number of areas where people can freedom camp in Auckland (with restrictions) to help manage demand and minimise the negative impacts of freedom camping.

#### Reason

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The draft bylaw aims to minimise the negative impacts from campers on the community and environment by providing more places for freedom campers to go, with restrictions on the:

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- type of vehicle and how long they can stay

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** No response

**Please tell us why:**

### **Proposal 3**

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#### **Reason**

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Note: For a vehicle to camp in a restricted certified self-contained only area it must meet the **NZ Self Containment Standard** and display the correct certification.

The standard sets minimum requirements for vehicles including a toilet, fresh water storage, wastewater storage and a rubbish bin.

**What is your opinion on this proposal?** No response

**Please tell us why:**

### **Proposal 4**

Campers cannot stay in restricted freedom camping areas for more than two nights.

#### **Reason**

A maximum night stay will:

- ensure turnover at restricted freedom camping areas
- minimise conflict with other users
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Our research also found campers typically do not stay at one location for more than two nights.

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**Reason**

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For example:

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Attached documents: See end of submission

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation: No

**Tell us about your experience**

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with your overall experience of submitting feedback?

1 – Very dissatisfied	2	3	4	5 – Very satisfied	Don't know
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**Response: 2**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**I found the process easy to have my say**

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- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

#### **Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Kaipātiki

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

I would favor having the general rules as restrictive as possible.

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 1

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 2 nights

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): No return ever.

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 1

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 2 nights

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 4 weeks

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 1

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitematā Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Currently Freedom Campers have a list of areas in which they are permitted to freedom camp. Please keep it this way. Do not open up all areas of Auckland and only restrict certain areas. This is will make the management of these areas impossible and will negatively impact the environment. Keep Freedom Campers to certain limited areas in the city like it currently is.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina? No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Kaipātiki

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Other (please specify):** 5+

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

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**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Midday

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**



Is this because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain):

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

**Another reason (please explain):**

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There should be an allowance for a person to park their self contained vehicle on the road near their property without restrictions above those already in place for other vehicles.

Otherwise these bylaws will be open to abuse.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area is time controlled and paid parking anyway. There is no reason to further restrict against a problem that doesn't exist.

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Overnight only. It should be legal to camp overnight when the carpark is not in use.

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Freedom campers are exploring nz , we must be talking about homeless people if we think they are likely to keep coming back

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

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Let's share these beautiful sights. Not sure why we have to limit, restrict and show such greediness. Freedom camping is a given right and shouldn't be altered.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

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**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions



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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? None

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? None

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Manurewa Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Kaipātiki

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By joining with other Councils to campaign for the freedom camping law to be abolished.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Several times before Covid-19 I have observed up to 20 vans parked overnight in the reserve carpark at Narrow Neck Beach.

They were not allowed to be there, yet Council couldn't stop them.

So, clearly Council would fail to police freedom campers anywhere.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once

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I strongly object to having any freedom camping at all due to all the well known inherent problems.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I don't like the self contained rule because I ride a motorcycle and freedom camp with a hammock. I use public restroom facilities.

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Not everyone uses a car to go freedom camping, this, therefore, restricts excludes and discriminates against bicycles, motorcycles and te araroa trail walkers from being able to freedom camp by not being self-contained. The other changes are acceptable.



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I do not support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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So AT wants to stop residents parking on streets, but wants to allow freedom campers to do this.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Freedom campers should be able to stay up to 3 nights so that a weekend stay (Fri, Sat & Sun nights) is possible. This also means for late afternoon arrivals, the freedom camper would have 2 full days to explore the area before having to move on the next

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** 1 week elsewhere before returning

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Messages need to be clear and adequately signposted

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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How will council enforce / properly check self-containment? How many officers will be employed/are there to regularly monitor sites where people stay to ensure they are USING the onboard toilet and not the bushes?

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: The area should be split half and half between boaties and campervanners.

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Submission of the Birkenhead Residents Association on  
Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw**

3 December 2021

The Birkenhead Residents Association (BRA) is proud to represent the community of Birkenhead in the Kaipatiki Local Board area.

This submission relates to the proposed Freedom Camping areas within Birkenhead and also provides general feedback on the Bylaw.

**We do not support the proposed Bylaw in its current form.**

**We request the opportunity to give verbal feedback to the Panel.**

The proposal reflects a significant change in community outcomes and environmental risk. Further, the lack of clarity on local compliance and enforcement of both certified and non-certified vehicles will lead to widespread failure and resentment from the community. The rules are insufficient and not appropriate in an urban environment where community access to local leisure resources is already under pressure.

**The following feedback covers:**

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Thank you.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Goes against the idea of freedom camping. Freedom camping should be permitted and dated within specific regions and capped to manage the overall number of freedom campers in an area at one time.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Freedom Camping shouldn't be available in metro areas April - October. There is already too much congestion. Outside these times it makes sense.

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Too congested

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? No camping oct-March

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

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Other (please specify):

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Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites



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**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We live at Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge. We already have a problem with people staying overnight, for many days on end at times. Invariably they are not self contained vehicles. in the morning there is often a pile of used baby wipes, tissues, bottles, cans, takeaway wrappers, and all manner of other rubbish etc dumped on the side of the road- very gross. Even worse- as there is no toilet, " well I will leave that one to your imagination ! " There have been many instances of unruly drunken behaviour, despite an alcohol ban. NB: There is a legitimate place to park overnight at Ambury Park, just up the road.

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Freedom camping on Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge should not be permitted. It poses a great risk to the endangered birdlife. There is a risk that toilets and grey water will get emptied into the Manukau Harbour. Overflowing rubbish bins will be a health hazard and there is a council camping ground at Ambury Farm, so there is no need to park on the side of the road. Please protect our area for the enjoyment of all the families who currently enjoy it, as well as all future families.



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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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The general rules will only be effective if council allocates funding to monitor and enforce compliance. Additional general rule should be no parking in front of houses of businesses

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Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge - I submit that the length of Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge should be a designated prohibited area for freedom camping due to combination of

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- 2) High sensitivity

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High sensitivity is because

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c) High numbers of freedom campers would displace other users of the reserve as would limit parking and access along the road

There is the Council owned campsite at Ambury Farm at the end of Kiwi Esplanade where campervans can stay at very low cost.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store



water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** As stated I do not support this by law as it does not address concerns in my local board area

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** 7am prior to rush hour

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I do not support permitting free camping on suburban streets and sensitive areas

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I think this is a very poor by law as it puts the rights of the freedom camper over local residents

### Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 3

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with are specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrace) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?



**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Whau Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**



**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** There is no budget or additional funding for compliance monitoring so a longer period of non return is reasonable and will make non compliance more apparent.

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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I would like to request that several areas around MANGERE BRIDGE are added to the prohibited list for Freedom Camping, including:

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- the roads surrounding Ambury Farm
- The roads surrounding Maunuga Mangere (Mangere Mountain and Domain)

- The northern end of Coronation Road and Waterfront Road
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Friends of the Farm is a group of passionate and hardworking community volunteers that has been operating for ten years in support of a vision of a Caring, Connected, Wastewise Community. Most of our work is environmentally focussed and we encourage local residents and other groups to join us in our efforts to look after our beautiful natural environment in Māngere Bridge. Our wastewise work has been funded through an ongoing contract with Auckland Council's Waste Solutions Team for many years. We have received recognition for our voluntary efforts from the Māngere- Ōtahuhu Local Board, who have also more recently funded the development of a community newsletter that we now produce four times per year. We host countless working bees, have created a community orchard, run family fun events (such as school holiday programmes or community picnics), act as a community voice on issues affecting our community, run Living Locally information evenings for new and existing residents, will soon launch a community calendar of events, and lead many more activities. See our website: <https://aboutmangerebridge.nz/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheFarmMangereBridge/>

We are writing to seek a PROHIBITION ON FREEDOM CAMPING IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN MĀNGERE BRIDGE:

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

Kiwi Esplanade/Ambury Road Mangere Bridge - My concerns regarding this issue surround the Mangere Bridge area. I am writing to seek a PROHIBITION ON FREEDOM CAMPING IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN MĀNGERE BRIDGE:

- The full length of Kiwi Esplanade (including all parking areas and the entrance to Ambury Farm at the western end) and the length of Ambury Road (most of which hugs the farm and at the western end provides access to the main entrance of Ambury Regional Park).
- The entrance to Māngere Mountain and surrounding high traffic areas (including the Maunga parking areas, Domain Lane, and parking areas near the Maunga Skate Park, Memorial Hall, Plunket rooms, Tennis Club, Bowling Club, Scout Hall, and Māngere Bridge School.)

Impacts in the areas include:

- Disruption to the bird roosting on the waterfront – we value this roosting area and we often see visitors running thorough the roosting birds.
- Littering
- Increased traffic
- Noise
- Interruption of the view shafts to Mangere Maunga

We have a fantastic camping ground at Ambury Farm which is reasonably priced and accessible. The campground is well-run and can accommodate self-contained camping vans and provides facilities for others. It in fact provides a much better experience for campers. Farm Rangers ensure compliance and campground rules keep everyone safe. We ought to be encouraging proper use of this locally approved campground and its facilities, but also ensure these facilities are not exploited, which inevitably creates more work for Ambury Farm Rangers.

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This consultation period is closing today and we are disappointed that our submission is only just squeaking in due to community communication, not council communication as far as I can see.



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Manurewa

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina? No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Manurewa

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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## Submitter details

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** Some of us, like myself, have invested a significant sum of money in a vehicle with proper on-board ablution facilities, while some have cobbled together a basic car-type vehicle with a portaloos stuck under a piece of fabric. Unfortunately we are all subject to the same rules around self-containment when there should really be a 2-tiered system. My vehicle, for example, is certified to store grey/black waste on board from 6 persons for 5 days at a time. I have personally been parked up next to certified self-contained cars and have witnessed the occupants using the bushes to relieve themselves.

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I strongly feel that a 2-tiered self-containment certification program will sort out most of the problems and make the general rules more equitable as there are 2 clear tiers of self-contained vehicles.

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- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.



**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** 12.00 noon is a reasonable time for changeover allowing campers to experience the area until what is a reasonable time.

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

Council continually say they do not have the resources to manage the Auckland park system to the standard desired by ratepayers yet want to add more required man hours with this law. Once the Council can successfully manage what they currently have control over then perhaps it would be time for further workloads



## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify): 12pm

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules



Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't know

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)





## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? There shouldn't be a no-return period

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules



**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause. It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland. The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but vehicle owners should decide what makes a vehicle 'self-contained'

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** For the 22 designated areas I would support a the no return rule.

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** In our experience the people who leave rubbish etc at sites we visit are usually day tripping tourists or locals. People legitimately camping are mostly very clean and tidy.

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Check self contained - and then leave them alone.

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Look at the group that causes the issues. Usually not legitimate freedom campers. Easy to victimise but wont make any difference to the litter and waste issues caused by others.

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.



We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Usually not the problem

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 3 days would be wiser - as some enforcement agents consider 2 days is one night - i.e. arrive in the afternoon and must be gone by the next day.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).



Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Allowing a more relaxed leaving time would allow for more site cleaning before moving on, especially in winter when the sun rises later.

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Allowing a more relaxed leaving time would allow for more site cleaning before moving on, especially in winter when the sun rises later.

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting reNot setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Sometimes it makes more sense to return to a place you feel safer etc on the return journey.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Where are the statistics for any of these sites causing issues and have they been investigated as to whether its day trippers or freedom campers? Our experience (being fully self contained) is that most of the mess is caused either by locals, or lazy day trippers.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Waitākere Central and Central One**2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights, 5 nights+

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** Anywhere they do not interfere with the commercial operation of the Marina and wharf

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Manurewa Local Board area

Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites. The 0900 leave time is too early to ensure a proper cleanup and check.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites. The 0900 leave time is too early to ensure a proper cleanup and check.

**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites. The 0900 leave time is too early to ensure a proper cleanup and check.

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites.

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Thin end of the wedge - start restricting and before long there will zero freedom camping sites. The 0900 leave time is too early to ensure a proper cleanup and check.

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## **Whau Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** freedom campers should be able to stay for a longer period in the same road or off-road parking area to be able to enjoy the area, especially for children. 5 nights would be a fairer number

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I support another no-return period rule of 1 week. 2 is too long

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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### Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, The general rules will unfairly impact some people. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Waikaraka Park/Captain Springs Road is not listed as a prohibited space.

There area is not safe.

Already has persons dumping rubbish.

No amenities available.

Secluded with hidden access from the seafront walkway.

Area subject to vandalism.

ALready has vagrants frequenting /sleeping at the park.

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause? No Freedom camping in general areas.

Restrict to open spaces on main thoroughfares.

### How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby? We lock the gates.

Who else will be supervising/checking/on who is there?

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Damage to our facility,  
breakins,  
Insurance cost increases.  
rubbish cleanup

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**Another reason (please explain):** REgardless of self containment, it will only be undertaken by the honest ones.

If the need to empty selfcontained units, it will be done in the carpark as they leave.

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Who is going to police only one nights stay. and what time.

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** There may be other activities planned that require the parking spaces.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Not in favour in Auckland.

Waikaraka Park and Captian Springs road is not considered a safe place..

Clash with members vehicles during evening training sessions, weekend games etc that start approx 8 am with persons arriving from 7.am

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No Freedom camping at the carparks at Waikaraka Park

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Like Waikaraka Park the area is secluded and is not open.

Waikaraka Park to also be prohibited.

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** 12pm

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify): 12pm

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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As a frequent user of Waikaraka Park this area should be included as having Freedom camping banned due to an already presents of homeless and having facilities breakins at the sports clubs there. It worries me as freedom campers could also be targeted.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Main Public access area so shouldn't have freedom campers

### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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**Other (please specify):** 3

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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I don't know

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Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

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### Where the general rules would apply

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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I do not support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):** The Onehunga Combined Sports Trust is deeply concerned by this bylaw. It has not been properly considered. Just as the first attempt for a bylaw was rushed and ill considered, this version is equally poorly thought out.

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Sports parks a likely to be popular sites. There is already a woeful shortage of parking for sports grounds. Adding to that shortage by allowing freedom campers to take parking spaces from park users will only cause conflict.

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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Only allowing for temporary variations is short-sighted. The bylaw must include the power to permanently add locations that are identified as risky or problematic for local residents to the prohibited sites.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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This car park is not safe or suitable for freedom camping. Its location far from any major thoroughfare and being so far out of sight means anyone staying there overnight will be particularly vulnerable. A vulnerability that can only be exacerbated by the poor cell phone coverage in the area and the fact that there is no video coverage of the area.

During the recent lockdown the Trust building was targeted and subjected to substantial vandalism. The Waikaraka Speedway is also frequently targeted for theft and vandalism. There is already a significant level of crime in the area. Plus the car park's isolation means it is rarely patrolled. Allowing freedom camping will place campers at unnecessary risk.

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We also doubt the requirement for self-contained vehicles only can be enforced which will raise the prospect of a car park that is primarily used by families becoming unsanitary and unhealthy .

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Kiwi Esplanade/Ambury Road Mangere Bridge - I would like to voice my concern that freedom camping should not be allowed close to residential areas in Maungakiekie and Mangere Bridge.

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My major concern is with the potential to discriminate against people who have not the means to afford a vehicle that can be suitably made self contained. I support public facilities/toilets being open 24/7 for the use of all the public at all times regardless of whether they are camping or driving through town.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The roads are already crowded and tight for passers by, cyclists and with parking. The area already has parking issues, just no need to make it worse. This area needs less traffic - not more. Parking bays have recently been removed.

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** I do not support freedom camping in any form.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Ban any form of freedom camping

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I do not support freedom camping at all

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Full time leaving in self contained vehicle is reality of many people. To make their leaving easier, I suggest max of 5 days of stay, leaving until lunchtime

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Better education, more rubbish bins

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**all vehicles should be self contained and added to this ,all aspects of the stay should be contained within the vehicle and no washing and hanging of clothes outside of van.Exception being a BBQ ,if allowed under fire season. Cooking should not be with boot up and standing on ground.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** we have been able to stay in other parts of NZ , when my sister was dying and similarly when we visited my other sister. So some flexibility is needed and some delegated authority to authorize. In case of Auckland City ,it is too big to have one person ,so perhaps board chair person.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I am disabled and also belong to number of motor home groups and speak for my self and not those clubs/organizations.

If you are proposing marking out spaces for parking ,make sure they are large enough to park Motor homes and not regular car spaces. Vehicles can be 2500 mm wide plus mirrors can go to nearly 3000mm . they can be around 12000 mm in length , some times height may need to be considered ,if trees are around so height is around 4300mm...please note this is not how it is described in traffic regulations. Being disable ,need spaces for us guys, not only for overnight parking but daily living.My disability includes resting every 60 minutes and sleeping each afternoon.

Some other consideration around prohibited parking in reserves. Is it normal for all of us to know ,which area is a reserve or not ....so consideration would need to sign post all reserves that they in fact a reserve and overnight camping is prohibited.

Another consideration for action would be to prohibit washing of dishes and clothing in any council controlled toilet block... I don't like these little vans washing dishes in a tub on ground beside their van and then tipping water onto ground,nor to see them washing dishes inside in hand basin of toilet blocks.

I am aware of some face book pages having been set up to oppose any freedom camping in Auckland telling the members how to vote ,so you should be wary of bulk respnse. Waiheke Island:

I don't necessarily agree with 2 days on Island and then have to ferry off, as only way to dump.

We as motor home are fully certified for 10 people ,so gives us great capacity, especially as most times is just the 2 of us.

- Fresh water tanks: 4 L per person per day (12 L per person minimum); eg. 24 litres is required for 2 people for 3 days & 48 litres is required for 4 people for 3 days;
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We have 34 litre toilet tanks so could gives us 17 days on Island for 2 people , along with 205 litres grey water and 350 Lt of fresh water.

We also have fitted (many motor homes do as well) a SOG system that allows the toilet to operate with out need for chemicals, thus allowing us to use septic tanks for disposal.

So would suggest a longer limit on self contained motor homes that have SOG system( there maybe other companies with same results) fitted and they can demonstrate capacity for 7 days minimum.



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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**Where 24/7 public toilets are available (which is often possible) self Containment is unnecessarily restrictive

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** GENERAL COMMENT  
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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**OUR SUBMISSION**

1. Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to Auckland Council on the Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw.
2. Freedom Camping is one of the hot topics that directly impact rural communities in Auckland. Our rural communities see thousands of campers parking up on roadsides and reserves around their properties. This has naturally let up during covid for the mean time.
3. Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents farmers, and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.
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## Relief Sought

- Increase monitoring of freedom camping hotspots in rural areas particularly during peak times of the year.
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## Questions

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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**Other (please specify):** 5+

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'The Freedom Camping Act 2011 recognises that some areas may not be suitable for any freedom camping. It also enables council to set restrictions that will help to prevent harm and balance competing uses in other areas.

This means our Bylaw can identify areas where all freedom camping is prohibited, and areas where restrictions are needed to manage how and where freedom camping can occur, as long as these meet the Act's criteria.

Most (but not all) of the beachfront at (Big) Manly is not a public reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 so the Council does not have, and has stated that it does not intend to have, a Reserve Management Plan for it. Although most of it is mown grass and sand dune with trees it is a public road (presumably held under the Local Government Act) under the jurisdiction of Auckland Transport.

If it was a public reserve freedom camping would not be permitted unless a Reserve Management Plan (or some other Council decision) for it says otherwise.

As a public road under the Local Government Act, and not mentioned in the Bylaw as a prohibited or restricted area, when the Bylaw is adopted freedom camping will be permitted there 'as of right'.

Allowing freedom camping on (Big) Manly Beach – one of the Hibiscus Coast's most important recreation assets - would be most inappropriate. The beachfront there should be subject to the same freedom camping provisions as apply to reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977 and freedom camping should not be permitted on it (just as it won't be permitted on the public reserves at the other local beaches like Tindalls, Matakatia, Little Manly, Stanmore Bay, Arkles Bay, Red Beach, Orewa and Waiwera).

Submission:

5.1 That that part of Big Manly Beach which is legal road be included in Schedule 1 of the bylaw as a place where freedom camping is prohibited.

5.2 Freedom camping will, by default, not be allowed on those other parts of the beach frontage that are public reserves (unless the Reserves Management Plans for them say otherwise).

## 7.0 CAMPERVAN PARKING AT BEACHES IN THE HIBISCUS COAST

Unless expressly permitted by the relevant Reserves Management Plan, campervans will not be able to park on reserves that are held pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977.

However, unless the bylaw specifically prohibits it campervans will in future be permitted 'as of right' to park on roads and off-road parking areas – and stay in each road or off-road parking area for a maximum of two nights every two weeks.

At several beaches in the Hibiscus Coast public roads adjoin the public reserves and there is the potential for campervan owners to seek to avoid the reserve parking prohibition by parking on the road – and the Council not being able to do anything about it. The rules need to be consistent. At a number of places freedom camping on these roads is undesirable and they should be subject to the same controls as the adjoining reserves.

Three apparently homeless persons are 'living' in two cars and a van on one of these roads – the parking area at the end of Stanmore Bay Road – now, and accosting people in an intimidatory fashion when they visit the beach .

Submission:

7.1 That the following roads be added to 'Schedule 1 – Designated Areas Where Freedom Camping Is Prohibited'

- Ngapara Street where it adjoins the Red Beach Waterfront Reserve. (See page 195 Draft Local Parks Management Plan – DLPMP);
- Arkles Strand where it adjoins the Arkles Bay Beachfront Reserve. (See page 20 DLPMP);
- Matakatia Parade where it adjoins the Matakatia Parade Beachfront Reserve. (See page 133 DLPMP);
- The end of De Luen Avenue where it adjoins the De Luen Avenue (Tindalls Bay) Beachfront Reserve. (See page 67 DLPMP);
- The parking area at the end of Stanmore Bay Road where it adjoins the Stanmore Bay Park Reserve. (See page 222 DLPMP);
- Langton Road from Claude Road/Arun Street to the Stanmore Bay Beach East Reserve. (See Page 220 DLPMP);
- The road leading to the beachfront from Moreton Drive/Glamis Avenue at (Big) Manly;
- Beach Road from Laurence Street to the (Big) Manly Beachfront
- Brown Street from the Beach Road to the (Big) Manly Beachfront
- Whangaparaoa Road where it adjoins the Little Manly Beach Reserve. (See page 125 DLPMP);
- The Hibiscus Coast Highway (including the metal dumping area adjacent to the bridge) where it adjoins the Hatfields Beach Reserve. (See page 103 DLPMP); (and)

- The turnaround area in The Strand at Waiwera

## 8.0 LAND STATUS CRITICAL

Whether or not freedom camping is permitted in future will (in the first instance) depend on the land's status:

- If the land isn't a reserve freedom camping will be permitted 'as of right' (unless specifically prohibited or restricted).
- If the land is a reserve held pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 freedom camping will be prohibited (unless specifically authorised by a Reserves Management Plan that has been prepared in the manner required by the Reserves Act 1977).

It will be essential therefore that the land status of all 'Council owned' properties be clear. There is currently a lot of inconsistency and confusion.

For instance:

### The Land Known As Metro Park East (39.9 ha)

- The Council says in its Draft Local Parks Management Plan for the Hibiscus Coast that this is a reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 – classified as 'Recreation Reserve' and 'Local Purpose Reserve – Esplanade'.
- In the proposed by law the land is listed as 'non reserve land' where freedom camping is prohibited.
- On the maps when one googles the address (the google maps) the land is not shaded green (as is normal for reserves) but is (inconsistently) marked:
  - Metro Park (not Metro Park East);
  - Millwater Park Run;
  - Metro Park Parking; (and)
  - Millwater Sportsground Stormwater Pond.

### The Land Known As Metro Park West (14.7 ha)

- The Council says in its Draft Local Parks Management Plan for the Hibiscus Coast this is a reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 – classified as 'Recreation Reserve'.
- On the google maps the land is not shaded green nor is it identified in any way as a reserve.

### The Land On The Corner of Arran Drive and Millwater Parkway

- The Council identifies this land as a reserve in the list of reserves in its Draft Local Parks Management Plan – as a part of the Metro Park East Recreation Reserve.
- The land is extensively used as a reserve. (A part of the Orewa Estuary walkway/cycleway)
- On the google maps the land is identified as 'Emily's Reserve' but is not shaded green, in the normal way, as a reserve.

### The Large Area Of land Bounded By Bonair Crescent At Millwater

- The Council does not identify this land as a reserve in the list of reserves in its Draft Local Parks Management Plan.

- The land is extensively used as a reserve – A flat mown area adjoining several very attractively planted stormwater ponds, with numerous concrete paths, seats, a children’s playground and a public toilet block on it.
- On the google maps the land is not shaded green in the normal way but is identified as:
  - Bonair Reserve
  - Bonair Park
  - Millens Park
  - Bonair Playground.

The Land Known As Gulf Harbour Reserve (5,780 sq m)

- The Council says in its 'Draft Local Parks Management Plan for the Hibiscus Coast' that this is a reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 – classified as a 'Recreation Reserve'.
- On the google maps the land is not shaded green in the normal way nor is it identified as a reserve.

The Land Known as Cedar Reserve on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula

- The google maps show, coloured green, a reserve in Cedar Terrace titled 'Cedar Reserve'.
- The Draft Local Parks Management Plan for the Hibiscus Coast does not include this reserve.

The Land Known As Victor Eves Park, Orewa (19.1041 ha)

- The Council says in its Draft Local Parks Management Plan that this is a reserve on both sides of Westhoe Road – including land on the western side of the road occupied by the Orewa Bridge Club – classified as 'Recreation Reserve'. It also identifies as a "Management Issue"

'Unauthorised camping and long term campervan/5th wheel parking within the park'.

- The google maps (shaded green) identify, as a reserve, only the land on the western side of Westhoe Road – i.e. exclude all the land occupied by the Bridge Club.

## Submission

8.1 Whether freedom camping is permitted or not on any land is determined according to whether the particular piece of land is held under the Reserves Act 1977 or the Local Government Act 2002. It is therefore critical that the legal status of all land owned or managed by the Council be clear. As the above examples show, the current situation is very confusing.

8.2 That the Council ensure it has a complete and accurate record of all properties in the Hibiscus Coast held as reserves under the Reserves Act 1977'.

8.3 That the Draft Bays and Hibiscus Coast Local Parks Management Plan, the google maps, and the draft Bylaw be updated to ensure completeness, correctness and consistency.

8.4 All land used for recreation that is not held as a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and which is consequently not included in the Hibiscus Coast Local Parks Management Plan, where the Council believes freedom camping should be prohibited, will need to be added to Schedule 1 in the bylaw.

8.5 We suspect the work that is being done to prepare Local Parks Management Plans and to identify places where freedom camping should be prohibited or restricted will identify many situations where land that has been purchased or vested by developers for recreational purposes is not held as a reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 (and therefore not subject to the intergenerational protection that that Act provides). The Council needs to address this matter.

## 9.0 ENFORCEMENT

The draft bylaw proposes that anyone be allowed to 'freedom camp' on any local public road or off-road carpark. In the list of commonly asked questions it says:



'For the purposes of this Bylaw, we consider freedom camping to mean people staying in vehicles overnight as part of leisure travel or because they are choosing to live in a vehicle voluntarily for lifestyle reasons.

The central government did not intend the Freedom Camping Act 2011 to manage homelessness, and the council doesn't intend to use it for that purpose.

The adoption of new freedom camping rules may create additional stress for Aucklanders experiencing homelessness, who may feel stigmatised or fear enforcement action if the proposed bylaw is adopted.

However, the council has committed to taking a humane enforcement approach to protect vulnerable members of the Auckland community. This will include connecting people to social services support where appropriate.

When someone is living in a vehicle due to homelessness, our compliance staff will only intervene if they are causing an obstruction or a nuisance. These impacts on public health and safety are managed under other bylaws, not freedom camping regulation'.

In the bylaw itself, it says on page 2:

'Council does not intend to use this Bylaw to manage homelessness (people staying in a vehicle involuntarily). Council instead takes a compassionate approach to protect vulnerable Aucklanders'.

The practical effect of this seems to be:

That so long as they:

- vacate the space by 9am on the day of departure;
- not return to the same road for two weeks; (and)
- comply with the existing road rules that control parking – like lane marking and parking time limitations)

anyone can:

- park for up to two nights;
- in a certified self-contained vehicle;
- on any public road or off road carpark throughout the City (unless parking at that particular place is prohibited by Schedule 1 of the bylaw)

but that, in the case of persons experiencing homelessness, the Council intends to take a light handed enforcement approach and will only intervene if the campervan etc or its inhabitant(s) are causing an obstruction or a nuisance.

Submission:

9.1 I do not agree with the Council's proposed enforcement approach.

9.2 Expressed another way, what the Council appears to be saying is:

'We are introducing a new bylaw that will permit you to park and stay in your vehicle for a maximum of two nights on most roads and in off-road carparks in the City, so long as the vehicle is certified as self-contained and you adhere to all of the relevant transport regulations - but don't worry - if your car, house-truck, campervan or caravan is the only place you have to live in we won't require that it be certified as self-contained and there won't be a time limit. You may stay for as long as you like unless you are causing a nuisance or an obstruction.

9.3 This is akin to Kainga Ora's policy of not evicting difficult tenants from state owned houses and to the Council not effectively enforcing its Noise Control Bylaw. (See New Zealand Herald 14 November – 'Man Fed Up With Anti-social Kainga Ora Neighbour, Sells House And Moves To South Island')

9.4 A bylaw is a regulation made by the Council and once adopted all persons affected (especially in this case the residents living in or near the street or carpark concerned) have the right to expect that it will be enforced without fear or favour and that the Council will, at all times, require compliance with all of its requirements – whatever the financial or other status of the offending party.

9.5 The whole purpose of the by law is to make what is and is not permitted clear and to establish rules with which everyone is required to comply. Selective enforcement in the manner stated by the Council has the potential to cause serious problems – especially in areas like the end of Stanmore Bay Road and Hatfields Beach (accepting of course the requirement there will be compliance with the Reserve Management Plan not with the Bylaw).

9.6 If the Council really intends to enforce the bylaw in the way it says the detailed requirements that are in it now are unnecessary. It would be more correct for it to say:

‘Subject to compliance with the normal road transport requirements anyone can:

- stay overnight (without any restriction about the quality of the vehicle or about ‘for how long’);
- in a car, caravan, house truck or caravan;
- on any road or ‘council owned’ off-road carpark in the City (other than on those roads and off-road parking areas where such parking is expressly prohibited or restricted)

so long as they are not causing a nuisance or an obstruction’.

## 10.0 PARKING UNOCCUPIED CAMPERVANS

Submission

10.1 In some places owners appear to park their unoccupied campervans ‘permanently’ on local roads.

10.2 Should the bylaw address that?

## 11.0 RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

The proposed bylaw says, all camping is prohibited on reserves unless specifically approved for any particular reserve or reserves in the relevant Reserves Management Plan.

The Council commenced the preparation of Draft Reserve Management Plans for all Hibiscus Coast Reserves in 2017. The first round of public consultation was completed in April 2018 and a draft document issued for public consultation two years later - in July 2020. Submissions closed in September 2020. The Council’s website says the programme envisaged a recommended final plan going to the Local Board for adoption in December 2020. However that hasn’t happened. The submissions hearing didn’t occur until 11 February 2021 and the final plan is still being prepared. It isn’t known when it is likely to be publicly issued. Enquiries to the email address given on the Council’s website (Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan – [hibiscusandbayslmp@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:hibiscusandbayslmp@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)) go unanswered.

In our submission in September 2020 we said that the type of information the Council’s various stakeholders could expect to see in every Reserve Management Plan includes:

- What the land title reference is;
- How the land is legally held;
- (Where appropriate) a brief history of the reserve;
- A brief description of what the reserve is, its classification, and how it is used now - including a list of any significant natural assets and of all built assets situated on the reserve now, and where any part of the land or any assets are leased or licensed to a third party a short description of the situation and when the lease(s) and licence(s) expire(s); (and)
- An explanation of what the Council’s future plans for using, enjoying, maintaining, preserving, protecting and developing the reserve are – including the time at which the identified work is intended to be carried out;

The Council’s proposed approach does not do this. As the Council itself says its Draft Hibiscus Coast Local Parks Management Plan is a single high level document that provides a general policy framework. It doesn’t include the current or recommended layout of each reserve or a prioritised action list for reserve development. No-one can obtain from reading it any idea of what the Council’s actual plans for any of its ‘200 plus’ reserves in the Hibiscus Coast are.

This does not meet the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977. The Act requires that there be a Management Plan for every reserve (or for several reserves), that the plan is kept up to date, and that the Council in carrying out its functions comply with it. If it wants to do something other than what the Management Plan provides it cannot do so unless it amends the Management Plan – viz:

‘The administering body of any reserve shall keep its management plan under continuous review.....’

‘The administering body shall in the exercise of its functions comply with the management plan for the reserve and any amendment thereof.....’

This proposed bylaw (that prohibits freedom camping on reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977 unless approved in a Reserve Management Plan) and the recent adverse public reaction to the Council's intention to install bollards at Big Manly Beach (and as a consequence the delay that that has apparently also caused to the proposed installation of bollards at Hatfields Beach) has highlighted again how important it is to have a management plan for every reserve, that clearly states what the Council's future intentions in relation to it are.

Effective and efficient decisions cannot be made in isolation.

- As concerned people have raised, the installation of bollards to control general parking at Manly has wide ranging consequences – not only for the whole beach frontage but also for surrounding streets.

- The installation of bollards to control freedom camping at Hatfields Beach raises all sorts of questions about what the overall development of that whole reserve should be.

- The proposed bylaw stipulates that freedom camping on reserves is prohibited unless approved in a Reserve Management Plan. Such a plan cannot be responsibly prepared unless the effect of allowing such camping (and its potential wider impacts) has been fully thought through – as is clearly illustrated by the situation the Council now needs to deal with at Hatfields. (See Section ‘3’ above)

#### Submission

11.1 The Reserves Act 1977 requires that there be a Reserve Management Plan for every reserve (or group of reserves) and that every such plan:

- o provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the Council's resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified; (and
- o that it be kept under continuous review; (and)
- o be fully complied with relating to everything the Council subsequently does concerning the reserve.

This proposed bylaw has highlighted once again the importance of having a Reserve Management Plan that has been prepared via public consultation, in the required manner, for every reserve.

11.2 In my view every Reserve Management Plan should include the information listed in paragraph 2 above.

12.0 THE PROPOSED REQUIRMENT THAT THE PARKING OF FREEDOM CAMPING VEHICLES NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE SAME ROAD OR OFF-ROAD PARKING AREA MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY TWO WEEK PERIOD

The proposed bylaw requires freedom campers to (after two days) depart and not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks. (In the case of the Hammerhead Point land the bylaw requires that the vehicle not return for four weeks.)

Any freedom camper wishing to ‘live’ near a local beach etc will be able to easily circumvent this requirement by simply moving their vehicle every two days to a parking space on another road ‘just around the corner’ - and subject to their compliance with other bylaw and transport regulations local residents and the Council will not be able to do anything about it.

#### Submission

12.1 That the proposed bylaw be amended to require that freedom campers be required to not return to the same road, off-road carpark, or local area for four weeks (and the term ‘local area’ be defined in the bylaw).

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** In Schedule 1 on pages 10 and 19, under the heading 'Designated Areas Where Freedom Camping Is Prohibited' the proposed bylaw includes a plan of 'Metro Park East, 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale'. (Only properties that are not reserves under the Reserves Act 1977 are included in this schedule).

This is inconsistent with the information provided by the Council in its Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan (in respect of which the Council sought public submissions in September 2020 and has not yet issued its final Plan). On Page 142 in 'Volume 2 – Hibiscus Coast' of that draft it says that Metro Park East is a 39.9104 Recreation Reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 with a Local Purpose (Esplanade Reserve) along its boundary with the Orewa Estuary.

Also, the area shown as 'Metro Park East' in the two documents is different.

- In the Council's Draft Local Parks Management Plan all the land on the corner of Millwater Parkway and Arran Drive is a part of Metro Park East;
- In the Draft Bylaw (on page 19) it is excluded – Metro Park East is shown there as finishing opposite Major Henry Greens.

Submission:

3.1 If Metro Park is a reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 it should not be in Schedule 1 in the By-law.

3.2 If Metro Park is not a reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 it should not have been included in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan. (Council has repeatedly said, in response to submissions on that Plan, that land that is not held under the Reserves Act is outside the scope of the Local Parks Management Plan).

3.3 If the land is not held as a reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 (when it is probably the largest active recreation area in the Hibiscus Coast and has been acquired and developed principally through contributions from developers) can the Council please explain 'how' it is held and 'why' that is the case. (See also 7.0 below)

3.4 That the Council explain the reason for the inconsistency between the plan on page 142 in the Draft Local Parks Management Plan and the plan on page 19 in the Draft Bylaw – both of which maintain that the area shown is what makes up Metro Park East. (See also Section 8 below) . As the proposed bylaw says, all camping is prohibited on reserves unless specifically approved for any particular reserve or reserves in the relevant Reserves Management Plan.

On both sides of the Highway at Hatfields Beach there is a 6.4501 hectare public reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 – classified as 'Recreation', 'Local Purpose Esplanade', and 'Local Purpose Access'. (See the draft Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Parks Management Plan – Volume 1 Hibiscus Coast, Page 103).

The Draft Local Parks Management Plan (that closed for public submissions in September last year - 2020) says:

'Under the current Freedom Camping Bylaw 2015 (under review) there is a freedom camping designated site on the west side of the Hibiscus Coast Highway adjacent to the toilet block'

'Unauthorised freedom camping particularly on the waterfront side of Hibiscus Coast Highway adds to congestion and displacement of beach, park and boat ramp users as this is a heavily used area that has limited space for car and trailer parking.

Unauthorised freedom camping also occurs on the grass area to the landward side of Hibiscus Coast Highway, a known contaminated site. Soil disturbance from these unauthorised vehicles may be an issue on the capped contaminated land’.

Hatfields Beach is, and has for a long time now, been a very popular freedom camping spot – but on the beachfront – not on the reserve on the western side of the Highway (near the toilet block). The comments in the Draft Local Parks Management Plan (DLPMP) are wrong. Contrary to what the current Freedom Camping Bylaw is said in the DLPMP to say there is NOT a freedom camping site on the west side of the Hibiscus Coast Highway adjacent to the toilet block. Nor does freedom camping occur at all on the landward side of the reserve. Vehicular access to the reserve on the western side of the highway isn’t practicable – because of either the lie of the land or bollards and a low wooden fence that have been installed to prevent it. Furthermore there is a sign on the fence that says ‘No Camping or Sleeping Overnight’.

There is similar confusion on the beachside. There are no signs there that indicate freedom parking is permitted - to the contrary, only a Rodney District Council sign that says ‘No Camping’. The Council also says (above) that, although that is where it is all occurring, freedom camping on the waterfront is unauthorised.

Another issue is the fact that Waka Kotahi (or Auckland Transport) is currently about half way through the construction of a new pedestrian crossing on the highway opposite the toilet block, a short length of footpath, and two centre islands to slow the traffic. We wonder how well the decision to do that has been coordinated with the Council’s longer term plans for the reserve.

The thirteenth of November 2021 would be a typical ‘out of the main holiday period’ day. At mid-day there were ten campervans or buses parked on the reserve – three on the beachfront at the southern end, six on the beachfront at the northern end, and one on the metalled area by the highway bridge – all very close to the highway carriageway – some dangerously so, only a metre or two from it. (At the northern end the area where campervans can park is only about seven metres deep from the carriageway). On the fourteenth of November, at 11am, there were 11 campervans (or buses) there – four at the northern end and seven at the southern end – plus about 20 cars and a trailer with several kayaks. The whole area is an untidy mess – with so many vehicles in such a confined uncontrolled space parked at all angles - people sitting around them, most of the vehicles old and obviously not self-contained, and the dunes and ground where the vehicles park seemingly not being regularly metalled or otherwise maintained by the Council. Some campervans obviously have another car associated with them and repeated checks indicate at least one car (not associated with a campervan) and two buses appears to be being lived in. So far as the Council’s management is concerned the whole of the seaward side of the road conveys an ‘out of sight- out of mind’ impression.

As a consequence of the Council’s decision not to include the control of freedom camping on reserves in the proposed bylaw it will be very important that the final Local Parks Management Plan state very clearly what the permitted situation at Hatfields Beach is in future to be. If this doesn’t happen (by the time the bylaw comes into force) freedom camping there will no longer be permitted as a result of the repeal of the former bylaw and should that be the case there is certain to be an outcry, much confusion, and for Council Officers a policing nightmare. The attractiveness of Hatfields as a freedom camping site is enhanced because it adjoins the coast, is on the main highway, and there is a public toilet block with a campervan wastewater dump station on the access road beside it.

4.2 In my view freedom camping should be permitted on a properly formed and signposted site on the recreation reserve by the toilet block on the western side of the highway only.

4.3 Campervan parking on the reserve outside the signposted site (including on the foreshore) should be prohibited (and rigidly policed).

4.4 When this bylaw is adopted and the previous one repealed freedom camping at Hatfields Beach will no longer be permitted until the Council authorises it by way of a Reserves Management Plan prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

4.5 A fair proportion of the freedom camping vehicles that visit Hatfields Beach appear to be not certified self-contained vehicles. When stipulating its proposed future approach for permitting freedom camping there the Council will need to make clear what its stance in relation to vehicles that are not certified as self-contained is.

The proposed bylaw requires that everyone who freedom camps on public land in Auckland that is not a reserve held under the Reserves Act 1977 will, without exception, have to use a certified self-contained vehicle. It is difficult to imagine a situation where the required standard could be less for public reserves than for other public land.

4.6 We also note that the Council is intending to spend \$37,000 on installing bollards at Hatfields Beach 'due to complaints from residents about freedom camping, driving, anti-social behaviour and rubbish on the reserve, particularly in summer' (Reference: Hibiscus Matters – 8 November 2021). We question how the Council can do that in the absence of its whole proposed policy approach for the reserve being explained in an adopted Reserve Management Plan that has been prepared via public consultation in the manner required by the Reserves Act 1977. (See also Section 10 below)

4.7 It is important that all issues relating to all reserves' use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, preservation and development be addressed in a coordinated manner and not individually, in a 'fire fighting' sort of way, when problems arise - that the Council ensure 'whatever is done', 'whenever it is done', always 'fits in' with adopted, regularly updated plans that the Council has for the long term development of every reserve. (See also Section 10). Making provision for, and better managing freedom camping at Hatfields Beach is a major issue.

### **Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** One of the areas listed in 'Schedule 2 – Designated Areas Where Freedom Camping Is Restricted' is:

'Gulf Harbour Marina Hammerhead Reserve – 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Gulf Harbour' (See the Draft Bylaw Page 36).

This is obviously an error. The reserve should not be in Schedule 2 because the bylaw does not apply to freedom camping on reserves that are held under the Reserves Act 1977 – which the Gulf Harbour Marina Hammerhead Reserve is.

But more than this:

- The Gulf Harbour Marina Hammerhead Reserve is not located at 40 Gulf Harbour Drive. That is the address of the Gulf Harbour Recreation Reserve, about a kilometre away opposite the Wentworth College. The Gulf Harbour Marina Hammerhead Reserve is at 1242 Laurie Southwick Parade near the boatramp. (See the Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan Page 94).

- But the off-road carparks which the bylaw purports to address under this heading are not on the Gulf Harbour Marina Hammerhead Reserve anyhow. They are located on the land shown on the (incorrectly titled) plan on page 43 in the Draft Bylaw.

We understand that land (that has on it a sealed carpark with about 260 parking spaces, a public toilet block and the Gulf Harbour public boat ramp) is not a reserve – being why it needs to be listed in Schedule 2.

The land is already a permitted freedom camping site pursuant to the provisions of the current bylaw, and has been for many years.

The proposed bylaw says (in Schedule 2) that freehold camping is to (continue to) be permitted there subject to:

- a maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles staying overnight;
- for a maximum of two nights in a four week consecutive period.

Four days ago (14 November 2021) there were fourteen campervans and ten cars parked there – all in an orderly fashion. The way in which the cars were parked indicates that at least eight of them were associated with the campervans. On 17 November (a Wednesday) there were nineteen campervans, nine cars that were obviously associated with them and a large boat. Today (Friday) at 4pm there are twenty-nine campervans and about a dozen cars and two boat trailers associated with them. Three of the campervans are parked elsewhere in the carpark. One – not self contained – has been there for over a week. Already, at this early time (on a week day) potential conflict with boats using the boat ramp is obvious,

The general standard of the freedom camping vehicles at Gulf Harbour is considerably higher than is the situation at Hatfields Beach. Very few wouldn't be self-contained. However, at Hatfields Beach too it seems that at least half the buses and 'vans have cars associated with them. Yesterday (18 November) there were three buses and three vans there with three cars seemingly associated with them.

I question:

- why the Council intends to limit the number of freedom camping vehicles that can park at Gulf Harbour to 10 when an area with 20 parking spaces (in a carpark with a total of more than 280 sealed spaces – 260 plus an additional 20 in the reserve adjacent) is already marked and signposted as being available for freedom camping, and is being used by more than 10 vehicles at a time now; (and)
- why the Council intends to limit parking at Gulf Harbour (in a carpark where there are more than 280 parking spaces) for a maximum of two nights every four weeks when any freedom camping vehicle can, 'as of right', subject to compliance with the normal transport requirements, park in virtually any road, or off-road carpark in the city for a maximum of two nights every two weeks. (See also submission No 11).

Submission:

6.1 That the Council correct the information on pages 36 and 43 of the Draft Bylaw. We suggest the land be referred to as:

'Gulf Harbour Hammerhead Point Carpark', 1346 Laurie Southwick Parade, Gulf Harbour.

6.2 That the Council review the proposed freedom camping restrictions for this land. In fact could not parking be allowed there, subject to the normal conditions, 'as of right'? Does the Gulf Harbour Hammerhead

carpark need to be listed in Schedule 2 at all? Maybe it does because of the number visiting there. There is the potential for major conflict with the boat ramp in the summer months.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Generally I am very supportive. i do think that the system needs to be 'policed' as otherwise people will flout the rules I also support Councils putting in meters in some carparks where people pay a fee to stay the

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I think there could be 1 or 2 designated parks allowing overnight stay one night only depart by 9 am

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Im concerned as to who will monitor this if breaches occur as council takes a while usually 3 to 10 days to deal with any complaints generally,

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### Executive Summary

- The proposed bylaws for managing freedom camping in Auckland make good sense
- Not including Reserves among the areas prohibited by the bylaws makes no sense
- There is no indication of how freedom camping in reserves will be funded or managed
- Managing freedom camping sites in Auckland under two different regimes (if reserves are managed at all) is inefficient and will fail
- Including reserves in the bylaw is within Auckland Council's powers and obligations

### Introduction to Madill's Farm

Madill's Farm Reserve is a key amenity in the Orakei Ward, providing highly valued recreational opportunities for a wide community. It is one of the larger open spaces and is well maintained by Auckland Council and the Orakei Local Board. It meets the needs for recreation space in the community, attracting many hundreds of residents, sports teams and schools throughout the year.

Diverse environments within Madill's Farm Reserve accommodate a wide range of activities. It includes a stream bordered by many native species. Many walkers, joggers, cyclists, family groups and dog owners enjoy the amenity every day.

### Friends of Madill's Farm

Madill Farm - Friends of Madill's Farm has been established for 12 years providing submissions and comment as appropriate to successive Local Boards during their Annual Plan consultation. Friends of Madill's Farm includes residents bordering the Reserve who observe it daily. Friends of Madill's Farm has also lead community engagement in relation to

reserve management, security, stream and native bush regeneration, pest control and previously, in 2019, freedom camping.

Members support the Local Board and Auckland Council parks management, by actively undertaking pest control, participating in the Eastern Songbird Project and taking an interest in the ongoing high standards of management and cleanliness that make Madill's Farm Reserve an attractive community amenity. Management of Madill's Farm Reserve

#### Reserves Act 1977

Madill's Farm Reserve is classified as a Recreation Reserve under s.17 Reserves Act 1977. It is vested in Auckland Council and must be managed in accordance with the purpose and principles of the Reserves Act.

Section 17(2) declares that every recreation reserve shall be so administered [to ensure that]:

(a) the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve, subject to the specific powers conferred on the administering body by sections 53 and 54, to any bylaws under this Act applying to the reserve, and to such conditions and restrictions as the administering body considers to be necessary for the protection and general well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it (emphasis added)

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shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, .... of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified ...."

Most relevantly, for the purposes of considering Freedom Camping, Section 44 "(1) provides: "no person shall use a reserve, or any building, vehicle, boat, caravan, tent, or structure situate thereon, for purposes of permanent or temporary personal accommodation"

#### Statement of Proposal

Most surprisingly, despite clear legal powers and obligations to manage reserves, the proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 excludes land held under the Reserves Act.

As noted in the Statement of Proposal:

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"The Bylaw will not cover all council-controlled land – freedom camping will be managed on reserves under the Reserves Act 1977, and on regional parks under the Regional Parks Management Plan." What is the Problem?

The likely problem with a policy that freedom camping will be managed on reserves under the Reserves Act 1977 is that reserves have never been adequately managed under that Act. The issue is almost certain to be exacerbated. Once Auckland Council has established and funded resources and processes to manage freedom camping on other council-controlled sites, reserves will fall further out of consideration and/or management of them will not be resourced.

There is no indication of any resources being made available to do anything to manage and monitor the prohibition of freedom camping in reserves despite a clear prohibition and a requirement on the Council to do so. This raises the obvious question of what and how it will be done, by whom and with what consequences. The loose statement that "freedom camping will be managed on reserves under the Reserves Act" contrasts with the specific resources and powers in the bylaw. For example, will Council parks staff becoming aware of freedom camping be authorised to require campers to move or to fine them and if so, how much? What signage is to be provided in reserves? Are reserves to be monitored by anyone? Who if anyone, should residents contact to report freedom camping on a reserve rather than other council-controlled land?

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# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

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We think the local council should look at establishing a dedicated freedom camping area on the edge of Orewa township. there is plenty of space just off the motorway bypass or near the estuaries. Provide the area with good signage, parking bays, toilets, water, and rubbish disposal. Then provide access to walkways/cycleways or public transport to bring the campers to the beach front and township for the day. This was a model that was introduced in other popular tourist destinations like Wanaka where freedom campers were creating problems at the lake front reserves. It was a happy and successful compromise

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allowed

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(See screenshot attached below)

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-As you can see, the Christchurch council has acknowledged this is a real issue;

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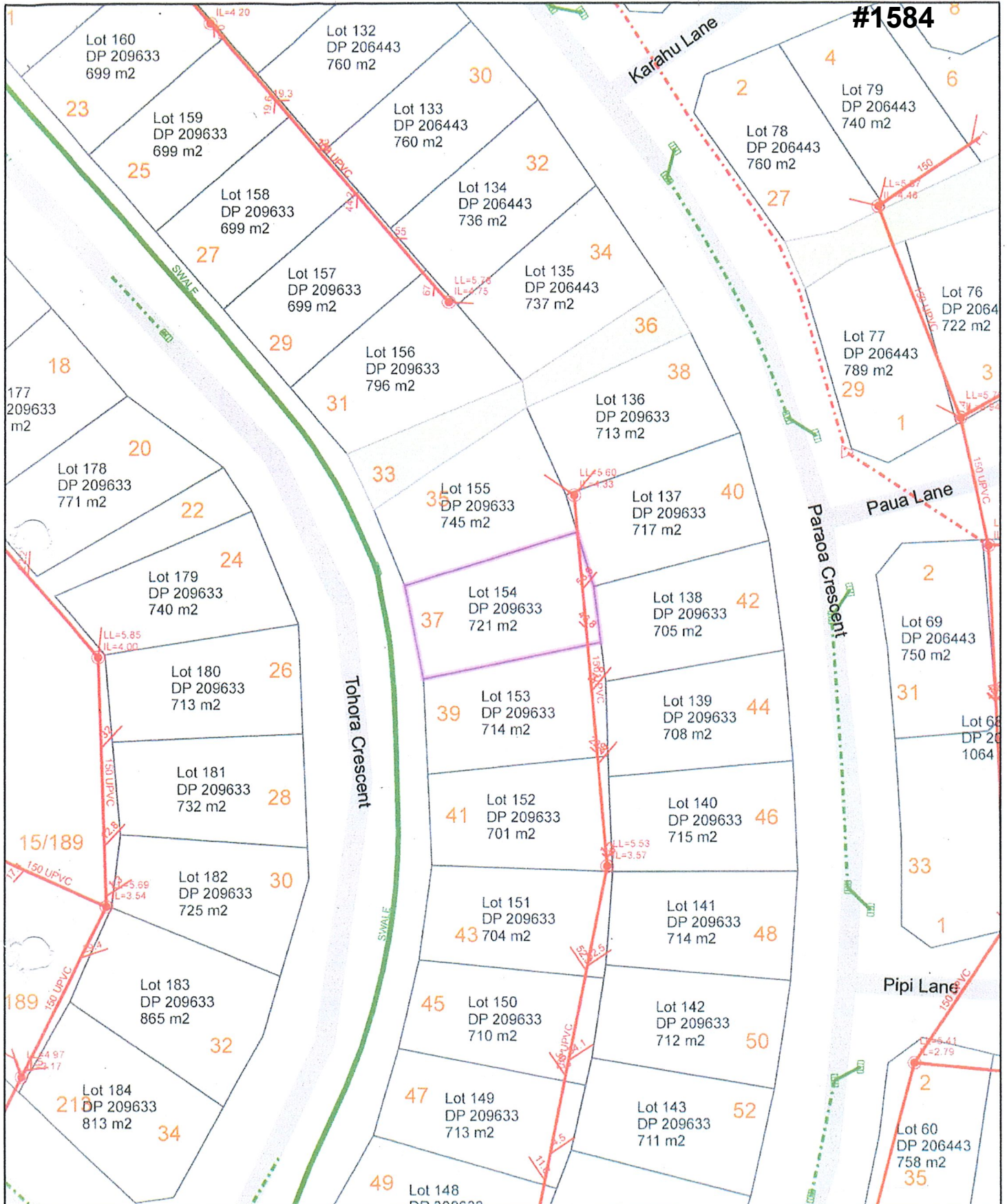
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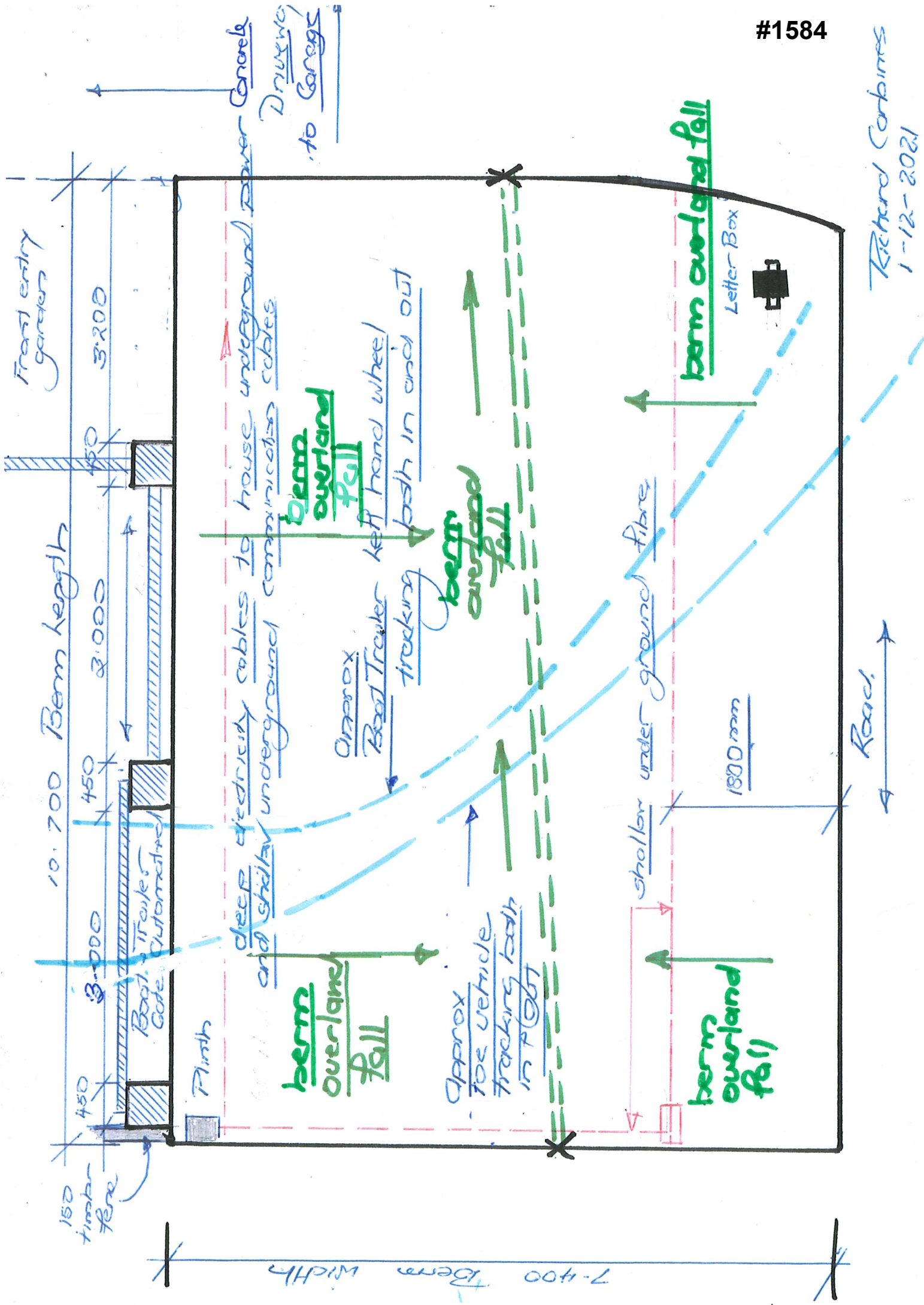
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I am most concerned that one of the most environmentally sensitive, beautiful and much enjoyed areas of South Auckland will be detrimentally impacted unless it is prohibited to freedom campers and they are encouraged to use the Council owned campsite and Ambury Farm instead. So much has been done by both the Council and the Local Board over the 2 decades to enhance the Manukau Harbour, Kiwi Esplanade Reserve and Ambury Farm, it would be devastating to see it undone due to lack of foresight regarding the full impact of permitting freedom campers to save a few dollars rather than using the campsite so close by.

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We have read with interest in the draft bylaw and will leave it up to the holiday Parks Association to make general comments.

We own at the Pakiri Beach Holiday Park and would like to make a submission in regard to the schedule of prohibited areas for freedom camping and the areas for restrictions by number of vehicles.

Restricted areas.

We note with interest these appear to be all Council owned land. The bylaw is being used to protect Council land but not ratepayers who are endeavouring to provide a service to paying campers.

No such thing as free camping.

Freedom camping is free to the user but comes at a cost to the rate payer. Would appreciate you and your committee taking this into consideration.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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We note with interest that they are generally Council owned property so Council is using the bylaw to protect their interests but there is nothing to protect us as a ratepayer and operator of the Pakiri Beach Holiday Park.

We mow and maintain a wide grass berm where our property fronts on to Pakiri River Road and then there is a wide grass berm from our property to the end of the road and the public toilets at Pakiri Beach.

We note the grounds of Pakiri Hall are prohibited for freedom camping and we request that the last 500 m of the road side of Pakiri River Road be prohibited as an area for freedom camping..

We have considerable costs imposed on us by Council requirements and Council rates and we feel it is unreasonable to allow freedom camping in front of our property or from our property to the end of the road.

We have had freedom campers in the past and they often feel free to enter our holiday Park and utilise our services for free

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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- Waiheke – does not support freedom camping on Waiheke island. Encountered and taken note of impact of freedom camping and homeless issue of people living in vehicles on the island. Freedom camping in Waiheke is problematic, it doesn't fall under the usual spots for freedom camping. It's a destination place. Under huge infrastructural pressures. Without reinforced resourced mechanism, difficult to discern between homeless and freedom campers. Parking is very limited. There's a sort of collision of residents, holidaymakers, bach owners, day trippers to enjoy the island. Limited resource. Enforcement will be absolutely key – needs to be a dedicated person. Even that would still be unsatisfactory. Enforcement on Waiheke is already woeful.





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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-

**Another reason (please explain):** There are far too many substandard camping vehicles in New Zealand, many of which slap a "self contained" sticker on the back of the vehicle, even though they do not meet this criteria.

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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The general rules sound logical, in principal. However, given Auckland City Council's current budget deficits I cannot imagine how these rules will be monitored and enforced if there are problems. Substandard vehicles that don't meet the self-containment standards are rife in NZ and rules are regularly flouted. I feel it will be primarily up to residents to monitor the freedom camping situation and doubt there will be little response from the council when problems occur.

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Freedom campers sounds like stereotyping putting blame when we should use General. Meaning public anyone can be responsible rather than categorising a group.

More facilities and areas where the general can go to enjoy the outdoors.

Their shouldn't be a time frame on how one must enjoy our surroundings. A public domain belongs to everyone not a party of people that sit behind a desk and listen to squabblers that live in a pretentious area. So that gives them rights to make claim if for example they see a vehicle parked on a beach road side. Where they are doing nothing wrong.

People in general I've seen in parks beaches are just too blame I've watched them leave there rubbish behind or broken glass bottles and never pick up after them. These are locals as well I know for a fact I live in a well established area.

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Most people are having to live now in cars or camper vans. Life is hard enough with people mouthing off where people are trying to live the best they can.

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom



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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If the area has full facilities and allow people to enjoy then why stop it. If you need a care taker to see that this area is looked after then do so.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

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### Howick Local Board area

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Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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#### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Manurewa Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Really a public domain should remain as long as there are facilities for General to use

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's a Public domain put facilities in all these spots. Certified means to have a toilet where you sleep I mean who does this at home do you want to put a potty under your bed.

Sure those that are going off grid and areas that don't have toilets etc

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Provide facilities

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Provide facilities

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** No freedom camping in Auckland

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** No freedom camping in Auckland

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** No freedom camping in Auckland

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

No freedom camping should be allowed in Auckland. Have you not see the mess they make in beautiful central Otago?

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

No freedom camping in Auckland. All campers should use camp grounds and pay for the facilities that they use. Why should Auckland residents and ratepayers be subsidising foreigners travel in New Zealand.





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##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** There should be no Freedom Camping at all unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

### Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?



**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** None

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: There should be no freedom camping here

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: No freedom camping

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie.** Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There should be no Freedom Camping unless they are camping in a designated camp ground; Freedom Camping erodes campground businesses who pay rent and rates

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Upper Harbour Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Waiheke Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Waitematā Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle. It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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council should consider general overnight parking bans (or 00-0600) in appropriate areas - e.g. whole of TAmaki dr to reduce overall rowdiness and would also mean that FCs would be prohibited

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### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Biased from the start - why allow freedom camping at all. There are camp grounds for overnight stays

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Is this because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

Another reason (please explain):

Is this because, in your view:

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Another reason (please explain):

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No need if no freedom camping

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It is 100% wrong

Ban freedom camping

Save money and heaps of issues

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** St Heliers is not Orakei. Nor is Glendowie

No freedom camping

Or 100's of banned areas

### Restricted sites

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### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't want freedom campers staying overnight in our area at all!

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## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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### **Waiheke Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No one wants campers camping in the beach AND we don't want tin they parks AND we don't want them camping outside our properties.

### Restricted sites

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is in a village centre, doesn't really have the amenities to support freedom camping

### Restricted sites

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** They should depart at 5.30am or sunrise, whichever comes first.

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Shouldn't be able to return ever.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**



**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Myers Park should be locked at night as it is dangerous with bums and drunks. It urgently needs signs to warn people from going into the park after sunset.

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

That matter of ensuring compliance for ex. No return for 2 weeks.

Ensuring that rubbish bins are on site and no outdoor fires for any purpose

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

A warning only does not convey the public's strong disapproval of rule breaking, or deliberate bending of them. An instant fine first time up should be imposed unless there are substantial extenuating circumstances.



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

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### Where the general rules would apply

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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The same could apply to just about every locality, including cities, suburbs, tourist spots, rural areas etc throughout New Zealand. This could also be compounded by a groups of freedom campers sharing the same circuit at the same or different times for 1 to 2 days at the same spots every fortnight over a year which could lead to all sorts of social and safety issues for the communities where this happens.

While I'm sure that this wouldn't apply to a lot of freedom campers, there may well be a lot of so-called freedom campers who would take full advantage of this loophole.

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If what I've outlined above isn't addressed, then the people who have businesses, homes, holiday places etc could be severely compromised.

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**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It is essentially a residential area that doesn't reflect what freedom camping is about.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Great Barrier is finely balanced socially, environmentally and economically and tends to be a pretty peaceful place over a good part of the year.

So, to allow freedom campers who could technically stay on the island as long as they like, wherever they like could prove to be very disruptive to both the environment and to the local communities.

Freedom campers should be limited to designated camping grounds which have all the necessary toilet facilities etc.

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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Freedom campers should be limited to designated camping grounds which have all the necessary toilet facilities etc.

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's a heavily used commercial, visitor and tourist area throughout the day so not at all suitable for freedom camping

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I think freedom campers duration limits should not be designated by roads or immediate areas but instead by larger areas like what has been proposed for Waiheke and also over longer periods - 2 weeks is way to short a term. Otherwise it will be possible to for "freedom campers" to be able to live permanently in the same geographic area if that's what they want to do.

For example, a freedom camper could live permanently in the great Forrest Hill area simply by staying at the same 7 seven spots every 2 days just a few kilometres away from each other over a year, which is not what freedom camping is about.

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Being able to come every 2 weeks is far too short a period. Most genuine freedom campers would only stay there once especially if they're having a goo look around the country. Perhaps a 2-day stay every 3 to 6 months

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Being able to come every 2 weeks is far too short a period. Most genuine freedom campers would only stay there once especially if they're having a goo look around the country. Perhaps a 2-day stay every 3 to 6 months

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Being able to come every 2 weeks is far too short a period. Most genuine freedom campers would only stay there once especially if they're having a goo look around the country. Perhaps a 2-day stay every 3 to 6 months

### **Restricted sites**

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** 2 nights

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 5 weeks+

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?** No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify): 5 weeks+

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?** No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify): 5 weeks+

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina? No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 5 weeks+

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's a commercial area not suitable for freedom campers

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 5 weeks+

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Being able to come every 2 weeks is far too short a period. Most genuine freedom campers would only stay there once especially if they're having a goo look around the country. Perhaps a 2-day stay every 3 to 6 months

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve? No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 5 weeks+

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Being able to come every 2 weeks is far too short a period. Most genuine freedom campers would only stay there once especially if they're having a good look around the country. Perhaps a 2-day stay every 6 months

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? too commercial

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? too environmentally sensitive

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It's totally unsuitable for freedom campers - its a park, not a camp ground

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It's a park for shared by a lot of people and totally unsuited for freedom camping. In fact the whole of the CBD is unsuitable for freedom camping - I can't believe this was even proposed.

Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It's a park for shared by a lot of people and totally unsuited for freedom camping. In fact the whole of the CBD and Newmarket are unsuitable for freedom camping

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's a park for shared by a lot of people and totally unsuited for freedom camping. In fact the whole of central Auckland is unsuitable for freedom camping

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The whole of the CBD is unsuitable for freedom camping

#### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The whole of Central Auckland is unsuitable for freedom camping

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? It's a high traffic area and not suited for freedom campers. The only experience they'll have there is a bad one.

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** General rules give a sensible framework for all freedom campers so that all can enjoy doing so

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.



Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Although I support the 2 day stay I think it would be reasonable to require the departure by 9am each day - ie only staying overnight and shifting during the day. May be this does not have to apply in all locations, however. As a freedom camper I would not want to be staying during the day where I might be limiting the access of locals where as over night you are seldom restricting others.

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area can be quite busy even at nights because of the restaurants in the area

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a lovely area to freedom camp in and as a local from Glendowie Rd I am very happy to see people staying there overnight. As there is only a small area there it does need to be a limit, however



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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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The more restrictions the better. Encourage people to use designated sites with appropriate facilities.

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### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

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Other (please specify):

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

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What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? No freedom parking in this area



## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**



**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**  
Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

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We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Other (please specify):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

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## Franklin Local Board area

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No freedom camping anywhere

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

**Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Rodney Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**



Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** maximum of two nights and no-return period rule of 14 days are excessively restrict. It seems it's only considering the interest of people that were fortunate enough to have a house in a nice place, and don't want campers nearby their properties

### How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** People who decided to live fulltime on a self-contained vehicle, due to the miserable high house prices, will be forced to move every 2 days, That should be at least 5 days, giving this people the opportunity to settle for a whole business week if they wish

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** The rule is too generic, maximum of 2 days if fine for Tourist spots, but for public roads is not. For public roads minimum should be 5 days. You could possibly apply 2 maximum days for the same spot on the road, but for the same road it's unfair, special

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** If the minimum stay is increased to 5 days, I think the no return of 2 weeks it's fair. But no-return of two weeks it's only in the interest of selfish residents that lives nearby these areas.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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I do not support having general rules

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Prevents people from camping out longer term and rough sleepers /homeless people living there permanently

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

People should not be able to just move from street to street to get around the rules

We should not have different rules vs other regions which have greater restrictions than what are proposed here .

No residential streets should be part of the freedom camping zones

Prevent people from camping out long term

Upweight and upgrade rubbish and toilet facilities to cope with increase id demand

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

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We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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Another reason (please explain):

Is this because, in your view:

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Another reason (please explain):

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

Tamaki Drive should be a no go zone.

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** No freedom campaign at all. Will you be ok with people camping and trashing in front of your house Mr mayor?

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

The general rule is no freedom camping at all in Auckland. Make some reserved areas where people need to pay some small fee to generate money to maintain the area. Imagine Mission Bay full of camper vans with no car park space for visitors. Who will guarantee people will obey to the rules? What will happen with people trashing the place in front of your property? Is that the way you want to solve the problem of homeless???

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

No dates at all. No for freedom camping

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No Freedom camping any where in Auckland**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The community in whole saint Heliers, Kohimarama, mission bay, glendowie and Orakei will fight against this bylaw in our area.

No to any Freedom Camping any where here

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

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Other (please specify):

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**



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**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There should be no overnight freedom camping on Tamaki Drive or any adjacent streets up to 400 m from Tamaki Drive as it is far too popular from early until late daily, with locals and day visitors that live in Auckland

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

So not allow freedom campers in the area. It is too busy an area to have full of camper vans and rubbish

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**



Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds. There's enough pollution in the area without campers adding to it

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie.** Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Papakura Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds



## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers are a menace. They leave their rubbish and waste in the street or where they park up. They should stick to camp grounds

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Whau Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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### Restricted sites

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Your feedback

### General rules

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I do not support having general rules

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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No campers on tamaki drive or surrounding eastern bays streets. Dangerous enough for kids on these roads without adding large campers to contend with

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** They should be truly self contained. There are too many examples of self contained vehicles that have minimal facilities to comply but they are never used. Strengthen the definition of self contained

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

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This gives more people the opportunity to use the limited parking spaces

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Other (please specify):

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**  
Departure time, No-return period

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Departure time, No-return policy

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Local amenities are for local people first then outsiders with restrictions on the outsiders to ensure they can visit but not at the expense of the locals right to enjoy their area. Experience has showed that unless there are strict enforced rules freedom campers deprive locals of their right to enjoyment of their local area.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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The Bylaw:

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I don't know

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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Do you want to comment on why you don't know? I don't support this entire proposal so this question is irrelevant. I believe freedom camping should be limited to specific designated locations

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once. Another reason (please explain)

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I would like to see more restricted/prohibited areas in Auckland generally and in particular to do not want to see campervans blighting the waterfront areas in Orakei ward when tourism starts again.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** If certification is required it must be easily obtained from numerous places such as DOC, Park rangers, Councils Parks shops (like Waitakere ranges), suppliers and other outlets - really cheap

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Another reason (please explain)

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There are 107,000 individual members of the NZ Motor Caravan Association. They Represent 58,000 families. This does not include use of rental vehicles or Campervanner's not in the NZMCA. Auckland council is limiting local businesses access to this market because of a few unruly people who will not take notice of the By-Laws anyway. It's counter productive. Council should provided better services for these people which will help to maintain responsible use of facilities. Having seen businesses like KiwiCard at Bowen town who provide free toilets but charge reasonable rates for showers and cooking facilities the council is missing out. Again.

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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I am not happy that freedom campers can park on any street in any suburb. I have visions of Tamaki Drive being lined with freedom campers day in, day out. There need to be more prohibited and restricted areas - like Mission Bay, Takapuna Beach, Glover Park, Vellenoweth Green.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Other (please specify):

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** They should be banned full stop. There are designated areas called camp sites they should use. All residential areas should be a no go.

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 0 days, because the enforceability on residential streets is high on impossible. That is why we have camp grounds.

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**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

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They should be banned full stop, but as that takes legislative change Auckland Council should show leadership and make freedom campers only stay in registered campsites. This creates controls, reduces the potential environmental impact and reduces potential risks to residents. If they are visiting from overseas and can afford flights, they can afford a few bucks to stay in a registered area.

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We all know that despite your best intentions, these by laws are totally unenforceable. Do you really expect the streets of Auckland will be patrolled to make sure people are abiding by the rules. Of course they won't. Make them stay in camp sites where they can actually be controlled and monitored. No brainer.

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): None

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Other (please specify):

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Any more that 2 vehicles it becomes a party.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Other (please specify): 2

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 2 nights

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

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Other (please specify):

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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## Your feedback

### General rules

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This is a city, not a mobile carpark.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Ban it everywhere in urban areas, except limited designated areas

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Reduce street parking.

Unruly 'tenants' in street with no responsibility

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store



water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Any time limit can be worked around by moving from A to B...so quasi permanent & thus defeating purpose of rules. Ban freedom camping.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** No freedom camping at all

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

No freedom camping in urban Auckland

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** None

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: Not allowed at all

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: Never allowed

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

**Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Rodney Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Ōrākei

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** Self-containment should only be certified when there's a toilet cube with a door inside the campervan. I can definitely guarantee that camper with a toilet in the middle of the room will less likely use it and be more likely to pollute the public ground they're staying on. Most of those campers haven't even used that kind of toilet (without door) yet, it's usually only there to get the SCC sticker.

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting reNot setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Manurewa Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park** 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive** Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark** Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery** 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua)** 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks** 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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## Whau Local Board area

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Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Self-containment rule

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Freedom campers should NOT be allowed to stay at all on residential streets

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Freedom campers should have to vacate by 7am

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Freedom campers should not be allowed to camp on residential roads

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

Another reason (please explain):

Is this because, in your view:

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### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** More restrictive rules. Stay only 1 night & locked out for 4 weeks after

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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**Another reason (please explain):** We need clear and robust rules and standards to describe clear boundaries of acceptable behaviour, and consequences for breaches.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):** The reality is that many freedom campers are travelling on a tight budget, and so will be tempted to take advantage of shortcuts. The residents bear the burden of these decisions, as the travellers leave. It is to everyone's advantage that there is an unambiguous standard.

**Is this because, in your view:**

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We must have strong standards and clear consequences for breaches of rules/standards.

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

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Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Freedom camping should not be in residential streets, they should be prohibited, in all other areas the maximum stay should be one night

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Parking access to all other users is vital, out by at the latest 8 am

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** It should be no return for 4 weeks BUT to the whole suburb, not just the carpark they left. If you have NO RETURN TO JusT THE CARPARK THEN THE VEHICLE CAN STAY ACROSS OUR SUBURB INDEFINITELY AND THIS IS LUDICROUS. It needs to be NO return to the whole suburb for 4 weeks

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Residential streets should be prohibited. Gisborne City Council have as a prohibited zone their whole urban boundary, with just designated sites for freedom camping, Tauranga has not in front of houses or businesses. AK needs a general rule that protects our residential streets like these two more onto Councils have done.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Freedom Camping Act enables you to prohibit areas. Our residential streets should be a prohibited area. The Act requires you to not have a total ban. By having 19 freedom camping sites across Auckland this satisfies the Act. Your General rules do not go far enough in protecting residential streets, this will be a disaster for some areas.

Tamaki Drive from the Kohimarama yacht club to the Mission Bay entrance needs to be a prohibited area. This is used by thousands of people a week, already there is no parking, having vans being able to park up and block access for 3 days is ludicrous. The freedom Camping Act allows you to prohibit this area of Tamaki Drive based on protecting Access to all.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Prohibition is excessive and against the spirit of the legislation - what is so special about this area? Seems a suitable place for freedom camping to me.

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**  
Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Add Tamaki Drive to the prohibited list. This road - from Mission Bay to St. Heliers - is in high demand for daily use by the community. Freedom campers will interfere with local use and create safety issues. Parking along the walking/biking path is already precarious due to the lack of a median between the paths and road in most spots. Having freedom campers set up tables or regularly open doors will interfere with pedestrian use and poses a significant danger to cyclists in particular.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Another reason (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This will at the very least keep unsightly vans off Tamaki dr

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wanted to, as part of a longer trip

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The penalty for the issue of an Infringement notice should be larger

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Not suitable for freedom campers

### Restricted sites

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** We do not want them in our street even for one night.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Install cameras in sensitive areas and have fines for trash being left etc

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Ban Freedom camping from urban areas as they are already heavily used by the public which leads to noise pollution, traffic congestion and parking difficulties and rubbish being left behind.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

Freedom camping should not be allowed in urban areas.

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):** In some more remote areas the blocking of access to parking may not be an issue but parking in most areas of Auckland is hard enough. Locals or day visitors also support local businesses, sometimes more than freedom campers.

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Freedom camping could be improved by specifying and identifying areas people can freedom camp as opposed to allowing camping anywhere bar a few prohibited places. Having such a broad area for freedom camping makes it impossible for Auckland Councils to properly check and enforce compliance of the rules in all the places. Providing identified areas and maps highlighting areas where freedom camping is allowed would provide clarity and clear guidelines for freedom campers as well as providing a manageable area for councils to check on and enforce compliance.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It should be prohibited in all building carparks such as all libraries. Should be prohibited on all residential streets in greater Auckland

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**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** The general rules will unfairly impact some people, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Freedom campers make no contribution to the facilities provided in an area by ratepayers. They are free loaders and allowing them to free load off ratepayers adversely impacts back backer accommodations, camp grounds and motels, all of which do contribute to paying for local facilities.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

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Campers, especially at Omaha Beach. Freedom Camping on residential streets is not appropriate. The

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I question how these rules will be policed over designated areas and (hopefully not) residential streets in Auckland. I am unaware of any planning/budgetting for resourcing and administration of the proposed new freecamping bylaw and consider it inappropriate to introduce such a bylaw until that has been done

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra rest

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Concerning if campers can stay on roads outside residential premises where on road parking is already an issue. Fear their rights will override the rights of others and or inappropriate behaviour will not be seen as a priority by other acts e.g police/criminal/nuisance.

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

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### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't believe there should be any freedom camping in suburban areas of Auckland. As ratepayers we already pay for the services we require and shouldn't have to subsidise those who choose to live outside these regulations. It is expensive to rent in Auckland, and those who rent are also contributing to the cost of Council services. Freedom campers are outside these obligations and should use existing camping grounds while in the city. If these are not large enough there should be investment into facilities for such campers.

Living opposite a public park I already witness the abuse of rubbish disposal and high maintenance requirements that are being met by the Council and ratepayers. This situation is already inflated and freedom camping would add another layer.

We also experience increase security issues with after hours activities in the park and having people outside our neighbourhood community would add another stress to our safety. We all look out and after each other as a community but frequently have 'visitors' who break the rules and damage park property or the property of those nearby.

As a citizen of Auckland, and a long term ratepayer, I feel freedom campers staying in suburban streets will alter our community and create problems for all in it. Even the procurement of water will be an issue. We have had people use our garden supply during the night without our permission.

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Additional prohibited areas should be added. Specifically all beachfront locations along Tamaki Drive

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

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**Other (please specify):**

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5 December 2021

Auckland Council

### **Feedback on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

We believe that the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw has potentially serious implications for the residents on the Mission Bay and Kohimarama areas that we represent, and offer our comments and suggestions below.

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We do not support the proposed general rule which allows freedom camping anywhere unless specifically prohibited. The current rule may well be too restrictive, but could easily be loosened up by adding more acceptable locations. We strongly believe that activities which have serious potential to negatively impact communities should have to be assessed first before being allowed as of right.

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We recommend an approach based on the current approach, that freedom camping is prohibited except in approved areas. We would support a substantial increase to the approved areas, including in our area of Mission Bay and Kohimarama.

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#### 2. Self-containment rule

We agree with the approach taken. We believe that non-self-contained vehicles pose a risk to our environment and impose a clean-up cost on rate-payers. That would be inappropriate. Regarding the standard, there is already a national standard for self-containment, and we see little need to introduce a new Auckland-specific rule that may confuse freedom campers. It is common sense to utilise the existing standard.

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We do NOT agree with the proposed 2 night stay. We believe that multiple nights would create problems for local communities in popular areas, reducing parking availability for locals and visitors from the wider Auckland area, blocking views, and reducing the attractiveness of the areas.

Instead, we support 1 night stays.

### 4. Set departure time rule

We agree with the proposed 9am departure, but would also be reasonably comfortable with a 10am departure.

### 5. No-return period rule

We do not agree with the proposed rule. We do believe that there should be a no-return rule, but consider that limiting the exclusion to the same street is inappropriately narrow. That would mean freedom campers could easily circumvent the spirit of the rule by moving a few metres away to another street. Instead, we believe that the exclusion should prohibit returning to a location within 1km of anywhere they have camped in the previous no-return period.

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The proposed bylaw has nominated very few exclusion zones, leaving open the possibility that popular areas such as Mission Bay and Kohimarama beaches would be overcrowded with freedom campers. If Council is not prepared to protect local communities from such an influx, then they must at least ensure that campers move on quickly and don't simply move a short distance while staying within the area. The combination of a no-return period and maximum stay rule help mitigate the potential for overcrowding and impact on local communities.

For this reason, we support a 4 week no-return period.

### 6. Prohibited and restricted areas

We believe that the proposal does not prohibit freedom camping in sufficient locations. In our area, we see the beachfront areas in Mission Bay, Kohimarama, St Heliers and Okahu Bay as needing protection, and yet there is nothing proposed. We are comfortable with freedom camping on the points between the various beaches, but note that locals already use the beachside locations very heavily and would be disadvantaged if they have to compete with tourists for parking. In addition, the connection between the beaches and the adjacent suburbs is critically important to the character of these suburbs, and to undermine this by allowing unrestricted campervan parking to create a wall between the beach and community would be totally inappropriate.

These areas currently do not allow freedom camping, and so Council must justify why they would reverse this position, given the high probability of issues arising from overcrowding in

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#### 8. General comments

We point out that the Eastern Suburbs beaches serve multiple purposes. They attract recreational users for swimming, picnics, sunbathing etc; they are used for formal and informal sports such as triathlons, ocean swimming, exercise classes, touch rugby etc; and Mission Bay and St Heliers in particular are also key hospitality and shopping centres. It would be negligent for Council to open these areas up to unrestricted freedom camping without first taking considerable care to ensure that freedom camping would not compromise these existing functions. Has Council undertaken studies on the likely impacts to these areas?

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Yours sincerely



Don Stock

Chairman

Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association



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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Period before you can return - From your options I chose 4 weeks. I add though that there needs to be an addition to this similar to Whangarei where the van must move each time to a new park 3+ kilometres away. This prevents vans living indefinitely within a suburb.

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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I support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

**Another reason (please explain):** Allows having some control on parking/freedom camping in reserves and roads generally in the city

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** 5 Days should be the length, people can leave and come back within the space of a working week

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A community hall is not a camp ground by any stretch of the imagination.

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

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## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Please for the love of god make the parking spaces bigger for us as most time the big campers are there and we cannot squeeze in to the free spot :( very off putting in the size of the freedom camping spots

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? A perfectly good park and feel safe staying there

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### Restricted sites

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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'YES I do support a set departure time - 10.00 am

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE MAKE THE SIGNAGE VERY CLEAR \*\*\*\*\*

One night stay - must depart by 10.00am

Two nights stay - must depart by 10.00am following your second night stay

The reason for this is to make it very clear for everyone

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We do find that if the areas are monitored and if campers over stay their welcome and receive a fine WORD get's around, the joy of modern technology, for those who do abuse the rules THEY do not want to get a fine!

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Outside Auckland

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** If you are concerned about waste from freedom campers, both in terms of sewage and general rubbish, you can provide toilets at sites and rubbish bins for visitors. The issues around freedom camping waste is also largely anecdotal, and you should provide accurate statistics if you feel it is a large scale issue.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** There is a housing crisis - in Auckland more than anywhere else. Freedom camping is not only an escape for some people, but a way of life for others. As housing has become unattainable for most of the population, mobile living is getting more popular. It needs to be supported and enabled as an alternative for our less fortunate, rather than kept and regulated behind a veil of privilege.

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store

water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting re

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Overall, enforcing rules like this on an activity which is an integral experience to most kiwi families, as well as a way of life and a housing option for others. feels elitist and disenfranchising. Moreover, freedom camping is not the large scale issue it's being portrayed as, and until evidence is fielded that shows it's an overall negative activity, stricter rules shouldn't be enforced.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** My comments follow on from the earlier page, and apply to ll areas. Everyone pays for freedom camping sites in taxes and rates, and everyone is entitled to them. New Zealand is a country strongly rooted in sharing our taonga and natural spaces, and this should not change now.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Franklin Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Maximum numbers of vehicles is not needed, this will self regulate when vehicles cannot fit./ If you want to stop too many campers showing up, you should work with camping app developers to add trackers for how full a site is, so that new campers will not arrive.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**



**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** Education. Certify the person, not the vehicle or method. Like a driver's licence.

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Set departure time rule

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

All the money spent lobbying for 'certification' benefits only those who can afford expensive motor homes, and will only make the problem you are trying to address more prevalent and make certain organisations money. Some of the worst, self entitled behaviours come from that exact section of the community. This is an expensive and proven to be ineffective method, punishing the most needy.

Suggest a more reward based approach with levels of education, and added rewards system for proven good behaviours (cleaning up after said mega vans/RVs would be a start) and perhaps, spend the money you will spend on enforcement actions on better facilities and maintenance of them.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 3 night stay as must be able to self contain for at least 3 days & gives 2 full days to be able to see attractions in area

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

If using dedicated car parks Please DO NOT allocate car parks unless they are at least 1 car park between each. as this causes a fire hazard of parking too close to each other & not being able to get out of vehicle very easily

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designated car park spaces are a fire hazard. It also makes it hard to get out of

some vehicles as they are too close

One night stays are too short especially if you have to leave by 9am Doesn't give time to check out the area or do shopping unless moving to a normal car park taking up car parking space for others while leaving your space empty. Doesn't make sense.





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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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The camper is responsible for there own conduct whether they are in a vehicle be it self contained or not and should held accountable.

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard to enforce the self-containment rule without referencing the National Standard

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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I do not support having general rules

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[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Outside Auckland

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

#### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

#### Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I feel that 2 nights is too restricted long holidays are usually three nights

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.



**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Yes another of camper now have small dogs and Auckland has gone our of there way to not allowing places for these motor homes to stay in Auckland. We are more likely to have our dogs on leads than the average person.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Camp with dogs for companionship is coming common so more places are needed with rules that dogs must be on leads

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 3 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** In the middle of the car park by the sea

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Dog should be allowed on lead

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with are specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Three nights is better length of time due to the fact that long weekend are usually three nights

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
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**Your local board:** Outside Auckland

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

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- not managed by council (for example motorways)
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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.



If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

See attachment for more info

26 November 2021

## **Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this Bylaw. This submission is on behalf of the Holiday Accommodation Parks Association of New Zealand known as Holiday Parks New Zealand.

### **About Holiday Parks New Zealand**

Established in 1955 as the Camp and Cabin Association, HAPNZ is the industry association that represents the commercial holiday park sector in New Zealand.

There are 420 commercial holiday parks in New Zealand that annually provide more than 8.7 million guest nights.

There are currently 17 holiday parks in the Auckland regional tourism region.

### **General Rules**

- 1 We fully support the rule that freedom Campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle
- 2 We agree that where freedom camping is permitted that campers can only stay for a maximum of two nights.
- 3 We agree that where freedom camping is permitted that campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure.
- 4 We believe that the proposed rule that campers must not return to the same area for two weeks is being too permissive. This will encourage itinerants to cruise around the free camping areas. Providing freedom camping areas is a way of encouraging visitors to a region. Allowing free campers to return to the same area within two weeks will encourage people to live in their vehicles rather than encourage genuine visitors.

**Where Freedom Camping is Permitted**

We support the 22 restricted areas and the 45 prohibited areas. We do however believe that freedom camping should be prohibited in all urban areas. This is consistent with our position on Freedom Camping throughout New Zealand see Appendix 1

**Your sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'F' followed by a large, circular flourish and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Fergus G Brown  
Chief Executive**

## Appendix 1

### Holiday Parks New Zealand Position on Freedom Camping & Responsible Camping

#### Summary

1. Freedom camping should be **prohibited** in all urban areas
2. Outside of urban areas freedom camping should be restricted to vehicles which are fully self-contained and meet the self-containment standard NZS 5465:2001
3. Freedom Camping should be prohibited in non-self-contained vehicles.

#### Bylaws

We believe that Councils should develop bylaws that stipulate the following:

##### Prohibited Areas

No person may freedom camp in any local authority area identified in Schedule One—Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping.

All urban areas should be included in Schedule one

##### Restricted Areas

No person may freedom camp in any local authority area identified in Schedule Two—

Restricted Areas unless he or she complies with the restrictions imposed on use of that area as set out in Schedule Two. There should be a district wide restriction that only self-contained vehicles which meet NZS5465 should be permitted. Restrictions should also include the maximum length of stay and the number of vehicles permitted at a site at any one time.

Council may prohibit, by putting up signs, freedom camping in any restricted area where:

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- (c) the area is being used for an event approved by Council;
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There is no such thing as free camping – there is a cost whether it is to local ratepayers, DOC or taxpayers. We fully support the principle that the user should pay.

As part of local communities our members take an active part in the development of policies and bylaws which apply to freedom camping. Our members provide feedback on suggested freedom camping areas. In some cases, we will support free camping areas and in others we will oppose them; these decisions will be linked to the appropriateness of the location and the mood of the community. We do not consider urban locations as being appropriate for free camping.

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HAPNZ has been an active participant in the NZ Responsible Camping Forum and fully supports the key messages and information that has been agreed and promoted by group members. HAPNZ's Chief Executive is a member of the Ministers Responsible Camping Working Group.

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 3 days seems reasonable, 2 is too short a time.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

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Self Contained. Speaks for itself. Water, waste, rubbish, all taken care of in a secure manner. Reasonably safe inside a large metal vehicle with amenities on hand. No open fires, fire extinguisher and first aid kit usually part of the equipment.

Make the General Rules for those who need them most, not for those who don't need them at all.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Outside Auckland

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with are specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?** Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 3 nights



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 2 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve? Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 2 nights

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** At Whatipu, there is a campground business 100m from the carpark. Permitted freedom camping will impact the business. Additionally, Whatipu is a Scientific Reserve, a wildlife sanctuary, Whatipu needs special protection from the risk of freedom campers making fires, leaving rubbish, making noise etc.

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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There appears to be about 110 locations where freedom camping is allowed subject to restrictions. While seemingly a large number it is grossly inadequate for a city the size and area of Auckland and the number of people (both local and visitor) who wish to responsibly freedom camp.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Yes. Freedom camping currently allowed at Snells Beach over 2 sites allows about 10 vehicles. The new site allows only two. This is grossly inadequate for this very popular location.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale**, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Invest in decent infrastructure for public areas, which see use by campers, such as public toilets, and signage as to where to find said toilets.

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**Another reason (please explain):** Again this seems like a problem caused by poor planning. Asking people to leave by a certain time because there is not enough parking spaces, is passing planning shortfalls onto the general public. It also encourages the idea towards homelessness that if it's not seen, then it's not a problem. People on holiday also don't conform to a 9-5 workday and commute.

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Again this seems like a problem caused by poor planning. Asking people to leave by a certain time because there is not enough parking spaces, is passing planning shortfalls onto the general public. It also encourages the idea towards homelessness that if it's not seen, then it's not a problem. People on holiday also don't conform to a 9-5 workday and commute.

**Is this because, in your view:** If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Another reason (please explain)Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** All of the options above, but also folk can be freedom camping for shorter trips than two weeks. Being at a safe good spot is important, and not being able to return to a good nap spot is not good for trips where you might be returning the same way on a trip shorter than two weeks. This rule could make it more dangerous for freedom campers for whom having a safe reliable spot is important.

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Have any of the people who wrote up the general rules ever freedom camped recently? Or are they nimbys that prefer bylaws which keep freedom camping out of sight out of mind. This makes me fairly angry - when public services and facilities are not up to scratch, then rather than fixing the problem, bylaws are made that penalize those who's needs are not being met by public facilities.

Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Papakura

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

we agree a bylaw is necessary to help manage freedom camping in Auckland and reduce overcrowding in popular areas; there are some positive elements within the Council's proposal, however, the proposed regime will be difficult for people to comply with and difficult to enforce; the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves); the possible imposition of \$800 fines for camping in parks and reserves is onerous and unreasonable when the fines under the Freedom Camping Act are just \$200;

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

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the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

there are some positive elements within the Council's proposal, however, the proposed regime will be difficult for people to comply with and difficult to enforce;

the possible imposition of \$800 fines for camping in parks and reserves is onerous and unreasonable when the fines under the Freedom Camping Act are just \$200;

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** we agree a bylaw is necessary to help manage freedom camping in Auckland and reduce overcrowding in popular areas;

the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

there are some positive elements within the Council's proposal, however, the proposed regime will be difficult for people to comply with and difficult to enforce;

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Ōrākei Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?



Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** we agree a bylaw is necessary to help manage freedom camping in Auckland and reduce overcrowding in popular areas;

the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

there are some positive elements within the Council's proposal, however, the proposed regime will be difficult for people to comply with and difficult to enforce;

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Orah Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** we agree a bylaw is necessary to help manage freedom camping in Auckland and reduce overcrowding in popular areas;

the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

there are some positive elements within the Council's proposal, however, the proposed regime will be difficult for people to comply with and difficult to enforce;

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** we agree a bylaw is necessary to help manage freedom camping in Auckland and reduce overcrowding in popular areas;

the Council's approach prevents responsible campers from staying in desirable areas (parks and reserves);

there are some positive elements within the Council's proposal, however, the proposed regime will be difficult for people to comply with and difficult to enforce;

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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Other (please specify):

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Other (please specify):**

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The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
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Your local board: Papakura

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** If no one else there - increase to maximum of 7 days

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Mid day - is better - time to relax, do something and then move on.

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** If maximum campers not met then why have a no return period at all.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As a responsible person - why not

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

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**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):



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## Papakura Local Board area

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Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Puketāpapa Local Board area

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Many in our communities use the facilities in the park especially young families. Many young kids also walk home through the park after schools including my kids(Marshall Laing Primary and Lynfield College). Having constant random strangers in the park in self contained unit I fear for kids safety. What if they get pulled into their vehicles? Many in our community voiced our objections few years back and it is disappointing this is being brought up again. Our park has many wildlife and I worry irresponsible campers do harm and cause damage to to their environment too.



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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Education on the area they are camping in, if there's environmental problems then put up signage or maybe some barriers for public safety etc. Freedom campers are honestly the most considerate of the land as that is their home for the time they are staying there, the people that trash the areas are the people passing through that are usually just out for a picnic/day trip.

Also the environmental problem isn't freedom campers, it is the big corporations/factories pumping out CO2 into the atmosphere - there are much bigger problems you should be attending to.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Charge a fee for the regulated areas and leave unregulated areas free.

Or make stricter rules (within reason) for people to obtain the self containment certification on their vehicle.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Think about Christmas periods when families get together for a week or so freedom camping and contributing to the local businesses in the area.. Don't enforce this rule.



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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** When someone is travelling in their van etc. they usually don't get to campsites early anywhere unless they're waking up at the crack of dawn to drive there.

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

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**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip, A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place, It would be too hard to enforce a no-return period rule. Another reason (please explain)Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities, It would be too hard to enforce a set departure time rule. Another reason (please explain)



**Another reason (please explain):** This is a (sorry) stupid rule. Why would you want to restrict someone from coming back to a place they enjoyed? They might even want to bring back other people, meaning more people supporting those local businesses.

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

Freedom camping gives citizens and tourists the opportunity to travel around NZ and contribute to small town incomes, along with the greater economy. If you don't allow people to freedom camp, some towns might go unrecognised and not receive the money they could have made when freedom campers were allowed all around NZ.

Also restricting car parks etc. is not a valid idea as they are made for vehicles. I have had many times where I couldn't find a well signed campsite when arriving somewhere in the dark and have camped overnight in a carpark as I felt safe there and knew I was allowed there. There is nothing more stressful than trying to locate a campsite or area where I am allowed to camp in pitch black darkness. It'd be so much easier and safer for freedom campers to keep doing this. As some might argue to find campsites in the day and know where you're going, if you're not from the town/place you are visiting, it can be hard to locate these areas. Also trying to finish driving whilst it's still daytime is sometimes impossible to do.

Additionally, if you make these restrictions it will force freedom campers to possibly drive for longer to find a camping area they are allowed to be in. If this is a long way away from their previous campsite, this could cause driving fatigue which can lead to a possible increase in preventable road accidents/crashes; especially if they're not allowed to pull over on the side of the road for a power nap.

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

The "rules" don't actually help protect the environment, they just limit people's ability to freedom camp. If more infrastructure was built such as serviced areas with waste disposal, water refills, rubbish bins and the like, then people would have easy access to use these facilities. Easy access to these facilities would encourage their use and in affect protect the environment. The rules are negative on freedom campers and are a smoke screen to just ban freedom camping completely.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Include in the bylaw what locations are available for freedom camping without the enforcement of the bylaws.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum stay

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 3 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.



## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Build a few rubbish bins or add an information board outlining rules and indicating where the closest waste disposal site is.

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waiheke Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?



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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):** There needs to be specific areas allowed for freedom camping, as opposed to prohibit areas. In that was, it is far easier to enforce.

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We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

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In general, I do not support freedom camping and would like to see it limited and restricted as much as possible. I think it undermines local accomodation businesses and causes environmental pollution and inconvenience to those living in areas that are sites for freedom camping,



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### General rules

#### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** To keep freedom campers safe from the daily breaking and entering vehicles that Aucklanders face on our streets daily and give them access to better public facilities so they are safe and clean by providing more designated areas not in City or suburb streets

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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I don't know

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain):

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How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know? If a place is not on either prohibited or general list, does that mean freedom campers can just park up? e.g. in our streets?

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** I have experience of self-containment sticker on vans that are NOT self-contained - I do not believe this can be policed adequately - too many loopholes around. I believe that if freedom camping is expanded, it should only be allowed in certified serviced areas.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I am worried that freedom campers will move to suburban streets if this is not prohibited. In general I do not agree with freedom campers being able to park up in suburban streets and am not sure I see anything in these bylaws to prohibit that.

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**



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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Ngā mihi,



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Reserves Act 1977 or on regional parks. The NZMCA believes that this is an important shift in focus between the 2018 version of the proposed Bylaw and the 2022 version and that this shift should be scrutinized for its reasonableness and practicality. The proposed exclusion of land held under the Reserves Act from the definition of Local Authority Area in section 5 of the proposed Bylaw appears to have two purposes. Firstly, it relies on the prohibition of camping on reserves which is provided for in section 44 of the Reserves Act. This avoids Council having to schedule every reserve as a prohibited area as required in s.11(3) of the Freedom Camping Act. Secondly, it offers the Council an opportunity to apply infringement fines of \$800 rather than the \$200 fines applicable under the Freedom Camping Act. NZMCA has two main problems with this reliance. 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Council's 2018 report Managing freedom camping: Findings report acknowledged that the Reserves Act only applied to gazetted parcels of land and reported that 60% to 70% of the region's 4,000 reserves under Council's control had been gazetted (at p.9). Assuming that only modest progress has been made in rectifying this situation over the intervening three years, it would seem that between 1,000 and 1,500 of Council's reserves cannot have the Reserves Act prohibitions available under s.44 applied to them. But where are these reserves and how will the public be able to identify them? NZMCA has made a LGOIMA request of Council seeking this information. The statutory deadline for fulfilling this request was still running at the time submissions to the proposed Bylaw closed. Council staff have however promptly responded to the information request seeking a clearer definition of the types of land we entirely on the application of s.44 to prohibit camping on all 4,000 reserves in Auckland. 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However, there is nothing in the actual Bylaw which guarantees that this approach will be taken. While the summary offered at the front of the proposed Bylaw repeats this assurance, it is clear that this summary is not actually part of the Bylaw. The Bylaw proposal reports that 'the

council takes a risk-based 'graduated' approach to all our enforcement activities'. In respect of the proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw the proposal acknowledges that 'most breaches of the bylaw will be low risk, but if campers are committing more serious offences (such as dumping waste or lighting fires illegally), these will be responded to as a higher priority' (p.18). This may be the original intention of those administering the Bylaw but the political reality may be quite different given the sensitivity of freedom camping for some communities. The efforts of the Omaha Beach Community Association's to derail Council's previous attempts in 2018 and 2019 to introduce a fully researched and well considered Bylaw is an obvious example of this political reality.<sup>5</sup> Most likely much of the monitoring and enforcement work by Council staff in relation to the proposed Bylaw will be complaints driven. Council should expect that a large proportion and perhaps the majority of such complaints will come out of wealthy beachside communities. 24. While it might be an unfair generalisation, it may be the case that the communities most likely to complain about unlawful freedom camping in their neighbourhoods, are the least sympathetic to the plight of homeless people who may be forced to live in cars or vans. Their complaints are as likely to be over holiday makers doing a spot of freedom camping as they are toward a homeless person. In terms of the impact on what they believe is their legitimate right to enjoy the local character and amenity, there will be little difference between the two cases.

Part 4 of the proposed Bylaw relating to enforcement, offences and penalties is clear that discretion rests with Council on the use of its statutory powers. However this discretion is applied, it must be applied consistently and in terms of the effects and problems which are intended to be addressed by the Bylaw. This suggests that without some formal indication of how Council expects to apply its discretion and the Bylaw's provisions, citizens have a right to expect it to be applied consistently against the effects the Bylaw was created to address. Plainly put, Council staff may not actually have the discretion to take a 'humane enforcement approach' because explicit provision for this is not made in the Bylaw. The Bylaw Proposal makes a distinction (at p.19) between freedom camping and homelessness. It suggests that freedom camping is 'people staying in vehicles overnight as part of leisure travel, or living in vehicles for longer periods as a lifestyle choice' which it contrasts with 'people who are living in vehicles involuntarily, due to homelessness'. NZMCA suggests that the distinction is not so clear-cut especially around definitions of lifestyle choice and involuntary circumstances. The Association has members who make a choice to live in a motorhome or housebus rather than occupying a house. Some of these members may park in inappropriate locations from time to time including unlawfully under local freedom camping bylaws. Not all of these people are well-off financially or have made a lifestyle choice perhaps as a way of avoiding the costs of housing. Some have few economic choices given their incomes, the cost of rents and the availability of rental housing. This is especially so for older single people working for low wages. For example, rent for a modest one-bedroom flat in Auckland is likely to be between \$350 and \$400 per week<sup>6</sup> while the take home income for a person earning \$50,000 per year is around \$800 per week. The spill-over of housing demand into vehicles in Auckland is perhaps inevitable given the high cost of housing relative to income for the working poor. The characterisation of this demand as a lifestyle choice is inaccurate and unfair and the proposed Bylaw fails to recognise this. The question of how homelessness is managed is not of direct interest to NZMCA although the Association and many of our members are as keen as Council is to see homeless people being treated compassionately and respectfully. Homeless people are not protected from prosecution under the proposed Bylaw and ways should be found to ensure that they are. Provision might be made in Part 4 of the Bylaw for the exception of homeless people from the application of Council's statutory powers to enforce the Bylaw. This of course would require the application of some criteria to determine when such exception is applied. NZMCA is happy to work with Council staff in developing these criteria if the Review Panel see merit in such an idea. More creative responses to freedom camping. Given the political and practical necessity for some form of bylaw to regulate freedom camping in Auckland, it seems likely that the proposed Bylaw, more or less in its present form, will be adopted by Council. NZMCA believes that it is very difficult to estimate the extent to which the supply of freedom camping opportunities practically provided for under the proposed Bylaw will match with demand for such opportunities. This ambiguity arises in part because Council has not been able to identify which potential overnight parking sites under Council control fall between those designated as restricted sites and are not on reserve land – whether gazetted or not. This ambiguity is increased because demand is quite diffused between travelers and the marginally housed and will change once Covid-19 related international travel restrictions are lifted. The Bylaw proposal cites data from 2018 which indicated that there were an estimated 320 freedom camping vehicles at any time on Auckland's roads during February season and that there were 11 legal freedom camping sites which offered parking spaces for 93 vehicles. The proposed Bylaw offers 22 restricted freedom camping sites which provide spaces for 110 vehicles. An ongoing shortfall seems likely although the tangibility of this will depend both on campers' behaviours and the focus and stringency of any enforcement efforts. From NZMCA's perspective a shortage of freedom camping opportunities is a problem for other than the obvious reason that our members may not be able to easily freedom camp in Auckland. The national situational analysis undertaken in 2016 by a working group of local authority and Department of Internal Affairs officials offered the following conclusion around the impact of any shortage of freedom camping opportunities. 'A shortage of freedom camping areas and an increase in demand in some regions at peak times has resulted in overcrowding and subsequently a higher risk of primary and secondary harms. This is not conducive to community buy-in and has consequently led to negative media coverage and perceptions of the freedom camper, especially towards international visitors..... A lack of community support has contributed to the reduction of freedom camping available areas in some regions. However the perceived harms are not necessarily as a result of freedom campers as there is insufficient information available to be able to determine if harms are as a result of freedom campers, day trippers or indeed locals. The dominance of some communities' perceptions and preoccupations within the broader policy debate around freedom camping is problematic. These perceptions are most often, poorly performed because there is very little reliable data on the tangible harms caused by freedom camping and on the appropriation of any harm to a particular group. Some preoccupations are prejudicial against visitors and even people outside of the immediate community. This can mean that a local council's policy and regulatory efforts are driven by anecdote, squeaky wheels and those with the best paid lawyers. Such drivers miss the opportunities that visitors bring to communities and ignore the fact that most of us are at some time visitors in others' communities. The DIA led working party observed that 'few councils actively plan with their communities, how to accommodate and optimise the benefits of freedom camping to their region. Consultation at the community level tends to focus on regulating to control the associated harms from

freedom camping. A more positive approach to exploring the opportunities for communities may result in a shift in perception and open up the idea to increasing the number of suitable freedom camping areas within regions and focusing on managing the camping activity rather than restricting and prohibiting it.' NZMCA encourages Auckland Council and its local boards to now go on to explore the opportunities for more expansive provision of freedom camping opportunities across Auckland. This consideration should also look at opportunities in selected reserves. Such an exploration should acknowledge the clear differences in demand for camping sites in rural and urban parts of the region. We understand that Council is presently reviewing local reserve management plans in Rodney and perhaps Franklin and that some attention will be given in these reviews to providing for freedom camping of some form. NZMCA is planning to be proactively involved in these reviews, at whatever level we can be, and will be engaging our local members in this work. We look forward to hearing of progress on them and welcome the opportunity to be involved as soon as possible. The proposed Bylaw offers Council, and the communities it serves, a tool to manage some of the risks associated with freedom camping as well as the poor behaviours of a very small minority of freedom campers. The limitations of regulation and of adopting prohibitive stances toward the control of social activities are well understood. The temptation to regulate for every perceived social problem needs to be overcome if we are to avoid being immersed in bureaucracy and parochialism. In this instance such tendencies can be tempered if a fuller perspective was taken on freedom camping which acknowledges it as a legitimate and useful use of carefully selected parts of the public domain.



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## **NZMCA's submission to Auckland Council on the Proposed Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 | Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022**

1. This is the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (Inc) (NZMCA) submission to Auckland Council's proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw. The NZMCA is a membership-based organisation representing the interests of private motor caravan owners in New Zealand. It was established in 1956, and became an incorporated society in 1970. The purpose of the NZMCA is to foster and advance the motor caravan movement by providing relevant services and information and by promoting fellowship, vehicle safety, road courtesy and protection of the environment.
2. Over 110,000 New Zealanders are members of NZMCA of whom around 15,000 live in Auckland. We represent our members interests' in making this submission on the proposed freedom camping Bylaw. They have told us, through various membership surveys, that freedom camping is important to them both as a personal opportunity and as a kiwi cultural value. The gradual diminution of these opportunities by local councils through more and more restrictive bylaws is a concern for the Association and its membership and this concern has motivated this submission and our participation in the latest consultation process.
3. NZMCA and many of our members continue to see freedom camping as a traditional activity and legitimate use of public space. We reject arguments that freedom camping has had its day due to claims such as that by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment that the '*campervan sector and its customers have been able to socialise the environmental costs of their activities*'<sup>1</sup>. We accept that the behaviours of some freedom campers and their misuse of the environment have been reprehensible, but believe that such behaviours are not commonplace and have been overstated by parochial interests. Evidence of who is responsible for the pressure on and damage to popular visitor locations is poor and often non-existent. Freedom campers are often scapegoated for this harm which could just as easily been caused by day-trippers or locals. In such an evidence vacuum, local councils have often relied on anecdote and narrow preference to drive and decide policy. Preliminary work to the current Bylaw proposal for Auckland which was undertaken during 2018 was however sound and robust and we applaud Auckland Council for making these efforts.

<sup>1</sup> Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (2021) *Not 100% but four steps closer to sustainable tourism*. P.106

### **Basis of the Association's submission**

4. NZMCA's submission on the proposed Bylaw has four elements which are discussed in some detail below. These four elements are:
- the practical and immediate need for a responsible camping bylaw,
  - reliance on Reserves Act regulation and the reasonableness of this,
  - managing homelessness, and
  - more creative responses to freedom camping.

### **The need for the present proposed bylaw**

5. NZMCA appreciates Auckland Council's practical and legal requirements to finalise an adequate Bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act immediately. The legacy bylaws which were amalgamated into the 2015 Bylaw have no doubt run their course both as policy tools and legal instruments. If the region is to have comprehensive and effective regulation of freedom camping, a Bylaw under the Act is the best option.
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7. We note that the proposed Bylaw imposes a two-night limit on self-contained vehicles staying on Waiheke Island – clause 6(4). We understand the thinking behind this limitation but submit that it is heavy-handed and somewhat un-related to the effect or risk it is attempting to manage. The two-night limit is most likely being prescribed because this complies with the minimum waste-water holding capacity a self-contained vehicle is required to have under NZS 5465-2001<sup>3</sup>. It is of course perfectly feasible for a vehicle to have a larger capacity or for it not to be fully occupied (up to its capacity) which means that wastewater effluent can be dumped off the Island even with a stay of more than two nights. NZMCA submits that this, across the board two-night limit, is designed to discourage motorhomes and campervans even visiting the Island given the high cost of ferrying over and that this amounts to a de facto ban on any self-contained camping on Waiheke. We suggest that the two-night limit should be applied with potential exceptions based on vehicles having a greater waste-water holding capacity than three days.

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<sup>3</sup> NZS 5465-2001 Cl. 6.3 requires that all 'toilet systems shall provide sufficient waste holding capacity for the occupants of a motor caravan for a minimum of three days'.



8. NZMCA suggests that there may be problems enforcing site capacity limits on restricted overnight parking sites where there is no clear delineation of the area available for parking. A site such as the Waiuku Service Centre has a proposed limit of three vehicles but a designated area able to accommodate perhaps 20 vehicles. Clearly if a designated site can contain far more vehicles than the maximum provided for in the Bylaw, there is some justification for a higher maximum. This argument notwithstanding, it becomes difficult for an enforcement officer to determine who is breaching a bylaw limit in an over-parked site when there is no evidence of who arrived first or last.
9. NZMCA fully expects Auckland Council to conduct the special consultative procedures around the proposed Bylaw in good faith and with an open mind. However, the urgent need for a freedom camping bylaw along with the qualities of the draft proposal suggest to us that little will change between the proposed and adopted version. In the proposed version we have major concerns with the exclusion of reserves from the Bylaw but outside of this are generally comfortable with the proposed prohibitions and restrictions and encourage Council to adopt them. Any expansion of the prohibitions and any extension of the restrictions are in our opinion unwarranted and we believe that the Review Panel should avoid further change.

#### **Unreasonable reliance on Reserves Act provisions**

10. A hallmark of the proposed Bylaw is with what it doesn't do. It does not seek to regulate freedom camping on land which Council holds under the Reserves Act 1977 or on regional parks. The NZMCA believes that this is an important shift in focus between the 2018 version of the proposed Bylaw and the 2022 version and that this shift should be scrutinized for its reasonableness and practicality.
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*'No resolution under this section shall have any force or effect until it is gazetted as aforesaid'.*

14. It would appear then that while it is possible for Council to hold a parcel of land under the Reserves Act, its status as a reserve depends critically on it being gazetted. The definition of a reserve and so the application of s.44 to unauthorised uses relies on this.
15. Council's 2018 report *Managing freedom camping: Findings report* acknowledged that the Reserves Act only applied to gazetted parcels of land and reported that 60% to 70% of the region's 4,000 reserves under Council's control had been gazetted (at p.9). Assuming that only modest progress has been made in rectifying this situation over the intervening three years, it would seem that between 1,000 and 1,500 of Council's reserves cannot have the Reserves Act prohibitions available under s.44 applied to them. But where are these reserves and how will the public be able to identify them?
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*In summary, for the purposes of this bylaw it makes no difference whether the land is classified or not, if it's held under the Act by Auckland Council – its prohibited.<sup>4</sup>*
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18. The initial response from Council staff to our LGOIMA request does not of course answer the question of which reserve land is gazette or ungazetted, classified or unclassified. In the

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<sup>4</sup> Email correspondence from Council employee received on 23 November 2021.

absence of a final response, and given the defensiveness of the initial responses, we believe that it is reasonable to assume that Council does not know which of its reserves are ungazetted or unclassified. If this is the case, the application of s.44 to prohibit camping on reserves may (pending a legal opinion to clarify the question) not be as straightforward as the Bylaw proposal suggests.

19. The ambiguity with what is and is not a reserve has a more practical difficulty as well. Some pieces of land -the Auckland Domain for example; are clearly reserves and there would be no credibility in arguments that an errant camper misunderstood the status of the land he or she was parked on. For some other parcels of land - a local purpose reserve which is developed as a suburban carpark for example; there may be stronger cases for such misunderstandings. While it is likely that any enforcement officer would first request a camper (or a homeless person) to move on before issuing them with an \$800 infringement fine, they are not obliged to do so. To the NZMCA this ambiguity and the scale of the penalties which may be heaped on people offer the conditions for unreasonable use of Council's statutory powers.
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### **Managing homelessness**

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administering the Bylaw but the political reality may be quite different given the sensitivity of freedom camping for some communities. The efforts of the Omaha Beach Community Association's to derail Council's previous attempts in 2018 and 2019 to introduce a fully researched and well considered Bylaw is an obvious example of this political reality.<sup>5</sup> Most likely much of the monitoring and enforcement work by Council staff in relation to the proposed Bylaw will be complaints driven. Council should expect that a large proportion and perhaps the majority of such complaints will come out of wealthy beachside communities.

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26. The Bylaw Proposal makes a distinction (at p.19) between freedom camping and homelessness. It suggests that freedom camping is '*people staying in vehicles overnight as part of leisure travel, or living in vehicles for longer periods as a lifestyle choice*' which it contrasts with '*people who are living in vehicles involuntarily, due to homelessness*'. NZMCA suggests that the distinction is not so clear-cut especially around definitions of lifestyle choice and involuntary circumstances. The Association has members who make a choice to live in a motorhome or housebus rather than occupying a house. Some of these members may park in inappropriate locations from time to time including unlawfully under local freedom camping bylaws. Not all of these people are well-off financially or have made a lifestyle choice perhaps as a way of avoiding the costs of housing. Some have few economic choices given their incomes, the cost of rents and the availability of rental housing. This is especially so for older single people working for low wages. For example, rent for a modest one-bedroom flat in Auckland is likely to be between \$350 and \$400 per week<sup>6</sup> while the take home income for a person earning \$50,000 per year is around \$800 per week. The spill-over of housing demand into vehicles in Auckland is perhaps inevitable given the high cost of housing relative to income for the working poor. The characterisation of this demand as a lifestyle choice is inaccurate and unfair and the proposed Bylaw fails to recognise this.

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<sup>5</sup> See Localmatters newspaper report of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at <https://www.localmatters.co.nz/hibiscus-news/omaha-challenges-freedom-camping-bylaw/>

<sup>6</sup> This estimate is based on a survey of rents in south and west Auckland suburbs taken from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Tenancy Bond database.

27. The question of how homelessness is managed is not of direct interest to NZMCA although the Association and many of our members are as keen as Council is to see homeless people being treated compassionately and respectfully. Homeless people are not protected from prosecution under the proposed Bylaw and ways should be found to ensure that they are. Provision might be made in Part 4 of the Bylaw for the exception of homeless people from the application of Council's statutory powers to enforce the Bylaw. This of course would require the application of some criteria to determine when such exception is applied. NZMCA is happy to work with Council staff in developing these criteria if the Review Panel see merit in such an idea.

#### **More creative responses to freedom camping**

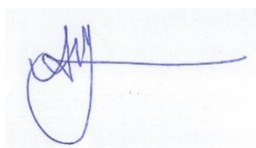
28. Given the political and practical necessity for some form of bylaw to regulate freedom camping in Auckland, it seems likely that the proposed Bylaw, more or less in its present form, will be adopted by Council. NZMCA believes that it is very difficult to estimate the extent to which the supply of freedom camping opportunities practically provided for under the proposed Bylaw will match with demand for such opportunities. This ambiguity arises in part because Council has not been able to identify which potential overnight parking sites under Council control fall between those designated as restricted sites and are not on reserve land – whether gazetted or not. This ambiguity is increased because demand is quite diffused between travelers and the marginally housed and will change once Covid-19 related international travel restrictions are lifted.
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31. The dominance of some communities' perceptions and preoccupations within the broader policy debate around freedom camping is problematic. These perceptions are most often

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<sup>7</sup> Department of Internal Affairs (2016) *Managing Freedom Camping in Public Places – national situational analysis*. p.5

poorly performed because there is very little reliable data on the tangible harms caused by freedom camping and on the appropriation of any harm to a particular group. Some preoccupations are prejudicial against visitors and even people outside of the immediate community. This can mean that a local council's policy and regulatory efforts are driven by anecdote, squeaky wheels and those with the best paid lawyers. Such drivers miss the opportunities that visitors bring to communities and ignore the fact that most of us are at some time visitors in others' communities.

32. The DIA led working party observed that *'few councils actively plan with their communities, how to accommodate and optimise the benefits of freedom camping to their region. Consultation at the community level tends to focus on regulating to control the associated harms from freedom camping. A more positive approach to exploring the opportunities for communities may result in a shift in perception and open up the idea to increasing the number of suitable freedom camping areas within regions and focusing on managing the camping activity rather than restricting and prohibiting it.'*
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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for



people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? Yes** – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No** – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

We do however, advocate for adding an additional rule relating to management of pets by freedom campers. Pets – specifically dogs and cats – pose significant threats to native wildlife through disturbance or predation. Specifically: 5.1. Flightless birds such as kiwi and weka, Department of Conservation's Draft Kiwi Recovery Plan 2018-20281 section 5.1.2. makes particular mention to the impact of dogs on kiwi stating that "dogs are the greatest threat to adult kiwi in areas where kiwi habitat overlaps with or is close to human populations or activity ..", 5.2. Nesting and breeding birds, if disturbed by cats or dogs may leave their nests resulting in the loss of clutches or broods and increases the risk of eggs or chicks being predated. Research has shown that nesting success in areas where dogs or cats are permitted is low. Birds that feed on our beaches, estuaries and braided rivers such as dotterel, little blue penguin, godwits and oyster catchers, if disturbed by cats or dogs may be disrupted in their feeding patterns which is concerning for migratory birds as this influences their flight plans and weight in preparation, similarly, shorebirds need a lot of undisturbed time to forage for small invertebrates in the sand and mud<sup>4,5</sup>, and Ground dwelling lizards, for example, one cat recently was found to have consumed 28 native lizards<sup>6</sup>. This is a particular concern given that there are areas that allow freedom camping which are located in Significant Ecological Areas or Conservation Zones. We therefore propose that an additional rule is added to the Bylaw that require freedom campers to: Keep dogs and cats on leashes at all times, no roaming allowed and they must be kept contained overnight. If additional rules such as that in point 7.1. is not added, we strongly advocate for areas which are considered Significant Ecological Areas or Conservation Zones to be prohibited areas for freedom camping. We also use this opportunity to highlight that when determining areas where freedom camping can occur, and presenting this to the public, Auckland Council should present this spatially so that people can determine where the potentially high-risk areas are by overlaying the map with Significant Ecological Areas and Conservation Zones. Furthermore, we propose that Auckland Council invests in better education in popular freedom camping spots around the threats that dogs and cats pose to native wildlife, e.g., erection of signs, and, undertakes public education on how to be a responsible pet-owning freedom camper. Please see the appendix which contains recent images of impacts on native wildlife from dogs and cats to illustrate the importance of Auckland Council taking urgent steps to avoid these impacts in any way possible.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

We are pleased to see the restrictions on disposal of waste from chemical toilets on Waiheke Island and we hope that this is enforced by Auckland Council officers. further use this opportunity to highlight that at present, there are not enough waste disposing facilities in the Auckland region. For example, in numerous popular freedom camping areas (e.g., Shore Road Reserve, Gulf Harbour, Piha, etc) often have over flowing bins in summer from freedom campers. We suggest that Auckland Council provides larger bins in popular freedom camping areas to avoid overflow and litter ending

up in the environment. To avoid mis-use of bins (e.g., illegal household dumping), options could be developed which require freedom campers to purchase some form of keytag which allows for bins to be opened.





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## **SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING IN VEHICLES BYLAW**

### **Introduction**

1. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Forest & Bird) is New Zealand's largest, and oldest, independent nature conservation organisation with many members and supporters. Our mission is to be a voice for nature on land, in fresh water, and at sea. We have 47 branches throughout the country who are involved in a wide range of conservation and advocacy activities, seven of which are in the Auckland region.
2. We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

### **Submission**

#### Proposed general rules

3. Our submission is neutral regarding the four proposed general rules:
  - 3.1. Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the **safe-containment rule**)
  - 3.2. Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the **maximum stay rule**)
  - 3.3. Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the **day of departure time rule**)
  - 3.4. Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-parking area for two weeks (the **no-return period rule**)
4. We do however, advocate for adding an additional rule relating to management of pets by freedom campers.
5. Pets – specifically dogs and cats – pose significant threats to native wildlife through disturbance or predation. Specifically:



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- 5.1. Flightless birds such as kiwi and weka, Department of Conservation's Draft Kiwi Recovery Plan 2018-2028<sup>1</sup> section 5.1.2. makes particular mention to the impact of dogs on kiwi stating that *"dogs are the greatest threat to adult kiwi in areas where kiwi habitat overlaps with or is close to human populations or activity .."*,
- 5.2. Nesting and breeding birds, if disturbed by cats or dogs may leave their nests resulting in the loss of clutches or broods and increases the risk of eggs or chicks being predated. Research has shown that nesting success in areas where dogs or cats are permitted is low<sup>2,3</sup>,
- 5.3. Birds that feed on our beaches, estuaries and braided rivers such as dotterel, little blue penguin, godwits and oyster catchers, if disturbed by cats or dogs may be disrupted in their feeding patterns which is concerning for migratory birds as this influences their flight plans and weight in preparation, similarly, shorebirds need a lot of undisturbed time to forage for small invertebrates in the sand and mud<sup>4,5</sup>, and
- 5.4. Ground dwelling lizards, for example, one cat recently was found to have consumed 28 native lizards<sup>6</sup>.
6. This is a particular concern given that there are areas that allow freedom camping which are located in Significant Ecological Areas or Conservation Zones.
7. We therefore propose that an additional rule is added to the Bylaw that require freedom campers to:

***Keep dogs and cats on leashes at all times, no roaming allowed and they must be kept contained overnight.***

8. If additional rules such as that in point 7.1. is not added, we strongly advocate for areas which are considered Significant Ecological Areas or Conservation Zones to be prohibited areas for freedom camping.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/science-and-technical/tsrp64entire.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://newzealandecology.org/nzje/3211.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [https://birdlife.org.au/documents/Dogs\\_and\\_Beach-nesting\\_Birds\\_Management\\_Solutions\\_Nov2018.pdf](https://birdlife.org.au/documents/Dogs_and_Beach-nesting_Birds_Management_Solutions_Nov2018.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/oexp-science/geography/community-engagement/geog-309/2020/GEOG309-20-Behavior-of-dogs-and-their-owners-at-key-Estuary-ecological-sites.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2391219/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/126460978/calls-for-tighter-cat-controls-after-cat-devours-28-native-lizards>





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9. We also use this opportunity to highlight that when determining areas where freedom camping can occur, and presenting this to the public, Auckland Council should present this spatially so that people can determine where the potentially high-risk areas are by overlaying the map with Significant Ecological Areas and Conservation Zones.
10. Furthermore, we propose that Auckland Council invests in better education in popular freedom camping spots around the threats that dogs and cats pose to native wildlife, e.g., erection of signs, and, undertakes public education on how to be a responsible pet-owning freedom camper.
11. Please see the appendix which contains recent images of impacts on native wildlife from dogs and cats to illustrate the importance of Auckland Council taking urgent steps to avoid these impacts in any way possible.

#### Restrictions about waste dumping on Waiheke Island

12. We are pleased to see the restrictions on disposal of waste from chemical toilets on Waiheke Island and we hope that this is enforced by Auckland Council officers.

#### Infrastructure for freedom camping

13. We further use this opportunity to highlight that at present, there are not enough waste disposing facilities in the Auckland region. For example, in numerous popular freedom camping areas (e.g., Shore Road Reserve, Gulf Harbour, Piha, etc) often have overflowing bins in summer from freedom campers. We suggest that Auckland Council provides larger bins in popular freedom camping areas to avoid overflow and litter ending up in the environment. To avoid mis-use of bins (e.g., illegal household dumping), options could be developed which require freedom campers to purchase some form of keytag which allows for bins to be opened.

#### **Conclusion**

14. For any questions relating to this submission please do not hesitate to contact me

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**APPENDIX: SUPPORTING IMAGES OF IMPACTS ON NATIVE WILDLIFE FROM ROAMING CATS AND DOGS**



Image 1: Deceased black-billed gull which was found with broken bones from a dog attack (note this was one of several)<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/127069075/suspected-dog-attack-causes-500-critically-endangered-gulls-to-abandon-nests>

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Image 2: Kiwi that was mauled by a dog<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/dog-attacks-northland-kiwi-sparking-warning-from-bird-rescuer/HK2HHPFIV4BN7VWJQU37ETM71M/>



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Image 3: Snares crested penguin after being attacked by a dog – now deceased<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/north-otago/penguin-dies-lingering-death-after-dog-attack>

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Image 4: Three deceased kiwis who died from dog puncture wounds<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/68823695/three-dead-kiwi-in-two-days>





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Image 5: Cat feeding on a juvenile wild-capped mollymawk<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/maukahuka-pest-free-auckland-island/#1>





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Image 6: Cat licking dotterel eggs<sup>12</sup>

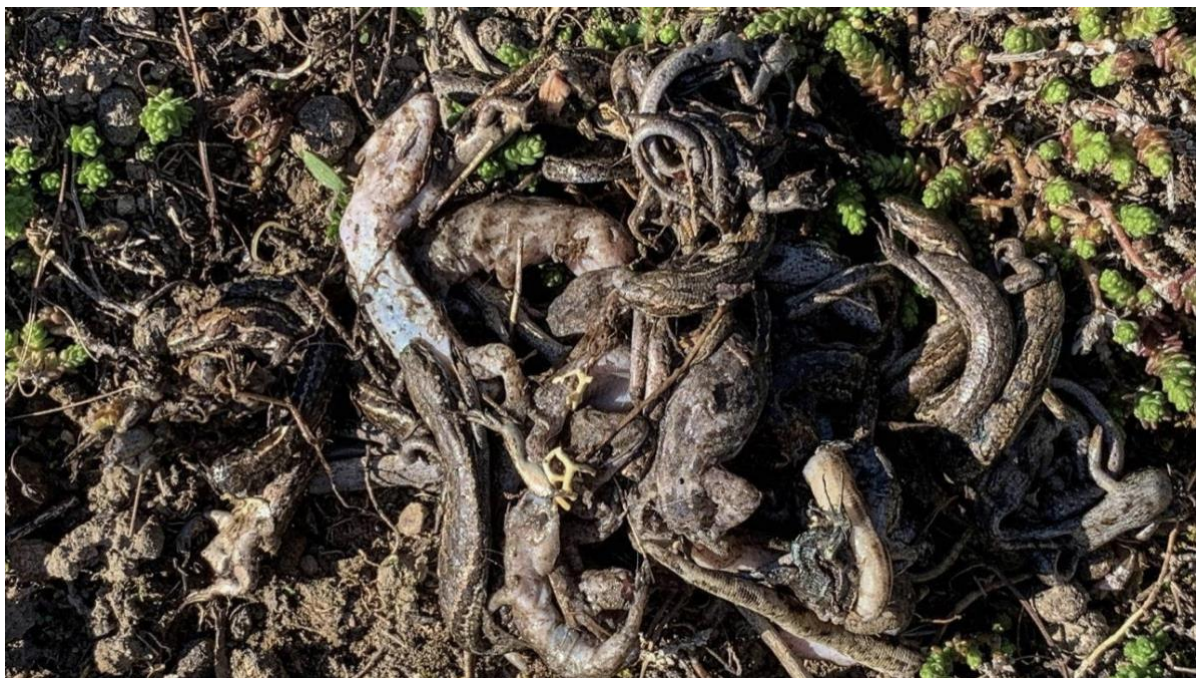


Image 7: Pile of regurgitated native lizards likely having been consumed by a cat<sup>13</sup>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/118914809/researcher-uses-night-cam-footage-to-find-neighbours-cat-eating-vulnerable-dotterel-eggs>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/126460978/calls-for-tighter-cat-controls-after-cat-devours-28-native-lizards>



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** More public toilet and trash cans, dumping Stations, simple as that

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Providing toilets, shower and trash cans, dumping Stations will solve problems.

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Its not fair to restrict anyone freedom

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.



Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Please don't restrict people, people are responsible and clean and we should all have the right the nature of the country

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Please don't put more restrictions, but improve and make more places travel and camp friendly

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No restrictions

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): Other suggestion: As much facilities allows

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Papakura Local Board area

#### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**



**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They come all the time and its always ckean

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waiheke Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but the National Standard is too restrictive, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but vehicle owners should decide what makes a vehicle 'self-contained'

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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### Maximum stay rule

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste. A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities. If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** I support a set time of between 8-9am unless they are parking in areas that has heavy overflow/commuter parking for PT hubs ( such as streets and parking used by park and ride customers that normally fills up early) it should then be changed/designated t

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Please ensure council/enforcement officers and the relevant power/control through the bylaw is provided for so they can enforce compliance and move people on etc.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

1; Please prohibit freedom camping in the Shelley Beach (South head- Kaipara harbour) parking lots opposite the wharf area ( if not already covered in the bylaw/other measures)

2: Please prohibit as a matter of importance freedom camping along the carparks in front of the Milford Marina - Inga road, Milford. Competing usage especially in summer is causing issues with marina users and walkers. The marina is not gated and burglaries are common at times on the vessels.

Please also prohibit:

1. The gravel carpark near the southern end of Colonial Road, Birkenhead (commonly assumed to be part of Chelsea Estate Heritage Park).

2. The carparks at the end of Exmouth Road, Northcote (commonly assumed to be part of Heath Reserve).

3. All marked carparks at the western end of Beach Haven Road in the vicinity of Beach Haven Wharf, and the access road to the wharf.
4. All marked carparks at the southern end of Queen Street in the vicinity of Te Onewa (Northcote) Wharf.
5. All marked carparks within the road corridor of College Road between Kilham Ave and Ernie Mays St, that form part of the wider south-western Northcote Town Centre carpark.
6. All marked carparks at the Rawene Road carpark, Birkenhead.
7. All carparks at the carpark behind the Sunnyhaven Ave shops that services the shops and Opaketai Beach Haven Gardens.
8. All formed carparks designed to service neighbourhood shops and businesses, including (but not limited to):
  - Birkdale Rd shops,
  - Chartwell Rd shops,
  - Chivalry Rd/Diana Rd shops,
  - Glenfield Rd/Wairau Rd shops (portion of carpark),
  - Levesque Rd shops,
  - Manuka Rd shops,
  - Moore St shops,
  - Pupuke Rd shops,
  - Rangatira Rd/ Lysander Cr shops,
  - 71 Roseberry Ave,
  - Salisbury Rd shops,
  - Sunnybrae Rd shops,
  - View Rd (western end) shops,
  - View Rd (eastern end)/Wairau Rd shops (portion of carpark).
9. All slip roads within the road corridor that provide access to private properties, whether they are parallel to roads (for example on Glenfield Road) or across corners/intersections (for example corner of Sunset Rd/Target Rd; corner Mokoia Rd/Colonial Rd).
10. All carparks servicing community centres/houses, libraries and leisure centres that are on parcels of land held under the Local Government Act, (but not limited to):
  - Active Zone carpark (Lot 1 DP 94804);
  - Bayview Community Centre (Lot 2 DP 79494);
  - Birkdale Community Hall (Part Lot 55 DP 1675);
  - Glenfield Leisure Centre (Lot 11 DP 65017, Lot 11 DP 65017, Lot 11 DP 65017, Lot 11 DP 65017, Lot 11 DP 65017);
  - Glenfield Library (Part Lot 2 DP 49045, Part Lot 3 DP 49045, Part Lot 4 DP 49045, Part Lot 5 DP 49045);
  - Highbury House (Pt Lot 12 Blk I DP 804, Lot 13 Blk I DP 804);

- Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust (Lot 151 DP 49752);
- NorthArt (Allot 651 Psh of Takapuna);
- Northcote Library (Allot 652 Psh of Takapuna, Lot 1 DP 92328).

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Please designate, Tryphena wharf and parking area and whangaparapara wharf and associated parking area are prohibited.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?



**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No parking on the Grass, only camper vans and similar fit for purpose vehicles, no cars permitted even if they are "self contained"

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds** 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds** 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds** 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Please prohibit freedom camping in the river front area at the Warkworth town basin ( if not already done so)**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Upper Harbour Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Waiheke Local Board area**

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**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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## Your feedback

### General rules

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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However many backpackers and others have non compliant and non certified vehicles which they just print off and stick on their vehicle

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We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses, It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Orah Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

### Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** The streets of Auckland are crowded and parking often difficult without allowing Freedom Camping .

I live in a neighbourhood which specifies on our own property titles 'no long term parking of caravans or campervans', to prevent the unsightliness of camper vehicles in the neighbourhood.

This mass freedom on Auckland roads unless specified as regulated is awful, as it does not cover coastal areas which in turn will disavail flexible and available parking for visiting public.

Every kerb! Outside every house! As well as undercatered day parking at reserves and on coastal land! Ridiculous.

Freedom camping is not for cities and environs.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** The freedom to move within a 500m area and park again is again outrageous!

Within a 20km radius maybe.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**



## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

In truth I do support the general rules, but only as they would be applied to specified areas within a City. 1 night 8am departure, 20km distance between nightly parks and no return within 6 months minimum. No idea how you would ever patrol this.. but equally no idea why you would ever permit the extensive availability.

I do not support Freedom Camping on ever available kerb and park other than those few 'reserves' noted in the proposal. I think this will cause enormous disturbance in areas where the populace pays high rates to the Council to maintain standards of living which don't allow unsightly freedom camping. When I camp I am quite satisfied to support and utilise the facilities of the camps and reserves available.



Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** These prohibitions are too localised! These are crowded town dwelling areas with few recreation areas, fewer car parks and appalling public transport options! This does not provide for campers to support camp ground providers, or accommodation providers in the city.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage by restricted area.

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Becroft Park Reserve**8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Orere Point - Prohibited site**Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Waitākere Central and Central One**2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## **Papakura Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Puketāpapa Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds** 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds** 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? As above .. insufficient coverage over restricted area.

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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## **Waiheke Local Board area**

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**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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## Whau Local Board area

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**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

#### Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** The option of 'It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers' is a biased way of wording it and shows the council has already decided what they are going to do. The question is about having general rules so should be worded as such. The change to basic rules implies that you are not asking much and shouldn't be questioned.

My view is I know a lot of freedom campers and do a bit myself. Just because someone doesn't have a self contained vehicle does not mean that they will cause harm to the environment. By taking away the option to sleep in a vehicle that is not self contained you are taking more freedom away from New Zealanders - particularly ones that are not wealthy enough to own a self contained vehicle. Everyone should have the opportunity to travel around our own country in an affordable way.

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

### How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

### How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** 3 days is better

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Only if land is suitable for vehicles to park on

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no council freedom sites on Great Barrier

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**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? If parking is available this would be a got set-out point from where people could park and use the Bus to go to the city.

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** We need more freedom camps in Auckland and less Covid testing stations!

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Make more parking for freedom campers

**Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No more freedom camp areas are needed and this is a good one

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? There is already more than 10 vehicles there, people will miss out

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? More freedom camping spots needed

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? More freedom camping spots needed

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Can't see why not, make some parkings for campers and all good to go.

**Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ōrākei Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Safer to stay out of Otara for campers

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Safer to stay out of Otara for campers

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Plenty of space at the pump station, very suitable

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed, especially for surfers

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** More freedom sites needed

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It used to be a good freedom camping spot right in the heart of the city.

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for

people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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To whom it may concern:

As residents of the Omaha Spit, we totally oppose the concept of 'freedom camping' at the Omaha Spit. The area is totally unsuitable for this kind of activity. We do not oppose having camper vans visit the area for a short day stay but overnight stays are not appropriate. There is a camper van park a few kilometres away that should be developed further to provide toilets, laundry facilities, effluent disposal facilities and run on a commercial basis (as happens in other parts of the world).

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We believe that the Omaha Spit must be designated a no-Freedom Camper area in preference of a properly developed camper van park at the nearby Matakana Farm Park on Omaha Flats Road (enhancing the existing camper van park already located there).

Thank you for this opportunity.

Yours faithfully

ROBERT ROY BUCKETT FEng. NZ

Retired Chartered Professional Engineer

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra rest

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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### Restricted sites

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** 3 days is reasonable and what we used when travelling around Australia last year

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is not enough freedom camping areas in akld.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?** Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?** Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Omaha should clearly be a prohibited area. People use their bach to relax, not to have their parking place taken by a camper, not to be kept up at night or woken in the morning by campers (particularly when people have young children) , not to have the merge toilet facilities taken up by campers, not to have their outside water taps and showers used by campers when the bach owners are on valuable tank water (remember bach owners are not resident for most days in the year), it would provide substantial difficulties in excluding campers from the community/golf club bathrooms. Campers often visiting Omaha for the only time do not understand the set up at Omaha and have no interest in abiding by any general rules. Example, they ask where a tap is and when they are told there are no public taps they simply stop by a property and use a tap. Campers will use what ever facilities they can find rather than use their own facilities in their van for obvious reasons.

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If the Council see any advantage in having Campers in Auckland, then they need to provide more designated sites with facilities.

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Please see my explanation in the final comment.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Gulf Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?  
Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): None

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?



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## Rodney Local Board area

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Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.



Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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##### About general rules

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Other (please specify):**



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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I agree with rules about self containment where toilets are not provided. I think there should be more freedom camping sites with facilities. I agree with a maximum stay - maybe 3 nights is more reasonable and 10am for departure.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

Most NZ freedom campers are responsible people who care about the environment and leave the place as they found it. I agree with measures to stop the few who do not respect the site and the privilege but please do not punish the many for the offences of the few. Thank you.

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Waiheke is becoming priced out for many Aucklanders. I was a resident there for 25 years until I lost my home in a divorce. I would like to be able to camp there - the only way I can now afford to go there. The island used to welcome the less fortunate and those on low incomes. Freedom camping offers a way to continue this and as many sites as possible should be provided.

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I think this area should offer freedom camping in Alison Park but not in the car parks by the library. It can be difficult to get a park there which is a problem for elderly and disabled people or mothers with children trying to access the library and other amenities.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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The Bylaw:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

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### Where the general rules would apply

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

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Two comments:

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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The freedom campers do not create a problem if they are self contained. Who is going to police these rules? At the moment there is no penalty for non self contained campers.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Why does it have to be restricted to this unsuitable area? What is wrong with the current freedom camping areas?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for

people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

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A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is the parking place immediately outside the cafe and so is in regular use by cafe goers. To park a campervan in this place will impede others who are going to the cafe and there is limited turning space. It is preferable to have campervans in a larger area such as the current reserves and NOT in a space which is utilized heavily for visiting the cafe and which provides easy beach access for disabled.

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrict

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**



**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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Other (please specify):

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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#### General rules

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By allowing ratepayers in each ward to vote whether freedom campers would be allowed into their ward.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wanted to, as part of a longer trip, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in t

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## Rodney Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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## Rodney Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am very surprised the existing permitted but restricted areas at Sunburst Ave and Snells Beach Road carpark have not been included in the permitted areas. As a resident in Sunburst Ave We appreciate the campers presence in the carpark as it assists with moderating bad night time behaviour by zealous youths. The balance with the 5 presently allowed fits well.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?



## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** Because there is no real capability to monitor and enforce the self-containment rule, I advocate for designated freedom camping parks where services are available so self containment is not a requirement and therefore does not need to be monitored and enforced...use of technology that licenses a vehicle, together with a phone app, could those vehicles access to designated freedom camping parks meaning monitoring and enforcement would not be required.

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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Setting up designated freedom camping parks and using technology such as vehicle-transmitters and/or phone apps that grant licensed access to the freedom camping sites and facilities and also automatically monitors and manages maximum--stay, set-departure and no-return rules would provide an optimal solution for residence in ensuring their streets and properties are retained for their quiet enjoyment while providing freedom campers with certainty around places to stay, facilities and access to a community of like-minded travelers.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Monitoring and enforcement, to be effective, needs to be maintained at high levels across all locations freedom campers could utilize...this is just not possible given the wide domain freedom campers will have access to...to make this feasible (i) limit the areas freedom campers have access to by setting up designated freedom camping parks complete with essential facilities such as freshwater, toilets and rubbish bins and (ii) use technology such as vehicle transmitters and/or phone apps that grant licenses to access, stay and use facilities at designated freedom camping sites which would be fitted out with beacons and gates...(iii) vehicles could be fitted with transmitters via VTNZ and/or approved providers or phone apps could be made available via NZTA...NZTA could also be responsible form monitoring and enforcement using the facilities they have in place for billing and collecting tolls.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**  
Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** The current proposed area for freedom camping encloses the only area that is suitable for boat trailer parking. This is the bottom half of the orange shaded area used to indicate where restricted parking should be, and is the only space that has sufficient room for the maneuvering of long vehicles with trailers. The wharf and boat ramps are used primarily for boating, and therefore it would be completely wrong to remove the only area where boat trailers are able to park. In summertime there are already issues with boaties being unable to park in this space due to camper van overcrowding, leading to trailers being parked on the grass causing damage. Therefore the area I have identified should be designated as trailer parking only, with camper parking to be designated further north of that area where the turning space is more limited

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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#### General rules

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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thanks

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** if its a public location then why are they not to be permitted normal daytime usage, if they have had their two nights, then as long as they are gone by nightfall there isnt a real issue, they have as much right to regular day time usage as the rest of us.

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** if its a public location then why are they not to be permitted normal daytime usage, if they have had their two nights, then as long as they are gone by nightfall there isnt a real issue, they have as much right to regular day time usage as the rest of us.

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

How are you planning on allowing daytime only usage, ie someone using their camper as regular transport and perhaps parking up near their workplace for the day...or even a nightshift. There is alot of ignorance on the usage of these vehicles for regular transit, esp in non peak hours when travel by public transport can be dangerous. I know a woman who uses hers as both transport and toilet as public facilities when she goes to her night job are actually scary and sometimes dangerous.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

All enforcement officers should be properly trained and understand the difference between day tripping and freedom camping....if people have pulled into a carpark and having dinner at a restaurant, they should not be assumed to be staying overnight. Also they should not insist on seeing inside/inspecting the vehicle, if its certified its certified and women should not have to fear what is currently happening...late night knocking and insistance on inspection!!!!

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? And keep i mind that boaties are the biggest uses and littering has mostly been them and the odd local day visitor.

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? People parking here, often travel by ferry to other parts and spend money in Auckland

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?



Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?  
Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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## **Whau Local Board area**

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Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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I don't know

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Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but the National Standard is too restrictive, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a certified self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Please consider that our public spaces are for everyone, the certified freedom camper pay road users fees and most pay rates and have for many many years. Seems that the locals just dont want Campervans at thier local beach, Campervans bring security to the beach parking lots and reduce anti social behaviours, we need to encourage Freedom camping at each and every council car park which is at a beach or park. Limit to 3 spaces, for upto 2 nights over the next two weeks, ensure alot of them allow dogs (on and off leash options) as many retired RV camping people have small non threatening dogs as companion animals.



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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):** The problem is not setting the rules it is the fact that no one takes notice, there is no regulations put in place to monitor it. If the correct campervans with correct facilities are parked in these areas then the others without this will just think they can park as well. If there are no toilet facilities then there is going to be a problem. In the past freedom parkers think they have the right to park where and when they want and also for how long . No Regulations then what?????

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** There are generally camp sites where for a small fee all the facilities they need are available. perhaps maybe regulated areas are made available for this with toilet facilities to

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Reason being nobody to check and the mess left behind will upset people who have to put up with this, washing in public toilets hanging washing on the outside of their vans all day There needs to be controlled area for the freedom parkers as as yet this has not happened in Orewa I have complained to council on several times that freedom parkers are taking up space at the Surf Club car park preventing tourists parking

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**Another reason (please explain):** There are people with vans with the certified sticker and it is evident these do not adhere to the correct rules to obtain these stickers

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** This has in the past been abused max 2 nights in a month, the last 2 nights in one month and first 2 in the second month making a total of 4 nights

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These rules must be able to be checked on and enforce or otherwise it is a total waste of time as in the past

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

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We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

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A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**  
Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** Further north of the proposed area

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This car park is used primarily as a boat car park and in summer had 20+ boats daily. With campers parked here we will not be able to have sufficient parking or turn around areas which means the grass will be used to do this leaving the grass to get damaged which we do not want for our lovely park.

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Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

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- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Parking on all Council owned land other than restricted will include many pinch points with designated roadside parking spaces outside businesses or in narrow roadways. Berms in Rural areas would also be used with little chance of being caught. The wording does NOT specifically prohibit berms and should do. Parking outside most houses randomly also poses a vast problem.

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By allowing greater freedom for campers but ensuring that Rural roads are better protected. There will be little opportunity to police/enforce self containment, rubbish disposal, open fires, and offensive noise in remote areas which, none the less, have residential dwellings.

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#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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See comments about limited scope of survey on previous page

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It would appear that your survey fails to include a major village, namely MATAKANA which is the main access route to both Ti Point and to Leigh. It is a popular destination, far more so than Leigh or Ti Point.

In fact the survey fails to ask for ANY additional areas, other than those already decided on, that should be considered, hopefully by oversight rather than by deliberate design.

Matakana village poses several problem areas: Main road in from Warkworth or bypass, The round-about, road to river jetty, All of Matakana Valley Rd with shops, Pub & cinema, Parking in front of the Hall, etc and the road beyond that soon narrows to Whangaripo Valley Rd and the road to Pakari all of which should be prohibited overnight parking, Leigh Rd from the roundabout to Whangateau and the parking for the hall.

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## Your feedback

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- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

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The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, The general rules will unfairly impact some people. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Please see comments at end of this submission under "other feedback"

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Set aside specific areas where freedom camping IS permitted so that problem campers can be more easily tracked and controlled, and these areas can be better and more easily policed by the enforcement officers.

Please see comments at end of this submission under "other feedback"

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** See comments above. Avoid the current scatter gun approach. Prevent freedom camping both as defined by the Act and outside of the Act (refer my comments in last section on comments on the regulations) on all roads (but allow selected safe laybys) and set aside zones for freedom camping. These can be mapped as required by the Freedom Camping Act on Council Geomap layers and campers can have a link to their phones, via the internet, to show those areas where they can camp.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard to enforce the self-containment rule without referencing the National Standard

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra rest

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We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

Submission on Freedom camping

The following is a submission by \_\_\_\_\_ on the Auckland Council proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021. I note that the Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land and allows councils to make reasonable rules "...to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space."

Further the Auckland Council states in the "Statement of Proposal, "To control freedom camping in an area, the council needs to be satisfied that it would otherwise pose a risk to the health and safety of visitors to the area, public access to the area, or the area itself."

I have 9 areas of concern.

### 1. Reserves

Freedom Camping on reserves under the Reserve Act 1953 are prohibited and I support this position. However, neither the Rodney Local Board nor any unitary plan maps, as per the Council online GIS Geomaps, explain which reserves are reserves under the Reserves Act and which are not. Therefore, this affects my ability to make an informed submission.

I submit that Council needs to go through their records and identify all such reserves and parks that are NOT under the Act and put these on an appropriate register and prohibit Freedom Camping on these reserves as well. For example, what about Totara Park, Manurewa?

Will Council be allowed to maintain barriers at the entrances to other parks, if so, how is this covered under the bylaw?

Since Reserves under the Reserves Act are unclear to the local boards, the general public and certainly to travelling freedom campers, all Council sites with the word "reserve" in the name plate need to be excluded as Freedom Camping sites. Sites that are reserves under the Reserve Act but do not have the word "reserve in their name" need to be replaced to make it clear that Freedom Camping is prohibited at these sites.

To avoid confusion, I submit that ALL reserves, open space and recreational reserves as set out in the Unitary Plan maps, whether under the act or not, are prohibited camping areas. It is important that car parks associated with these public areas are kept free for the community use for sports and recreation, particularly at weekends. Sports recreation reserves need to have restricted use at weekends, public holidays and from 15th December to say 31st January. As such recreation reserves need to be restricted and bookings required just as community groups have to book times on recreation reserves.

### 2. Coastal Marine areas

There appears to be nothing in the bylaws to protect coastal margins, the coastal marine areas and in particular the intertidal zone. The Act states "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...."

How a freedom camper calculates this is a mystery to me as the chart datum and land datum conversion varies across Auckland and the two harbours. It seems that the law theoretically permits freedom campers to set up camp on the beach (other than a Reserve under the Reserve Act), as for example at Snells Beach the mean low water spring level is more than a kilometre out to sea (although the corresponding mean high-water spring is 3.3 metres).

There is nothing to stop campers setting up camp on breakwaters.

To avoid confusion, I submit that all camping in the coastal marine area and within 50 metres of the Mean HIGH water spring line, as shown on the Council GIS Unitary plan maps, is prohibited.

### 3. Where strangers to the City are able camp will be unclear.

How are strangers to Auckland expected to understand which reserves, areas and locations are available for camping and which are not? It would have been preferable to show areas where freedom camping is permitted, not where it is not permitted, although the Act seems to be trying to confound this logical approach.

It seems that people will camp at random and then it will be up to the community reporting and Council employed enforcement officers to apply the bylaw if they are camped illegally. This does not meet the multiple criteria Council have set of "to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space" and, "the council needs to be satisfied that it would otherwise pose a risk to the health and safety of visitors to the area, public access to the area, or the area itself."

The latest Freedom of Camping Act (updated October 2021 law states "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"

Therefore, Freedom Camping using a tent can occur, without ablutions, if more than 200 metres away from a road (for example off an access road along a stream walkway). I don't think this is suitable for Auckland.

There needs to be a distance where camping is prohibited from all watercourses and I submitted 50 metres is reasonable. Again, these no permitted camping zones can be shown on a Freedom Camping layer on GIS mapping.

I submit that a leaflet and signage is used to direct Freedom Campers, together with a link to Council's GIS mapping with layers showing areas where camping is prohibited or restricted, and allowed. Then the rules are clear to everyone and not left to multiple judgements of random people.

#### 4. Roads and access

I strongly disagree that road carriageways be used as freedom camping areas and that Council "wait to see if there are issues" rather than prohibiting now. The currently proposed bylaw fails to address the key criteria Council have set for the bylaw.

The use of road carriageways or parking spaces immediate adjacent to the carriage pose a health and safety risk to road users and freedom campers; interfere with public safety in terms of public sightlines and pedestrian road crossings, cause blockage of stormwater channels in the road increase the risks of litter and greywater discharges (thereby resulting in increased environmental risks) and interfere with emergency service access.

There need to be provisions added to allow for a flexible system so that signs can be erected if problem areas found and also to identify sites that need to be excluded from the general permitted rules – like boat and trailer bays adjacent to roads; parking in busy areas like Piha and West coast beaches, outside licenced camp-grounds, outside schools, etc.

These can easily be mapped and identified through a layer in the Council's GIS system.

Furthermore, the Freedom Camping Act states "Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area unless it is restricted or prohibited in an area—

(a) in accordance with a bylaw made under section 11; or

(b) under any other enactment."

It is unclear whether the Transport Act, and other parking bylaws have precedence or not, as on page 8 it currently states, "The Bylaw will not duplicate rules that are relevant to freedom camping, but which are already set out in .....". It does not say which bylaw takes precedence.

For the avoidance of doubt, I submit that the new Freedom of Camping Bylaw needs to clearly state which other bylaws have precedence.

There needs to be a prohibition on using all road carriageways such that road safety takes precedence over Freedom Camping to avoid major issues such as:-

- Restricting access to emergency vehicles
- Increased risk of night-time nose to tail collisions and serious injury to freedom camper occupants
- increased risk of vehicle damaged due to narrowed carriageways due to parked campers (which are generally larger vehicles with more protrusions than cars)
- Increased risk to the general public due to changes to sightlines due to large, parked vehicles for pedestrians and people crossing roads.

I submit that only laybys, in locations at least 10 metres from the edge of road carriageways, be permitted and all other roads shown on the GIS mapping are prohibited.

For the avoidance of doubt and to assist strangers, it would be good to have a digital layer in the GIS showing "common locations used for freedom camping," or something similar.

#### 5. Community Hall and long term leased Carparks and Events

I submit that community hall car parks are specifically prohibited for use as Freedom Camping sites. Whilst the underlying community hall land is owned by Auckland Council, many of the halls are run by local communities for local community purposes and the car parks are often in high demand, particularly in the evenings and at weekends.

Furthermore, Council will have a number of longer-term car parks leased to various organisations and also short-term restrictions for public events. Provision needs to be made in the bylaw Auckland Council to place restriction on the use of these this from time to time or permanently where a long-term lease to a party has been made.

#### 6. Auckland Council Car Parks

There are a large number of Auckland Council car parks that are under used at night. Can these be used for Freedom Camping as many are in the central city and places like Baxter Carpark in Warkworth? In these cases, Freedom campers would need to depart by say 7 am.

#### 7. Enforcement of Rules

I remain concerned over how the Freedom Camping rules will be enforced.

It appears that enforcement will fall on the current Auckland Council enforcement Officers, but most of these are in urban areas and many freedom campers will be in rural areas. So, there is a fundamental disconnect. There are already significant enforcement response issues around environmental spillages and other actions in rural and more remote areas. How will the Council ensure that the bylaw rules will be enforced, as this is very unclear and non-committal in the proposed by-law? A clear commitment from Council on ensuring enforcement occurs is needed.

#### 8. Wildlife Act and Biosecurity laws

There is a requirement to identify areas covered by the Wildlife Act which seems to be missing from the proposed bylaw information. Again, the precedence of the Freedom Camping law and other legislation, like Biosecurity, needs to be made clear in Auckland Council's bylaw.

#### 9. Freedom Camping Activities not Covered by Act

The Freedom Camping Act defines Freedom camping as "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"

Namely one can "Freedom camp" by parking at a road end and walking 200 metres to camp in a tent on a grassed area without ablutions being required. Therefore, I submit that the Auckland Council bylaw needs to make provision for "Freedom Camping" not covered by the Act, to stop illegal or other camping in the City. These restrictions need to be extended to tents (namely one cannot park a car and then take a tent, with or without a toilet/shower tent and setup camp on grass patches 200 metres away).

16th November 2021



## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It is already very busy in this area.**

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** The aerial attached to this plan is grossly out of date and there is a popular commercial cafe/restaurant (Bayside) directly opposite the proposed site now. This car park is currently used by the community to park and eat at the cafe there. Having freedom camping immediately opposite the cafe is undesirable as the campers will affect customer by taking up carparks and destroy the ambiance of the area. It is also at the end of the beach where there are sensitive an endangered shore birds and therefore noise and lights at night need to be minimised.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** I don't know

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It is important that there is a ban on ALL open fires including outdoor cooking.

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
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**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Wheelclamp, wheel clamp ask Lakes District Queenstown. Most tickets given out to slidy vans never pay. Yes, we need the overseas tourists back but we can also use this as an opportunity to reset the camping.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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### Restricted sites

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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### Restricted sites

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Taking up spaces for Bayside customers parking. No public toilets available- vs the proposed change to access at the Snells Beach Reserve and Sunburst Reserve parks where there ARE toilets- and it works safely and successfully with no public objections that I have heard as a resident .

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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I think it is preferred to allow limited freedom camping near suitable reserves, not in residential streets. I find it concerning that someone could camp (essentially live for 48 hours) right outside my residential house and I could not have any power to complain if they were looking into my property or house.

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I am particularly concerned about Freedom Camping in residential streets at Omaha Beach, Rodney.

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## Rodney Local Board area

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?



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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Restricted sites**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Purchase land to provide designated camping areas with amenities

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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### Where the general rules would apply

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### No-return period rule

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** No freedom camping unless in designated camping areas

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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### Restricted sites

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

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**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

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This public consultation process fails to address the key question of whether residents and ratepayers agree that freedom camping should be permitted on residential streets at all. The consultation process instead assumes that the only relevant questions are as to the rules that should apply to such freedom camping. But it is important first to address the question whether freedom camping should be permitted on residential streets at all. Residential streets are inherently unsuited to camping. Residential streets are often narrow. They are not designed to accommodate the sorts of vehicles that the Council is contemplating permitting to set up camp in residential streets (i.e. self-contained mobile homes) which are typically large vehicles. There are traffic flow, safety, and access issues with permitting mobile homes (i.e. large self-contained vehicles) to set up camp in residential streets. To the extent that vehicular parking is permitted in residential streets that parking is generally required by the residents themselves for their own vehicles and by people who are visiting residents. Parking is generally at a premium in residential streets, i.e. there is already often insufficient parking available for the needs of the residents and of people who are visiting residents or who otherwise have a valid reason to need to park in a residential street (e.g. to visit a shop nearby). Residential streets are not camping destinations. They have two main purposes: they are places where residents live, and they are thoroughfares. There are further practical issues with permitting people to camp on residential streets in mobile homes. Children often play on quiet residential streets. Residential streets do not have public rubbish bins. Residents, however, do have rubbish bins and have to put out their rubbish and recycling bins on collection days. The Council rubbish and recycling trucks are able to work around parked cars to empty these bins, but they will not – or may not – be able to work around larger mobile homes to empty – or even be able to see – residents' bins. The spectre has already been raised, as a result of the Council's plans, of confrontations taking place between unhappy residents and freedom campers who set up camp in residential streets. For all these sorts of reasons roadside camping is entirely inappropriate in residential streets. The first thing that should be addressed by the Council's new bylaw is the prohibition of freedom camping in all residential streets, as well as in the specific areas currently slated for protection. Only then should consideration be given to the sorts of general rules that should apply on other Council-owned land, if freedom camping is to be permitted there.

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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## Ōrākei Local Board area

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## Rodney Local Board area

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# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be avail

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Freedom camping should not be in residential streets, but in designated freedom camping sites. Residential areas and streets across Auckland City are not the right place for freedom campers.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** The no return for 4 weeks period should also include a no return to the whole

Suburb NOT just the street. No return to the suburb ensures that camping vehicles can not live indefinitely across a suburb.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Freedom Camping should only be in designated camping areas across the city, NOT across ALL residential streets of Auckland. Auckland Council are reducing access for parking NOW to residents and ratepayers of Auckland BUT on the other hand then opening unlimited parking up to huge large camper vans across our residential streets. This is insane logic!

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**



Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is the heart of a residential neighbourhood , this is not appropriate for freedom camping

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is in the heart of a residential area, freedom camping should be out of the city in non density areas

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is the heart of a residential area

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites



**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds** 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds** 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds** 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Have designated areas for camping as currently. There's no need to expand as it will only kill natural habitat! We are already seeing that in the community!

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

This is silly! There are already well established camp grounds. No need for more.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds<sup>2</sup> Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By not having people living in vehicles on streets, beach fronts or public reserves.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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## Rodney Local Board area

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I object to the Council's proposal in its entirety in regard to opening up the streets of Auckland to Freedom campers, especially at Omaha Beach.

Freedom Camping on residential streets is not appropriate.

The Council's General rules will be ineffectual and also unenforceable and in practice will not protect residential streets and roads.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** They are unworkable, unreasonable, overstate the problem and impact on freedom campers who are parked overnight to go tramping or kayaking the following morning (ie the vacate the site by 9am)

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Penalises people who aren't self contained. Self containment or not isn't the problem since most campers even in flash motorhomes use public facilities, not their own on-board loos.

Penalises people who are late arriving. How is freedom camping any worse than someone parking up all day?

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland, It would be too hard to enforce a self-containment rule, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Even campers in self contained vehicles don't necessarily use their own on-board toilet. Mostly people seem to use public facilities.

The problems are overstated and reflect an elitism where coastal residents for example want to monopolise access to beaches - overflowing public sewerage systems and poorly functioning septic tanks cause more harm, yet freedom campers get the blame

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly, it is not necessary to prevent their return through this rule, No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**



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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** This is unreasonable. In our case we usually stay overnight in a place so we can explore it thoroughly - by foot, bike or kayak. Having to move by 9 limits our opportunity to use the area in a way we are there for. There's no more harm from staying there

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** It's unreasonable and unjustified. It impacts on campers ability to use and explore the natural settings and attractions. It penalises campers when a day visitor coming back day after day can create the same impact - virtually nothing, if there is appropriate public facilities nearby

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

Don't give in to the NIMBYs

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

The restrictions are not related to adverse effects, and are largely driven by NIMBYism and perceived impacts of freedom campers. More sites mean more distribution of campers, rather than concentration. our experience is that day trippers create much more disturbance, leave more rubbish and make more impacts on toilets than freedom campers

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No one is impacted by low key camping in this site.

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is adequate infrastructure and no natural values impacted by camping on this site

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It impedes people's ability to make use of the site for activities such as accessing offshore islands

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no adverse effects from allowing people to camp here

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a site that facilitates use of the beach without impacts on natural values

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This site can be used without environmental impacts, while facilitating use of the coast

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? There are no environmental impacts from allowing people to camp here

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There's plenty of public open space and no environmental reasons for prohibiting freedom camping here

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no reasons for prohibiting freedom camping here. In fact it would improve security for facilities on the site. There is adequate space and public facilities to provide for camping, and it can be accommodated without disrupting neighbours

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no reasons for prohibiting freedom camping here. In fact it would improve security for facilities on the site. There is adequate space and public facilities to provide for camping, and it can be accommodated without disrupting neighbours

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no reasons for prohibiting freedom camping here. In fact it would improve security for facilities on the site. There is adequate space and public facilities to provide for camping, and it can be accommodated without disrupting neighbours

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no environmental reasons for prohibiting freedom camping here. In fact it would improve security for facilities on the site. There is adequate space and public facilities to provide for camping, and it can be accommodated without disrupting neighbours. Prohibiting freedom camping will unduly restrict people's use of the coast

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no reasons for prohibiting freedom camping here. In fact it would improve security for facilities on the site. There is adequate space and public facilities to provide for camping, and it can be accommodated without disrupting neighbours

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There's no harm from freedom camping here. In fact the more sites like this, the better because it distributes and dilutes campers across more sites, avoiding concentration effects

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** Anywhere

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There's no harm in freedom camping here.

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area is discreet and there are no adverse effects from freedom camping -no neighbours or environmental impacts

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There's a huge amount of capacity on this site with the massive carpark to accommodate freedom camping sustainably

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions



**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** As many as people want

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waiheke Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It allows people to get to the site early for walking the track (when it's open)

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There's little harm in camping here - especially compared with the harm done by all the houses and poorly functioning public sewerage / septic tank systems

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**



**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

The Council does not have the resources , expertise or the impetus to enforce such rules

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

To allow camper vans to park over night on the streets of Auckland City lacks any foresight of the huge array of problems this will cause. There are numerous camping facilities owned by Council or privately in the Rodney District that would alleviate any need for freedom camping. This be an economic benefit to Council and private enterprises



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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

### Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

I object to the Council's proposal in its entirety in regard to opening up the streets of Auckland to Freedom

Campers, especially at Omaha Beach. Freedom Camping on residential streets is not appropriate. The

Council's General Rules" will be ineffectual and also unenforceable and in practice will not protect residential

streets and roads

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? I have general concerns about the impacts of

freedom camping in Auckland

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds** 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I have general concerns about the impacts of

freedom camping in Auckland

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds** 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds** 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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**Restricted sites**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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## Whau Local Board area

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Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?



**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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### Where the general rules would apply

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### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

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## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be avail

**Another reason (please explain):** The General Rules need to be significantly stronger to protect Auckland's streets from an unlimited number of vans able to live indefinitely across suburbs. The General Rules as you have them give little or any protection to the thousands of acres of Auckland Streets that will become ONE huge campsite.

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.



We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard t

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** This one night stay should only be in non residential areas. Auckland resdeintail local roads are NOT the right place to become a camp site

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.



Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** The no return rule is nearly meaningless unless you extend this rule to be no return to the SUBURB not just the street. If you make the rule no return to the street, you can just move a few feet round the corner to the next street making the no return rule pointless

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

Residential streets should be prohibited as seen in freedom camping bylaws by Gisborne and Tauranga.

the no return policy should be for no return to a suburb, not just no return to a single street.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** this is in the heart of a residential area , this is not appropriate for freedom camping

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is in the heart of a residential area, this is not appropriate

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is in a industrial area and suitable for freedom camping

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is in an industrial area and is suitable for freedom camp

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)? Maximum number of vehicles

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify): 5+

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** it is in the heart of a residential community

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? It is in the heart of a residential community

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? is in the heart of a residential community

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? this is a vulnerable part of the inner harbour and needs to be protected

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? It is in the heart of residential area

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is a busy much used carpark for the local church and community, it can not have vans parked overnight, already parking is very tight.

Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for

people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**



**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I have had a lot of experience watching these freeloaders and the tactics they will use to ply under the radar unnoticed while living in prohibited public carparks and reserves in the Hibiscus coast community .

If the councils don't act now and ban this behaviour they may as well forget asking for rates from people who live and pay for the privilege to rightfully have access to the amenities supplied from the rates they pay unlike these freeloaders that can just pull

Up wherever they please and receive free rubbish removal free water and waste water as well as the convenience of using public toilets that are cleaned for them because they are too lazy to clean and empty their own self contained bathrooms .

As an Auckland ratepayer the last thing we want is public carparks and roads filled with transient mostly undesirable bludgers filling our community . If we don't have enough Holiday parks / motor camps that they can pay to stay at isn't this a good opportunity for Auckland council

To develop more and create another revenue stream that might help reduce the high rates we already pay to facilitate thes freeloaders ?

Ban freedom camping !

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

You would only have to have a chat with one of your current freedom camping compliance team to see the lengths some of these freeloaders go to , to get around breaching the bylaws to remain defiant of them .

Bylaws and prohibition will not stop them because the penalties are not severe enough ! There is one of these freeloaders that has lived in a caravan at almost every public carpark and reserve here on the hibiscus coast for over 7 years . He has been trespassed from multiple places for lewd acts , urinating in public etc but still Auckland council let this creep defiantly live in our community 🙄

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**



Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** All freedom camping is a serious risk to Public health and hygiene and also a serious risk to the portion of criminal activity

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Upper Harbour Local Board area**



**Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waiheke Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.



**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I object to the Council's proposal in its entirety in regard to opening up the streets of Auckland to Freedom

Campers, especially at Omaha Beach. Freedom Camping on residential streets is not appropriate. The

Council's General Rules" will be ineffectual and also unenforceable and in practice will not protect residential

streets and roads

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I don't know

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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Do you want to comment on why you don't know? Life is complicated enough without having more rules fines & restrictions. Most people are very responsible freedom campers.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Not allow Freedom Camping in any residential areas unless the occupants are friends of the neighbouring property and only stay within the rules. And Especially not at the beach communities

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Unsupervised campers are often problematic and would take over the limited parking

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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We have over the years seen the outcome of freedom camping on rural roadsides

e.g. rubbish, offensive noise and human waste.

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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We are opposed to any freedom camping on rural roads.

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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I object to councils proposal in its entirety in regard to the opening up the streets of Auckland to Freedom Camping, especially at Omaha beach. Freedom camping on residential streets is not appropriate .The Councils general rule will be ineffectual and also unenforceable and in practice will not protect residential streets and roads

### Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?



## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

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I is obvious that there should be a public dump station on Waiheke Island. If people have gone to the expense of taking their camper to the island then they should be able to stay for several weeks.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

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Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 4 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify): 2pm

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 1 week

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

**Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Rodney Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds**15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway** Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for

people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

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There should be no Freedom Camping in NZ. There are many Government run and privately run campgrounds that provide facilities and supervision of campers. With Freedom Camping areas like Matheson Bay, Leigh there is no supervision and the campers do not self regulate keeping to reasonable numbers and some do not have reasonable behaviour. Supervision is not done by Council and what overseeing there is, is done by residents which is not fair to them and not a good plan. Matheson Bay is a beautiful place but over loved by day visitors and campers and this is not a good situation for visitors or residents. The existing plan that allows camping except in specific places like Leigh Library grounds is not a good plan. It should be obvious and not have to be stated that Leigh Library is not a suitable camping spot even for self contained campervans.

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This survey does not ask the right questions. Taking Matheson Bay, Leigh, Auckland City as an example, there should be no Freedom camping allowed now that there is such pressure by visitors. This situation is going to be much more problematic for Matheson Bay when the Puhoi to Wellsford highway is complete because it there will be very easy access to this area. There could be specifically allocated areas for camping such as the very suitable Tawharanui Park.



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Given the volume of Freedom campers these days, it would be better to have a non-return area of 4 weeks to ensure that all have access to popular areas. Avoiding overcrowding.

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## Rodney Local Board area

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

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**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrict

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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It looks like all of these spaces will go, and none be available according to the proposed plan. However, I think there is plenty of room for three selfcontained camper vans plus the private vehicles, and boats and trailers that use this parking area.

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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### Restricted sites

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

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Other (please specify):

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Take look at Hatfields beach. Do you want that

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Campers should be restricted to designated camp sites.

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**Restricted sites**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** 9am means the campervans will be leaving at peak traffic time. For Snells Beach and its problem with congestion at Hill Street this is very applicable. Also, from observation of the Sunburst Avenue carpark, campervans leave later anyway - many later than the current 10am deadline. There also needs to be an arrival time rule.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

A 2 week rule encourages the local campervans which move from site to site. These are more likely to be the problematic campers. Rules need to be enforced.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Snells Beach currently has 2 sites (not this one) where people can freedom camp. Sunburst carpark and Snells Beach Road. These have room for more vans - 5 at Sunburst carpark. So vans that cannot park in the 2 proposed spaces will park outside residential houses. The bylaws ignore this problem. It is completely stupid to remove freedom camping at these 2 sites as they are reserves. It will cause problems for the local householders - particularly in Snells Beach Road and Sunburst Avenue, Snell Beach where I live.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):** There are not enough people around to police other things that should not happen, how will this be controlled ?

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Have more areas and facilities to accomodate them

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Don't have freedom campers in the first place

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#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Rodney Local Board area

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I don't know

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** Rubbish will be a massive problem for most areas where you have to pay for rubbish bags and freedom campers will go up and leave to next spot to dump their rubbish and so on.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**No . Locals will have to battle tent goers off as they will try to exercise their rights as freedom campers

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Day tripping or else find where the local camp ground as. Rubbish and toilet exercises will upset rural towns and communities

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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Consider helping out rural campngrounds and have more deals for freedom campers . Pollution will be a major impact on the environment

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## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

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**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No rubbish will be left everywhere

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):



**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Your local board:** Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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- not managed by council (for example motorways)
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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle. It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

There have, in the past, been pilot projects to trial freedom camping in some places. In our area in Matheson Bay, Leigh, we have seen a small window of council interest in monitoring this and then we were left without support. The camping got out of hand very quickly and subsequently we would see over 30 freedom campers dotted over the local reserve and sometimes spilling out into the small carpark. Tents were being pitched, clothes hung from trees, fat was deposited down the sinks in the beach toilets and on at least two occasions locals had to intervene to stop chemical toilets being poured into the toilets. We are on a septic system and that sort of behaviour causes the septic to stop working.

When our local reserve has been locked off from use, due to the ground being too wet for campervans or even cars, we have seen a disregard of parking lines in our carparks with campers choosing to park over several carparks in order to get the best view? Or, as with some of the longer vehicles, in order not to completely block the carpark.

There is no, one size fits all for freedom campers. Some areas will be better able to accommodate a designated number for a limited stay. When the carparks to our beach are both full, we have extremely limited street parking leading up to Matheson Bay and if vehicles park on both sides of the road, we then cannot get emergency vehicles down to the bay. Therefore if freedom camping is to take place anywhere in Auckland it needs to have limits and it needs to be monitored, not just during office hours.

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#### ENFORCEMENT.

It is not enough to have a Bylaw unless you are prepared to enforce this. We have seen in the past when pilot projects have been undertaken, that there is very limited support given to ensure compliance. Examples of this are having a ranger or a warden that works office hours, and have to cover for an extremely wide area (impracticable for the enforcement). When problems have arisen there has been a reluctance to do anything about transgressions. Fines could have been given as a deterrent.

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste. A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities. A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** We feel we are between a rock and a hard place with this general rule proposal. We don't think campervans and house buses should be able to park in residential areas at all. The problem with the no return suggestion is that one van will be replaced by another. so it is the cumulative or aggregate situation of local residents constantly having vans parked in front of them, just different vans.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

The impact on residents seems to have been forgotten with a much more permissive set of general rules. It is starting to look like people using campervans have more rights than local residents. The freedom to camp anywhere on residential street is a reversal of our rights as ratepayers to be able to enjoy our residential amenity. The balance is being tipped and the impact on host communities is not being recognised by Council.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

In the past where we have had difficulties with campervans and buses parking on the grass reserve, staying for the whole of Easter, letting dogs run loose and abusing local residents, blocking the boat ramp and the well used Dalton

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Road picnic table. Council has not taken any enforcement action following calls to the Council service line. I doubt whether this will change and we will be left to fend for ourselves in North Rodney again. See attachment for more info

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove? Maximum stay, No-return period**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? There shouldn't be a no-return period

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Only having two "restricted" sites in Snells Beach is insufficient. In our view Council should reinstate the existing "restricted" sites in Sunburst Avenue carpark and in the Snells Beach Reserve carpark. These areas worked in the past and there are public amenities there as well. Otherwise with only two "restricted" spaces campervans are going to spread anywhere along residential streets in Snells Beach and exacerbate the impacts for local residents.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Submission on Proposed Auckland Council Freedom Camping Bylaw

### Introduction

We are the owners of [redacted]. We have owned the property for more than 10 years. We made a submission to the 2018 Freedom Camping Bylaw review as well.

We have been directly affected by the ongoing use of Dalton Road for freedom camping. Our level of amenity and quality of life is compromised by the behaviour of some freedom campers. We are totally opposed to allowing the sanctioned spread of such overnight camping along Dalton Road. This is a residential area, not a camping ground. As ratepayers we expect more protection of our rights from Auckland Council and would like the implications of the bylaw reviewed by the Council and the Rodney Local Board.

### Revised Bylaw Proposal

The proposed bylaw appears to reverse the existing situation under the current bylaw. Currently there are two specified or "restricted" areas in Snells Beach where Freedom Camping is permitted. These areas are in the carpark off Snells Beach Road at Snells Beach Reserve below Sunrise Boulevard and in the carpark off Sunburst Avenue.

The new proposal removes the two existing restricted sites and replaces them with one site with only two parks in Kokihi Lane adjacent to the Bayside Café. This is a significant cutback and is compensated by the ghastly proposal to allow freedom camping anywhere on residential streets for certified camper vehicles for up to two nights. We are totally opposed to this loosening of existing restrictions, and we believe it will further detrimentally impact on residents and the community.

The focus of both the Freedom Camping legislation and the proposed bylaw is on vehicle certification with respect to on board toilet facilities. This may well address the waste issue, but it does nothing to deal with the indiscriminate parking of campervans and house buses in residential areas and the significant impacts on residents.

The location of where these vehicles can park up overnight is the aspect of the proposed bylaw that we submit needs to be addressed.

### Impact on our Residential and Community Amenity

Over the last ten years we have experienced extensive unauthorised camping activity along Dalton Road. We have had campervans and buses park up for up to three nights over long weekends. They park in prime locations, hog the picnic table and block off parking for boat trailers using the Dalton Road boat ramp, as well as for day trippers and locals coming down for a swim and a picnic when the tide is in. The monopolisation of the picnic table is galling as this community amenity is utilised by up to five or six groups a day in summer for picnics and for locals to just come down and eat their fish and chips by the beach. Often the camper vans just park right beside it and use the table as their own. In addition, they park vehicles on the grass and pitch awnings and set up sports equipment as if they were in a camping ground, not a residential street.

In terms of our level of personal amenity, we did purchase the property for the sea views and having large vehicles like house buses and large campervans parked in front of our property blocking our view is not acceptable to us as ratepayers. We also do not expect to be living in an unsupervised camping ground with the associated behaviour that seems to eventuate. This has included a man urinating in front of my 90-year-old Mother-in-Law last Christmas, rather than walk 50 metres to the public toilets or use his own camper van facilities if he had them. On another occasion campers let dogs run free despite the local dog bylaws, one chased our cat around the back of our house and when I asked them to please control the dog I got told to f...off, the dog bowl was hurled at me, and I was threatened with assault. This is all very unpleasant and stressful.

Relief Sought and an Amended Bylaw Suggestion

We are asking for the following relief:

Reinstate the specified "restricted" overnight campervan parks with a maximum two nights stay in the Snells Beach Reserve and Sunburst car parks

Do not allow unfettered overnight freedom camping on residential streets in Rodney and in Snells Beach in particular

Make the Dalton Road waterfront a specified "No Overnight Camping" zone between the boat ramp opposite 29 Dalton Road and along Dalton Road to opposite 11 Dalton Road, Snells Beach. Appropriate parking bylaw and signage to be initiated accordingly.

We wish to acknowledge the opportunity provided by the Bylaws Committee to hear our verbal submission on 15 November. That was appreciated.

Photographic evidence supporting our submission



Everyday summer use of the road by beach visitors and boat trailers.



More locals enjoying the beach and picnic table.



Long term parking by campervans occupying spaces that locals and visitors would use and re-use over the period of a normal summer day.





Campervans monopolising the picnic table for day/s , not allowing the usual 5 or 6 groups that would picnic there daily.



This campervan certainly made himself at home, parked up on the grass by the picnic table for the weekend.



Wheels up on the grass, outside parking lines and blocking the launching ramp.



This bus was parked with its awning out for three days over Easter 2019.



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):** Omaha Beach Community Inc.

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**Your local board:** Rodney

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for



people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

Please refer to the Omaha Beach Community Inc's submission also sent in by email 05.12.2021.

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

See attachment for more info



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5 December 2021

**Omaha Beach Community Inc. Submission to Auckland Council.**  
**Re: Proposed New Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Freedom  
Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022**

## RELEVANT BACKGROUND

1. This document is submitted to you by the Omaha Beach Community Inc. (“OBC”) (<https://omahabeach.co.nz/>), believed to be one of New Zealand’s largest funded ratepayer associations, with circa 90% plus of all eligible ratepayers in Omaha Beach as financial members. We currently have some 1,200 paid up members, who are property owners in Omaha Beach.
2. Contact details:  
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3. We can reasonably claim that **the views and opinions expressed in this submission are reflective of the overwhelming majority of residents and ratepayers of Omaha Beach.**
4. Since the OBC first became aware of Auckland Council’s freedom camping proposals towards the end of 2018, we have undertaken a significant amount of research, and been in regular dialogue with the Local Board, Council, planners and lawyers.  
On 16 February 2019 the OBC made a written submission to Auckland Council in relation to the then proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw. A copy of this previous submission is attached at Appendix A for reference (noting we have not provided all the Appendices to this previous submission, but they are available on request, if required).
5. The OBC opposed the then proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw and requested a total prohibition of freedom camping in Omaha Beach. This view was based on what we had learned regarding the then proposed bylaw, and its potential impact on Omaha Beach. The OBC’s views submitted to Auckland Council were, and remain, based on the very strong views of the members expressed at our AGM, and also from the responses to an online survey undertaken on our members, where **83% of survey respondents were against**

**freedom camping at Omaha Beach.** The survey results formed part of our previous submission.

6. The key reasons for us then opposing Auckland Council's previously proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw, included:
  - We were (and remain) extremely concerned about the implications of Part 1, Clause 6 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 ("Freedom Camping Act"), where the local authority area for the Council includes areas of land controlled or managed by Auckland Transport; where the roads - and the numerous parking bays around Omaha Beach – could be severely impacted through freedom campers being permitted to stay in residential streets.
  - We believed that the 'not scheduled' areas could have general rules like other councils have used, including not parking outside a private house or business (as seen in Tauranga city) and limits on vehicle type and time periods.
  - Freedom camping is currently prohibited under the Rodney legacy bylaws.
  - The Freedom Camping Act does not prevent freedom camping being prohibited in some of Auckland Council's areas – such as Omaha Beach.
  - Council then proposed that sites for freedom camping in Omaha Beach, where it is currently prohibited under the Reserves Act 1977, be allowed using the delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation to overturn this prohibition, and allow freedom camping. We successfully objected to that.
  - Omaha Beach is a residential settlement, and we do not believe the Freedom Camping Act ever envisaged freedom camping in such areas, and.
  - The proposed restrictions on the sites were not realistic and we believe, unenforceable.
  
7. Subsequent to OBC's submission to Council on 16 February 2019, in relation to the consultation on the then proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw, the OBC engaged with Auckland Council via its lawyers, Grove Darlow & Partners ("Grove Darlow") (Letter dated 14 June 2019 which is attached at Appendix B for reference). Key points addressed in the correspondence were:
  - expressing real and substantive concerns with the content and lawfulness of the proposed bylaw and the process of decision-making of Council.
  - reasons why the proposed bylaw was unreasonable, unworkable, and unlawful.
  - that Council was proceeding with the bylaw under the misunderstanding that the Freedom Camping Act provides a mandate to actively promote freedom camping, which is not correct.
  
8. A letter from Grove Darlow to Simpson Grierson, on behalf of Auckland Council, on 2 August 2019 sought an undertaking to preserve the position re the bylaw pending resolution of the legal dispute with the OBC, and in the absence of such an undertaking the OBC advised it would have no option but to issue proceedings against Auckland Council.
  
9. On 22 August 2019 the Auckland Council Governing Body made the decision (Resolution number GB/2019/82) (inter alia) to:
  - defer any decision on a Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw pending advice from officers on the content of a new Statement of Proposal for a bylaw, and further information on a possible review of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
  - direct officers to provide advice on the following potential elements of a future Statement of Proposal:
    - proposed prohibitions in the following areas:

- all areas the Freedom Camping Hearings Panel recommended should be prohibited
- the 61 sites proposed in public submissions for inclusion as prohibited areas, which were not specified in the original Statement of Proposal but are identified in Attachment E of the Hearings Panel Report
- all Reserves in residential areas that are Reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977
- o a General Rule that regulates freedom camping outside restricted and prohibited areas not listed in the proposed bylaw, which includes provision for:
  - a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside residential homes (unless the resident has granted permission for the vehicle to be parked outside their home)
  - a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside commercial premises, educational facilities, healthcare facilities, playgrounds, and swimming pools
  - a maximum number of nights stay at any specific site
  - the same enforcement approach in relation to homelessness as set out in the original Statement of Proposal, which aims to offer compassionate support for people with social needs

## **THE EXERCISE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY**

10. At a meeting of the Auckland Council General Body on 25 March 2021 it was then however resolved (Resolution number GB/2021/19) that (inter alia) the Governing Body:
  - confirm the specific policy intent and operational objectives for a Freedom Camping Act 2011 bylaw, within the context of a broader policy intent and operational objectives that includes the protection of reserves, outlined in the table at paragraph 81.
  - agree that the preferred option for progressing freedom camping regulation is Option two: Freedom Camping Act 2011 bylaw (excluding reserves), to:
    - i) make a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 to control freedom camping on land held under the Local Government Act 2002
    - ii) retain the existing prohibition on freedom camping on land held under the Reserves Act 1977 and exclude all reserves from the scope of the bylaw.
  - direct staff to develop a detailed options report to support a decision on whether to include a general rule and possible settings for that rule, for inclusion in a new statement of proposal.
  - direct staff to also begin work on a new statement of proposal and draft freedom camping bylaw based on the option indicated in the second bullet point above
11. As a result of the above decision of Auckland Council's General Body, on 9 September 2021 Grove Darlow (acting for OBC) wrote to Auckland Council reiterating the contents of their letter of 14 June 2019. The letter notes that the bylaw is both unlawful and unreasonable; and that is apart from the fact that the proposed bylaw will, in relation to Omaha Beach, be both unworkable and unenforceable, and referring Auckland Council again to the OBC's submission of 16 February 2019.
12. On 17 September 2021 Simpson Grierson responded to Grove Darlow's letter. Simpson Grierson advised that presently no bylaw capable of challenge has, as yet, been adopted and encouraged OBC to have their say in the upcoming consultation process – which is the subject of this submission.

**THE “CONSULTATION” CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND THE OBC’S WITHOUT PREJUDICE PARTICIPATION**

13. We note there are four parts to Auckland Council’s feedback form:

1. General rules for freedom camping
2. Feedback on specific areas where freedom camping will be prohibited or restricted
3. Other feedback on the Bylaw proposal
4. Some questions about us

**The OBC’s feedback below covers all four parts:**

**Question:**

**14. Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

15. Where freedom camping is not otherwise prohibited or restricted it would be appropriate to have general rules, such as a vehicle being required to be self-contained. However, OBC notes that what is proposed for a General Rule in the now proposed bylaw is contrary to Resolution number GB/2019/82 passed unanimously by the Auckland Council Governing Body on 22 August 2019, to regulate freedom camping by way of:

- a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside residential homes (unless the resident has granted permission for the vehicle to be parked outside their home)
- a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside commercial premises, educational facilities, healthcare facilities, playgrounds, and swimming pools

**Comments on the proposed general rules:**

16. As noted in Grove Darlow’s letter (acting for OBC) to Council on 9 September 2021 (and also their letter of 14 June 2019) key aspects of the proposed bylaw with which the OBC has an issue are:

- a) All roads across the whole of greater Auckland (except where there are currently parking restrictions) will become “restricted freedom camping sites”, with restrictions on the number of nights and only for self-contained vehicles displaying a blue sticker.
- b) There will be no limit on vehicle numbers in a street or a broader residential area.
- c) There will be no restrictions on ancillary use by the “freedom campers” of public areas, grass verges, reserves etc, adjoining any such streets (which might be termed a “spillover” problem).
- d) Only very limited additional resources and funding for enforcement or the monitoring of compliance is being provided by Auckland Council.

17. The Statement of Proposal incorrectly suggests that by reason of the Freedom Camping Act Auckland Council cannot prevent ‘freedom camping’ in campervans on the residential streets and roads of Auckland. That is wrong and clearly so. In terms of section 10 of the Freedom Camping Act, ‘freedom camping’ is simply conditionally “permitted ... unless it is restricted or prohibited in an area in accordance with a bylaw made under the Act or under any other enactment.”

18. The consequence of Auckland Council’s proposals will be that ‘freedom campers’ (as the Council now wrongly describes them) in a self-contained stickered campervan or caravan can live on the streets of any Auckland suburb, including Omaha Beach, indefinitely. They

would be entitled to park on a street or carpark for 3 days/2 nights before having to move. They can then move to another neighbouring street. Technically they are not entitled to return to the same street for 14 days. Even if that restriction were observed (and it would be impossible for council to enforce) so long as there are 7 streets in any given residential area the 'freedom camper' can stay in the same area indefinitely. The proposed bylaw would fail to contain freedom camping, or to protect residential areas at all.

19. OBC again notes that what is proposed for a General Rule is contrary to Resolution number GB/2019/82 passed unanimously by the Governing Body, to regulate freedom camping by way of:
  - a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside residential homes (unless the resident has granted permission for the vehicle to be parked outside their home)
  - a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside commercial premises, educational facilities, healthcare facilities, playgrounds, and swimming pools
20. In the results of the OBC's survey, Omaha Beach ratepayers overwhelmingly expressed the view that not all freedom campers will abide by restrictions placed on sites (95% of respondents do not believe freedom campers will abide by restrictions). Evidence at Omaha Beach has shown this is already the case. We fail to see how the proposed general rules, and restrictions can be managed.
21. In relation to our survey, we asked Omaha Beach ratepayers about their confidence in Auckland Council being able to adequately enforce any restrictions. 94% of respondents answered "No – I don't believe Council will be able to adequately enforce any non-compliance with the restrictions."

## **OMAHA BEACH SPECIFIC FACTORS**

22. Omaha Beach is located just an hour's drive north of Auckland and 15 minutes east of Warkworth. It is effectively a sand spit, reached by way of a causeway and bridge over the Whangateau Harbour. It has one of greater Auckland's best white sand beaches, and is a popular spot for all beach activities. The opening of the new northern motorway will further increase the popularity of Omaha Beach as a destination for day visitors from the rest of Auckland.
23. While Omaha Beach started as a holiday location, it is now very much a residential area, with a fast-growing permanent resident population. However, Omaha Beach is also a vital and popular seaside area for tens of thousands of visitors annually from the greater Auckland region and beyond. It is not uncommon during summer and even on fine winter days for the carparks, boat trailer parking and grass verges to be full with an overflow of vehicles to the nearby streets and cull-de-sacs. The facilities and infrastructure of Omaha Beach comes under extreme pressure from under-resourced facilities.
24. We also note that the Omaha Beach boat ramp has become extremely popular with boat owners from all over Rodney, and beyond as it is the only all-tide ramp in the area. We know that 80% of all users of the ramp are from outside Omaha Beach, and the volume of traffic is causing disruption on busy days to the residents of Omaha Drive and the side streets off it. As an example, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 there were in excess of 350 vehicles with trailers, from boats launched from the ramp, in Omaha Beach, and an additional 50 vehicles associated with the boats also needed to find parking. The queue to enter the boat ramp was back to the Golf Club along Omaha Drive at 6:30am in the morning, and there have been

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many similar days already this summer. As we move into summer the congestion will be many times worse.

25. The area is also considered to be a sensitive coastal environment, with the residential area protected by dunes, a kahikatea forest/wetland vested in the Crown as reserve, and areas vested as neighbourhood Reserves, with pedestrian access and walkways to the beach carefully planned to protect the sensitive dunes environment.
26. Omaha Beach is also home to the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary, managed by the Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust ('OSPT') (<http://www.omashorebirds.co.nz/>). The Omaha Spit forms a barrier between the open sea and Whangateau Harbour, a relatively unspoilt tidal estuary.
27. We do strongly oppose placing additional pressure on the already stretched facilities at Omaha Beach by opening up and promoting the additional provision of freedom camping, even with the proposed restrictions, which it will be impossible to enforce.
28. We note the statement on page 6 of the Auckland Council's proposal document that "Our research has found the Auckland does not currently have enough places for freedom campers to go".
29. The OBC strongly refutes the suggestion that Auckland residents or their Council are under any obligation to provide more places for freedom campers to set up camp and certainly not in residential areas.
30. In fact there is an abundance of alternative camping facilities in the Omaha Beach area, with some requiring stayers to pay a nominal amount for the location and facilities provided:
  - Whangateau Holiday Park – 60 sites – 10 minutes from Omaha – the most obvious of location for this area – and operated by Auckland Council! Situated on Whangateau Harbour, east of Warkworth and near Leigh in the Matakana Coast area, with sites right on the waterfront.
  - Martins Bay Holiday Park - again, operated by Auckland Council!
  - Matakana Country Park – 9 sites – 5 minutes from Omaha – and unlimited potential to increase
  - Sandspit Holiday Park
  - Scandrett Regional Park
  - Tawharaunui Regional Park
  - Goat Island Camping and Accommodation – Leigh
  - Snells Beach
  - Mathesons Bay
  - Warkworth campground

### **CONSULTATION DEFECTIVE**

31. Finally, the OBC records its position that the current consultation itself is defective in numerous respects. Please refer to the letter from our lawyers Grove Darlow to the Council's solicitors dated 1 December 2021.

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Re: Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw**

**1. Introduction**

This document is submitted to you by the Omaha Beach Community Inc. ('OBC') (<https://omahabeach.co.nz/>), believed to be one of New Zealand's largest funded ratepayer associations, with circa 90% plus of all eligible ratepayers in Omaha Beach as financial members. We currently have some 1,200 paid up members, who are property owners in Omaha Beach.

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We can reasonably claim that **the views and opinions expressed in this submission are reflective of the overwhelming majority of residents and ratepayers of Omaha Beach.**

Since we first became aware of Council's proposals towards the end of last year, we have undertaken a significant amount of research, and been in regular dialogue with the Local Board, Council, planners and lawyers.

We believe we now have a much greater understanding of the Council's proposals and the implications for Omaha Beach.

The OBC is making this submission to Council, **opposing the bylaw as proposed, and requesting a total prohibition of freedom camping in Omaha Beach.** This view is based on what we have learned regarding the proposed bylaw, and its potential impact on Omaha Beach; the views expressed at the AGM, and also from the responses to an online survey undertaken on our members, where **83% of survey respondents were against freedom camping in Omaha Beach.** The survey results form part of this submission, and are included as Appendix 8.



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**Key reasons for us opposing the Council's Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw, as proposed, include:**

- We are extremely concerned about the implications of Part 1, Clause 6 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 ('the 'Freedom Camping Act'), where the local authority area for the Council includes areas of land controlled or managed by Auckland Transport ('AT'); the roads - and the numerous parking bays around Omaha Beach - and with the default position under the Freedom Camping Act and the proposed bylaw essentially being that ... if a site is not restricted or prohibited under another enactment, and is 'not scheduled' in the bylaw, then freedom camping is permitted. It is our understanding we could therefore see, under the proposed bylaw, freedom campers parking and setting up 'camp' outside and beside people's homes, essentially in any vehicles they like – which would be totally unacceptable!
  - We believe that the 'not scheduled' areas must have general rules like other councils have used, including not parking outside a private house or business (as seen in Tauranga city) and limits on vehicle type and time periods.
  - Freedom Camping is currently prohibited under the Rodney legacy bylaws.
  - Our view is that the Freedom Camping Act does not prevent freedom camping being prohibited in some of Auckland Council's areas – such as Omaha Beach.
  - The Council proposed sites for freedom camping in Omaha Beach are all currently protected from camping under the Reserves Act 1977 ('the Reserves Act'), but Council proposes using a delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation to overturn this prohibition, and allowing freedom camping – which we object to, and question.
  - Those property owners with properties adjacent to the proposed Reserve sites bought there having the comfort of the Reserves Act to prohibit camping.
  - Omaha Beach is a residential settlement, and we do not believe the Freedom Camping Act ever envisaged freedom camping in such areas.
  - The Reserves sites proposed by Council, and noted below, even as 'restricted' sites, are totally unsuitable for freedom camping and are strongly objected to:
    - Pukemateko Reserve, 177 Mangatawhiri Rd,
    - 160 Omaha Drive (overflow boat trailer parking),
    - William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive
- These Reserves are adjacent to residential properties; they are already heavily utilised; there will be a severe reduction of car parks for use by resident ratepayers and visitors if camping sized vehicles are allocated spaces; none of the sites can comfortably accommodate the safe movement of 2-4 berth campervans without significant ground works being undertaken; and they have very limited, or no, public toilet facilities or drinking water available.
- The proposed restrictions on the sites are not realistic and are, we believe, unenforceable.

Whilst strongly opposing freedom camping in Omaha Beach, we have also given careful consideration of other, local, more suitable sites, and comment on these is contained in Section 18. of this submission.

## 2. Executive Summary

- Omaha Beach ratepayers are overwhelmingly opposed to the Freedom Camping Bylaw, as proposed, and to allowing freedom camping in Omaha Beach.
- Freedom Camping is currently prohibited in Omaha Beach under the Rodney legacy bylaws, and this prohibition must continue, due to the unique combination of factors that would otherwise result in a significant negative impact on the access, amenity and safety for all residents and visitors to Omaha Beach.
- The Freedom Camping Act does not prevent freedom camping being prohibited in some of Auckland Council's ('Council') areas – such as Omaha Beach.
- The Freedom Camping Act ensures the ongoing protection of the Omaha Beach Reserves through the Reserves Act.
- We are also extremely concerned about the proposed revoking of Rodney District Council General Bylaw 1988: Chapter 8 Public Places, and the implications of losing the no-camping protection in our residential streets and carparks.
- We object to the proposed bylaw with no 'general rules' for the areas classified as 'not scheduled'. Included in these areas are land controlled or managed by AT. We believe including nearly every kerbside and cul-de-sac carpark in our residential streets in the 'not scheduled' category results in unenforceable and unrestricted camping in any vehicle for an unlimited time period. This has significant and extraordinarily wide reaching negative impacts on the amenity, access and safety for the residents and ratepayers of Omaha Beach and the many visitors to the area.
- The impact of freedom camping will be magnified in Omaha Beach due to its immense popularity and accessibility from Auckland, together with the proposed widespread promotion as a freedom camping spot by Council, and also social media.
- The impact and loss of amenity and access will not just be limited to our Reserves but, also our residential streets by having freedom camping right outside our houses across nearly all of Omaha Beach.
- We already experience issues with freedom campers – even though it is prohibited (but Council may not be aware of these issues, as we believe they haven't been reported).
- We need ongoing protection of our Reserves and limiting damage and illegal activity in these Reserves, and the streets and cul-de-sacs, across Omaha Beach.
- Omaha Beach is a residential area, and we do not believe it was ever the intention of the Freedom Camping Act to actively promote freedom camping in such areas.
- The Reserves were vested in Council for protection of residents, and it was never contemplated that such a use as camping would ever be permitted on them.
- Those property owners adjacent to the proposed Reserve sites bought there having the comfort of the Reserves Act to prohibit camping.
- All the proposed sites are in built up residential areas, within metres of the nearest houses. The Reserves are all in viewing channels and noise zones of surrounding residential properties.
- We recognise that the two sites in Omaha Beach designated as prohibited in the proposed bylaw are also Reserves where camping is prohibited by the Reserves Act. However we agree that those two Reserves must have their prohibited status continued under any new bylaw and highlighted with signage to this effect. The sites are
  - 223 Omaha Drive (Omaha Beach Boat Launching Ramp and Wharf);
  - 15 North West Anchorage (Omaha Reserve).
- The Council proposed sites for restricted freedom camping in Omaha Beach are all currently protected from camping under the Reserves Act. We do not support Council using the delegated Ministerial authority to overturn the prohibition of camping in these Reserves, and allowing freedom camping.
- The Reserves proposed by Council, noted below, even as 'restricted' sites, are totally unsuitable for freedom camping and are strongly objected to:
  - Pukemateko Reserve, 177 Mangatawhiri Rd,

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- 160 Omaha Drive (Rita Way, Excelsior Way, Lagoon Way),
- William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive
- These restricted Reserves are already heavily utilised and frequently the traffic overflows through to the surrounding streets.
- There will be a severe reduction of car parks for the use of resident ratepayers and visitors if camping sized vehicles are allocated spaces and access in those car parks, and we maintain that none of the proposed restricted reserves can accommodate the safe movement of 2-4 berth campervans without significant ground works being undertaken.
- The proposed sites have very limited, or no, public toilet facilities or drinking water in the proposed restricted reserves, with no sites having 24/7 water or toilet facilities, and are considered unsuitable even for certified self-contained vehicles.
- None of the proposed Reserves meet any of the criteria set by Council that mitigates the known harms from freedom camping.
- We request the appointment of Insite Security Ltd as a local 'enforcement officer' for Omaha Beach, as is permitted under the Freedom Camping Act.
- We note the obligations on Council to use the special consultative procedure set out in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 ('LGA') for the proposed bylaw. We are of the view that Council have not fully met their obligations under the special consultative procedure.
- Council's consultation process required us to make numerous further enquiries of Council to obtain a full understanding of the proposal, and its implications – particularly regarding the significant implications on the access, amenity and safety of the people of Omaha Beach in relation to the inclusion of the AT areas in the 'not scheduled' areas of the proposed bylaw.
- We are also disappointed that, whilst we were made aware of Council's a 'Have Your Say' drop-in session in Warkworth, it was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019, giving us only 2 days to finalise our submission before the close of the consultation process – which we believe to be inadequate.
- We do not believe the primary harms, noted by Council in relation to freedom camping, will in fact be adequately managed with the proposed bylaw and will in fact magnify beyond all proportion in the Omaha Beach area the recognised primary harms of freedom camping.
- Whilst acknowledging that a bylaw may be a way of addressing the perceived problems, we maintain that the desirability of Omaha Beach to campers means that **prohibition of freedom camping in Omaha Beach is the most appropriate and proportionate response.**

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Spot the difference between these 2 pictures ... They are both freedom camping sites ... although the one at the bottom is of one of the proposed sites in Omaha Beach.  
Note close proximity to residents, no running water, no toilets facilities  
Surely this was never the intention when the Freedom Camping Act was enacted?



**Pukemateko Reserve - 177 Mangatawhiri Rd-  
Busy carpark, immediately adjacent residential area, no room for safe manoeuvring of  
designated camper vans, no toilets, no running water.**



### **3. Omaha Beach – Unique conservation area already under pressure from visitors**

Omaha Beach is located just an hour's drive north of Auckland and 15 minutes east of Warkworth. It is effectively a sand spit, reached by way of a causeway and bridge over the Whangateau Harbour. It has one of the best white sandy beaches, and a popular spot for surfing, within an hour's drive of Auckland city.

The area is considered a sensitive coastal environment, with the residential area protected by dunes, a kahikatea forest/wetland vested in the Crown as reserve, and areas vested as neighbourhood Reserves, with pedestrian access and walkways to the beach carefully planned to protect the sensitive dunes environment.

Omaha Beach is also home to the Omaha Shorebird Sanctuary, managed by the Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust ('OSPT') (<http://www.omashorebirds.co.nz/>). The Omaha Spit forms a barrier between the open sea and Whangateau Harbour, a relatively unspoilt tidal estuary. The area is important for a range of native shorebirds, which feed on the estuary at low tide. Some of them, such as the threatened New Zealand Dotterel and the Variable Oystercatcher, nest on Omaha Spit in significant numbers. With the formation of the OSPT in 2009, the community has taken the lead in protecting Omaha's shorebirds and the successes have been very heartening for the community. See also letter from OSPT at Appendix 9.

While Omaha Beach started as a holiday location, it is now very much a residential area, with a fast growing permanent resident population. However, Omaha Beach is also a vital and popular seaside area for tens of thousands of visitors annually within the greater Auckland region and beyond. At times its carparks, boat trailer parking and grass verges are full with the overflow of vehicles to accommodate the visitors. With the numbers of residents, and visitors, swelling dramatically at weekends, holidays, and over the summer period in particular, the facilities and infrastructure of Omaha Beach comes under extreme pressure from under-resourced facilities – as is evidenced by the need for the OBC to arrange twice weekly residential rubbish collections by Northland Waste, and weekly recycling collections by Council's contractor (with the OBC and its resident ratepayers contributing to the cost of these additional collections). At the main beach Reserve (William Fraser Reserve) the only public toilets are inside the surf club building, which are locked at night, and are totally inadequate for the visitor numbers. There is no drinking water for visitors as Omaha Beach is on individual tank water. *See Appendix 1- for photos of overflowing car parks in our designated Reserves.*

Omaha Beach was first developed in the early 1970's, in northern Omaha. Work on the southern end (under the control of the Omaha Beach Residents Society (<http://www.obrs.co.nz/homepage>) – but under the overall umbrella of the OBC) commenced in the late 1990s. Over the years the Omaha Beach community has funded and improved many of the services and facilities it has today – such as the golf course, tennis courts, boat ramp, community centre, sewerage disposal system, and surf lifesaving clubrooms.

We do not support placing additional pressure on the already stretched facilities at Omaha Beach by opening up and promoting the additional provision of freedom camping. While the current Reserve sites are unsuitable, as detailed in the following sections, the very nature of Omaha Beach's visitor numbers would see a significantly magnified and negative impact from the recognised 'primary harms' with the inclusion and overflow of freedom campers. The overflow would be parked in the surrounding streets in the immediate vicinity of the proposed freedom camping Reserves. As these streets would be classified as 'not scheduled' they would be open for unrestricted, unenforceable, and unlimited freedom camping in any vehicle. It is basically opening up the whole of Omaha Beach, a popular and at times overflowing residential beach side area that has little if any available toilet or fresh water facilities, into an unrestricted, unenforceable and unlimited freedom camping hub only an hour from NZ's largest city. This is strongly objected to by the residents and ratepayers of Omaha Beach.

#### **4. NO to freedom camping from the residents and businesses of Omaha Beach Public meetings and Survey of Omaha Beach residents on the proposed bylaw**

Omaha Beach ratepayers are opposed to freedom camping in Omaha Beach.

We undertook an online survey of our members (those for whom email addresses were held), during a period of one month, from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, with a 59% response rate. The survey results show 83% of respondents are against freedom camping in Omaha Beach. In relation to the sites proposed for freedom camping by Council, between 84% - 88% of respondents were against permitting freedom camping there. Full survey results are contained as an Appendix 8

In relation to the survey question “Do you support Council permitting freedom camping at Omaha Beach? **83% of respondents said “No – I do not support Council permitting freedom camping at Omaha Beach, even with restrictions on the use of sites.”**

In relation to the proposed restrictions on freedom camping sites, there was basically no confidence in these being at all effective, or abided by.

**95% of respondents answered “No – I do not believe freedom campers will abide by all restrictions.”**

At the OBC AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the topic of freedom camping attracted the largest turn out to an AGM in many years. A motion was passed such that the OBC seek a continuation of the current prohibition of freedom camping in Omaha Beach as currently stands under the Rodney legacy bylaws, and the protection given to the proposed sites under the Reserves Act.

A statement from the OSPT has also been obtained. *See Appendix 9* The reasons given are pressure and tension between users already being experienced in the Reserves, lack of basic facilities like toilets and running and drinkable water in the Reserves, issues already being experienced with freedom camping and the negative effect on local business and income, and impact on the conservation areas, if this bylaw went ahead as proposed.

#### **5. Evidence of the damage being experienced at Omaha Beach from freedom campers.**

The Omaha Beach residents have collected significant evidence as examples of the issues experienced with illegal freedom camping at Omaha Beach, including evidence of human excrement left from campers, fires in conversation reserves, disturbances in the Omaha Beach protected bird sanctuary, parking across multiple car parks restricting other user access, noise, and alcohol. *Appendix 2 shows pictures of this evidence collected over only 2-3 weeks pre this submission.*

Whilst we have experienced issues with freedom campers in Omaha Beach, we are aware that these may not in fact have been reported to Council – due to Insite Security’s current patrols and the frustration by residents in having ineffective enforcement of other bylaws, and frustration with trying to phone Council.

However, we believe the issues experienced in the past will pale into insignificance if the Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw is enacted as proposed.

There is sufficient evidence from other popular areas in NZ through other Council’s meeting minutes, press reports and industry body reports, to give us serious cause for concern on the impact of promoted and advertised freedom camping at Omaha Beach.

## 6. Representation and interpretation of the Freedom Camping Act and the proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw

We have noted a view by Council (Agenda of the Regulatory Committee meeting 10 August 2017; para 19) stating that ...

*"The Freedom Camping Act 2011 allows freedom camping to occur on any local authority area or conservation land, unless prohibited by another enactment. The council may not 'absolutely prohibit freedom camping in its area or district'."*

We note that what has actually been quoted in the Council papers is the heading of Section 12 ... whereas the Act (Section 12) actually states the following ...

*"(1) A local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in all the local authority areas in its district.*

*(2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt."*

The OBC is of the view that the wording of Part 2 Section 12 of the Act, means that, whilst prohibiting Council from making a bylaw that has the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in all the Council areas, banning it in some is not actually excluded by the Act.

Omaha Beach is a residential area, but with unique factors of close location to the centre of Auckland, conservation zones alongside built up residential zoning, and is experiencing pressures from ever-increasing visitor numbers. There is evidence based proof that show the damage and pressure that illegal freedom campaign is doing now to the area and also the learnings as documented in the Council's 'primary harms'.

We do not believe it was ever the intention of the Freedom Camping Act to promote freedom camping in such residential areas as Omaha Beach, and contend that the Freedom Camping Act does allow for prohibition in some areas that require protection. The Freedom Camping Act gives Council the ability to provide a proportionate response to the issues seen. We maintain that a proportionate response to Omaha Beach's unique factors is the prohibition of all freedom camping at Omaha Beach to protect the amenity, access and health and safety of all Omaha Beach residents and visitors to Omaha Beach.

## 7. Protections under the Reserves Act and the Freedom Camping Act

All Reserves in Omaha Beach are protected from Camping under the Reserves Act. These protections are also recognised in the Freedom Camping Act (clause 10b). We note that Council also hold this view as they state they require Ministerial Consent to overturn these protections before freedom camping can proceed in these current Reserve sites.

We note the comment in the consultation documents that delegated authority is held by Council, from the Minister of Conservation. We have obtained a copy of this document ('Reserves Act Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities' dated 8 July 2013). The document was only received by us a couple of days ago, and we haven't yet had the opportunity to fully study it, and obtain a legal view. However, we do question the Council's use of this delegated authority for the proposed purpose, noting the 'general purpose' of the Reserves Act talks of *the preservation of the sites for the public of NZ, and protection of the Reserves from unnecessary subdivision and development.*

Our view is that permitting 'camping', and the opening up of the reserves to freedom camping as is proposed, especially under the currently documented 'primary and secondary harms' as published by Council, is considered 'development' in this sense, and not is adhering to the 'preservation' and 'protection' of these Reserves.

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We object to the proposal to overturn these protections and to permit 'camping' on these Reserve sites and thus create parks for freedom campers.

## **8. Rights of current residents and the vesting in Council of Omaha Beach Reserves for ongoing protection**

We believe it was never contemplated that a use, such as 'camping', would ever be permitted on the Reserves when they were created as part of the Omaha Beach development - with homes adjacent to the proposed sites. These reserves were paid for from the developers - and therefore, effectively, the residents of Omaha Beach and vested with Council for protection. We believe it is a huge breach of trust that Council are now proposing to overturn these protections in some of Omaha Reserves.

Those property owners with properties adjacent to the proposed Reserve sites bought there having the comfort of the Reserves Act to prohibit camping, and it would be totally wrong for Council to change this status for the purpose now intended under the proposed bylaw.

## **9. The magnified impact on Omaha Beach of the 'not scheduled' areas in the proposed bylaw.**

We are extremely concerned about the proposed revoking of the Rodney District Council General Bylaw 1998: Chapter 8 Public Places. The proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw has almost all of the Omaha Beach residential streets and local resident car parking being classified as 'not scheduled' in the bylaw. There are no general rules given or proposed in these 'not scheduled' areas. We understand consideration had been given by Council to including 'general provisions' in the proposed bylaw, to apply to camping on residential streets, but these were voted down by the Council's Regulatory Committee.

With the non-inclusion of general rules for all other areas of Omaha Beach residential streets and car parking bays and areas, the impact on Omaha Beach is potentially catastrophic, unacceptable, and entirely unmanageable.

As already stated, Omaha Beach has unique factors with its location close to Auckland, and the airport, as well as the hugely popular beach side amenity that is at times overrun with pressures on existing infrastructure. The opening up and promotion of freedom camping at such a renowned and popular beach will result in the overcrowding of any freedom camping space allowances. This will then result in the spilling out across all of Omaha Beach, into its streets and carparks for unlimited, unrestricted, unenforceable freedom camping in any vehicle. The setting up 'camp' outside and beside people's homes is totally unacceptable and, again, we believe was never the intention under the Freedom Camping Act.

Following enquiry to Council, we have been advised that *"AT controlled land can be included in the bylaw if there is evidence that a restriction or prohibition is required based on one of the three criteria specified in the Act. If there are specific roads or parking areas that ... (we) has evidence for the need for a restriction on then ... (we) should include this in ... (our) submission and the hearings panel will consider this."*

Our argument is that it is unrealistic to specify every street, parking bay and area, for inclusion in the bylaw ... but that freedom camping should be prohibited in all of Omaha Beach.



## **10. Learnings from other cities**

All of the other NZ cities include general rules for areas like the 'not scheduled' areas that Council are proposing.

Tauranga, for example, appears to be leading the way in balancing the needs of its people with the requirements of the Freedom Camping Act, and has general rules that allow the protection of access and amenity, and the health and safety of their residents. They state:

Self-contained vehicles only (non self-contained must go to a campground)

You can **not** camp in front of a private residence or business

Maximum 2 nights stay

Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin have also self-contained requirements.

Auckland, as NZ's largest and most populated city, needs to prioritise the needs of its ratepayers and residents.

## **11. Omaha Beach meets the standards of being a HIGH /HIGH on the Council's matrix rating - requiring PROHIBITION**

The unique factors of Omaha Beach classify it in the Council matrix utilised to determine freedom camping restrictions - as Level of Protection needed HIGH, and Desirability to campers HIGH. On this basis Omaha Beach and its residential streets and car parking bays and areas MUST have the protection required from freedom camping to protect the amenity, accessibility, and health and safety of its visitors, its residents, its ratepayers and its conservation environment.

The Council are within its rights under the Freedom Camping Act to put in place prohibition to areas that require protection of the amenity, accessibility and health and safety of the people and the area. All evidence presented here, both written and photographic, clearly states and shows the required prohibitions on freedom camping is needed for Omaha Beach.

## **12. Sites selected and proposed as prohibited are supported by Omaha Residents**

We recognise that the two sites in Omaha Beach designated by Council as prohibited in the bylaw proposal are reserves where camping is currently prohibited as covered in the Reserves Act. We agree that those two Reserves must have their prohibited status continued under any new bylaw and highlighted with signage to this effect. The sites are 223 Omaha Drive (Omaha Beach Boat Launching Ramp and Wharf); and 15 North West Anchorage (Omaha Reserve).

## **13. Unsuitability of the proposed 'restricted' sites designated by Council for Omaha Beach**

The sites selected and proposed by Council as 'restricted' sites' are all currently protected under the Reserves Act and remain protected under clause 10.b in the Freedom Camping Act. These sites being opened to freedom camping are objected to by the residents of Omaha Beach and we request that the current protection from camping in these Reserves remains in place. We suggest that appropriate and proper signage be erected to advise of the no-camping status of these protected Reserves – as well as at the entry to Omaha Beach itself. These Reserves are already stretched at peak periods and do not have the infrastructure to handle current usage now, before the addition of over-night freedom camping – even if it was restricted to certified self-contained vehicles only. The Council commissioned report 'Rodney Public Toilet Provisions March 2018'

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stated “*The public toilet provision in Omaha is insufficient to meet the demand from both locals and tourists*”.

The Reserves proposed by Council as restricted freedom camping sites are:

- Pukemateko Reserve, 177 Mangatawhiri Rd
- 160 Omaha Drive (Rita Way, Excelsior Way, Lagoon Way)
- William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive

### **Pukemateko Reserve, 177 Mangatawhiri Rd**

Proposed by Council as a ‘restricted’ site. This site is not supported by the local residents and businesses of Omaha. *Note please see Appendix 4 for photo evidence of the following points*

Reasons being:

- This Reserve is surrounded by residential properties fronting onto the Reserve, who will be severely impacted by the proposed change in status from the current prohibition of camping that remains in place.
- It is immediately adjacent and in full view and sound zone of a fully built up residential area. (See Appendix 4).
- This site has NO running water, NO public toilet facilities, and is a busy and at times overflowing public car park for day visitors and locals (see Exhibit 3)
- There is only one rubbish bin
- The protected Reserve is also a popular and safe children’s playground. *Appendix 4*
- The car parking area is popular for ‘surfies’ who often surf at the southern end of the beach.
- The current experience from illegal camping in this reserve is that because parking and turning is tight and set for cars, illegal campers park horizontally across multiple parks taking significantly greater space than one carpark. *See Appendix 4*
- The site is a busy residential car park and is not large enough to allow the safe entry, exit and manoeuvrability required for a standard 2 berth camper van and would require substantial earthworks to accommodate these. As shown in an independent review *Appendix 3*
- The suggestion is 3 freedom camping parks; certified self-contained vehicles only, Although 3 parks are proposed, with no active Council funded enforcement, this will not prevent greater numbers using the area and setting up camp, as recognised in “primary harms” in Council’s own documents. It is considered highly unlikely freedom campers will vacate the sites during the daytime.
- The overflow from this site will have no barriers to moving into the adjacent residential streets that will be classified as ‘not scheduled’ and will result in unenforceable, unlimited and unrestricted freedom camping for an indefinite period in these streets.
- **Prohibition is required to protect access to this area.**

Our survey asked for views on the Council’s 3 proposed sites for freedom camping. In relation to this site, **84% of respondents answered “No – I do not support Council’s proposal to have (restricted) freedom camping in the car park at Pukemateko Reserve, 177 Mangatawhiri Rd, Omaha South.”** See Appendix 8- OBC Survey Results

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### **160 Omaha Drive (Rita Way, Excelsior Way, Lagoon Way)**

Proposed by Council as a 'restricted' site. This site is not supported by the local residents and businesses of Omaha. *Note please see exhibit 3 for photo evidence of the following points*

Reasons being:

- This site is the location of the overflow boat trailer parking, and is utilised heavily throughout summer - not just by the residents of Omaha Beach, but also the surrounding areas. *Appendix 5*
- This site is also surrounded by residential properties, who will be severely impacted by a proposed reversal of the current prohibition of camping as covered in the Reserves Act with this prohibition remaining in place under 10.b of the Freedom Camping Act.
- There is no running water, no toilets and 1 rubbish bin.
- The site is a small car park utilised for overflow boat ramp parking and does not have a large enough hard stand area to allow the safe entry, exit and manoeuvrability required for a standard 2 berth camper van and would require substantial earthworks to accommodate these. As shown in an independent review *Appendix 3*
- It is proposed by Council as 'restricted', with 2 freedom camping parks; certified self-contained vehicles only.
- With no additional funding being proposed by Council to enforce the rules, as recognised in the "primary harms", it is we believe it is unlikely freedom campers will vacate the site during the daytime and leave the area free for use by the boating residents and visitors, and for the use it was established and intended.
- 2 parks are proposed and any overflow will be able to move to immediately surrounding residential streets and resident carparks as these are classified as 'not scheduled'. Campers will be permitted to set up camp overnight in their non-self-contained vehicles indefinitely in "not scheduled" areas.
- Prohibition and signage is required to protect access to this area.

In relation to this site in our survey, **88% of respondents answered "No - I do not support Council's proposal to permit restricted freedom camping at 160 Omaha Drive ..."**

### **William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive**

Proposed by Council as a 'restricted' site. This site is not supported by the local residents and businesses of Omaha. *Note please see Exhibit 3 for photo evidence of the following points*

Reasons being:

- Currently proposed by Council as a 'restricted' site, with 5 freedom camping parks, but with 'non self-contained' vehicles permitted.
- This is the main Reserve and car parking area in Omaha Beach, located adjacent to commercial premises and the Surf Life Saving Club, and the main access to the beach itself.
- This Reserve is prohibited for camping under the Reserves Act
- The Reserve is also surrounded by established residential houses.
- There are only very limited toilet facilities, and an outside shower, all as part of the Surf Life Saving Club building. These facilities are already under immense pressure. *Appendix 6*
- There is no potable water supply - it being from a bore. There is a question mark over the continued availability of these facilities to the public, due to the impact it is having on the Surf Life Saving Club itself, with the public just expecting to also use the facilities in their clubrooms, and theft of property from the premises.
- These facilities are locked at night due to prior issues from night time disturbances.

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- The car park currently cannot enable safe manoeuvring of campervans (2-4berth) and would require substantial earthworks. The resulting loss of parks is estimated at over 16. This assessment work was completed for the OBC by an independent planner. Losing multiple car parks to larger camping vehicles has an impact on reducing already insufficient parking in this area see – *Appendix 3*
- The public car park area is already bursting and overflowing during busy times –*Appendix 6*
- With advertised and promoted freedom camping it is logical to anticipate a significant over-subscription of night time campers. The overflow would go into the nearby residential streets and car parks which are classified as “not scheduled” and lose the protections under the Rodney Bylaw 8 when revoked. This will create unrestricted, unenforceable, unlimited freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles being permitted in Omaha Beach streets.
- The overflow into ‘not scheduled’ areas creates a disproportionate impact on the health, safety, amenity and access to Omaha, its residents and its visitors.
- The proposed restriction to permit non self-contained vehicles at this site is entirely inappropriate – it would have needed to be certified self-contained vehicles only due to the non-access and unsuitability of the toilet and water facilities nearby.
- We also believe other restrictions should also have been imposed, such as times to arrive at, and vacate the site by, for campers in vehicles.
- However, our lack of confidence in freedom campers adhering to any such restrictions and our current experiences of freedom camping harms already experienced at Omaha, together with the lack of Council funds designated for adequate enforcement, would make the restrictions totally ineffective.
- Prohibition is required to protect access to this area

In relation to this site, **84% of the survey respondents answered “No – I do not support Council’s proposals to permit restricted freedom camping in the car park at William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive.”**

#### **14. Ignoring Health and Safety standards impacting safety of all users in areas allocated for Freedom Camping**

We are of the view that there is also health and safety issue with vans being parked, occupied overnight, and too close together with cooking inside with gas bottles. We have noted that the Camping-Ground Regulations require a minimum level of separation ... *“No temporary living place shall be erected or placed on any camp site within 3 metres of any other temporary living place, or within 1.5 metres of any camp site boundary, as the case may be”*.

Wouldn’t this health and safety requirement apply also to gas cooking within vans? We find it unusual that Council would suggest (as noted in Meeting Minutes of 13 September 2018), that the safety of those people utilising the carparks with freedom campers and for those freedom campers themselves, would be allowed at a lower level of safety than that applied to camping grounds. We cannot understand why the health and safety of those people would be protected in any less of a way than that covered in camp grounds. By applying the health and safety requirements for the safety of ALL users of the carpark, this would require the significant over taking of multiple more carparks than proposed, in what is already limited carparks in the designated freedom camping carparks in Omaha Beach.

We note from Council papers (Regulatory Committee meeting 13 September 2018 – para 64) that Council are aware of this issue, and where it was stated ... *“Feedback from local boards and community stakeholders included that campers should be at least three metres apart to align with the regulations imposed on commercial campgrounds. While this is a relevant consideration for fire*

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*safety, it is impractical to implement within existing infrastructure and will reduce the number of camping areas on a site.” ...*

Of some considerable concern to us, Council would appear to have chosen to just ignore this issue ...and place people at risk!

The location of Omaha Beach, being on the east coast is, unfortunately, at risk in the event of a Tsunami. Whilst we are able to (and do) educate Omaha Beach property owners of the risks and actions to take in the event of a warning or the sirens sounding, we are unable to do the same for freedom campers – potentially putting them at a greater risk.

In relation to the proposed parking spaces for freedom campers at the ‘restricted’ Reserve sites, the currently marked parking spaces are designed primarily for cars. Camper vans these days are of a size such that they cannot be accommodated in one of these marked parks. We have seen evidence of vans actually parking sideways across 5 car parks! – see photos in *Appendix 2*. To evidence this issue, and the pressure the proposed bylaw will place on the limited number of parking spaces we currently have, we have had a plan / theoretical layout of the sites drawn up, allowing the minimum distances, etc between vehicles, and showing the car park modifications that would be required to accommodate the length of an RV camper van. See *Appendix 3*. This would therefore see a considerable number of the existing marked car parks taken over to provide a small number of freedom camping parks – at additional cost to Council (and its ratepayers).

## **15. Evidence shows restrictions are broken and Council do not adequately resource enforcement**

In terms of the ‘restrictions’ on the sites proposed – these provide little or no comfort. The results of our survey show that Omaha Beach ratepayers have overwhelmingly expressed the view that not all freedom campers will abide by restrictions placed on sites (95% of respondents do not believe freedom campers will abide by restrictions). Evidence at Omaha Beach shows this is already the case. Although the number of freedom camping parking spaces proposed is limited, which we acknowledge, we fail to see how this can be managed to ensure only those numbers are used, and that they will only be used only at night and be vacated during the day. We fail to see how length of stay can possibly be managed, unless sites are inspected daily. If required to vacate parking spaces during the day, where is it anticipated the vans will move to – the ‘not scheduled’ areas of Omaha Beach? There also appears to be no mention of a time of day that vans can park there to commence their overnight stay.

In relation to our survey, we asked about their confidence in Council being able to adequately enforce any restrictions. **94% of respondents answered “No – I don’t believe Council will be able to adequately enforce any non-compliance with the restrictions.”**

Enforcement of the ‘restrictions’ is also an issue as reflected in the Council’s ‘primary and secondary harms’ document. From our survey, the residents of Omaha Beach strongly expressed the view that any restrictions will not be adequately enforced by Council (94% of respondents do not believe Council will be able to adequately enforce non-compliance with restrictions) – hence our request for the appointment of Insite Security as an ‘enforcement officer’ for Omaha Beach. See Section 17; and Appendix 10

**16. Council breaking their own guidelines on how to minimise primary and secondary harms in Omaha Beach**

We maintain that the sites selected at Omaha Beach contravene the Council's own guidelines for mitigating primary harms.

Council have selected sites that are the most popular and already under intense pressure by locals and visitors.

Council have chosen sites that are the most convenient and attractive.

Council have chosen sites adjacent to residential properties, and right in the middle of view shafts and adjacent to children playgrounds.

We note from Council Regulatory Committee meeting agenda and minutes (10 August 2017), that the intent of the bylaw is to address the harms from freedom camping ...

*“Managing primary harms:*

*30. The problems associated with freedom camping can be divided into two problem types.*

*31. The first type is managing direct impacts or primary harms. These are intrinsic to the activity of freedom camping. They are generally unavoidable, though they can be mitigated to reduce their impact. Primary harms can be summarised as:*

- *loss of visual amenity due to presence of campers*
- *noise and other emanations, e.g. cooking smells*
- *conflict between other users including local residents*
- *blocked views*
- *privatisation of public space.*

**Table 1. Summary of complaints according to harm and approach available to respond**

Level of harm	Impacts	Management	Approach
Primary	Conflict of use between users and freedom campers.		Placing designated parking spaces away from the most convenient or attractive locations is an effective mitigation strategy. Restricting the length of time that campers can stay may also help reduce harms.
Primary	Privatisation of a public space.		The location and design of future designated sites could assist in managing this.
Primary	Amenity impacts, such as a loss of privacy or obstructed views.		Locating campers away from prime spots and residential view shafts is an effective way of avoiding these problems.

However, we do not believe these primary harms have in fact been adequately addressed, and nor will they be adequately managed in Omaha Beach, with the Council's proposed bylaw.

## 17. Requirement for an enforcement officer at Omaha Beach

We also request the appointment of an 'enforcement officer' for Omaha Beach, in terms of Subpart 3. Section 32 of the Freedom Camping Act, to be given powers to enforce a prohibition, and any restrictions, in relation to freedom camping in Omaha Beach (which is an area easily defined). Our request for a local warrant to be granted results from the community's belief that not all freedom campers will comply with a prohibition, or restrictions; and Council officers will not be able to adequately enforce a prohibition or restrictions. To support this request, and based on our experience locally with the lack of enforcement of existing bylaws (such as Set Netting; Liquor bans; and the hours dogs are permitted on the beach); and we fail to see how, as noted in Council papers, the enforcement can possibly be improved – to address the primary harms noted above - when, in those same Council papers, it is stated that "*Resourcing to enforce the bylaw will therefore be met from existing baselines*".

The OBC has, for a number of years now, contracted with Insite Security Ltd to provide security patrols in Omaha Beach – particularly over the peak holiday periods when the number of properties occupied increases, and the number of visitors and day trippers (and issues) swells significantly. In patrolling Omaha Beach, including the beach itself, they have been able to suppress potential problems and 'hot spots' – including breaches of the various bans and bylaws in place at Omaha Beach. These bans and bylaws include the hours dogs are permitted on the beach; the set netting ban; and alcohol bans – where we have found the Council officers unable to effectively manage and enforce these bans and bylaws. Issues discretely dealt with by Insite Security to protect people and property, and the natural environment, include fires on the beach; cleaning rubbish from the beach; gatherings on the beach with alcohol, in breach of the alcohol ban; noisy parties and traffic offences etc. In handling these situations, Insite Security also deal closely with the appropriate government and Council authorities.

It is therefore considered appropriate, and necessary, for Insite Security to be appointed as an 'enforcement officer' to ensure the prohibitions and restrictions in relation to freedom camping at Omaha Beach are adequately enforced.

Details for Insite Security form part of this submission – See Appendix 10

## 18. Alternative options and sites for ALL camping in the area

In requiring the prohibition of freedom camping in Omaha Beach, we would note that there is an abundance of alternative camping facilities nearby. Some require stayers to pay, what appears to be a nominal amount, and certainly a nominal amount for the location and facilities provided:

1. Whangateau Holiday Park <https://www.whangateauholidaypark.co.nz/> . The most obvious of locations for this area – and operated by Auckland Council! Situated on Whangateau Harbour, east of Warkworth and near Leigh in the Matakana Coast area, with sites right on the waterfront.
2. Martins Bay Holiday Park <https://www.martinsbayholidaypark.co.nz/> . Again, operated by Auckland Council!  
Why not encourage greater use of the Council operated facilities nearby, and increase income, rather than make ratepayers pay for the cost of putting in place new freedom camping parks at locations where those same ratepayers don't want them?
3. Sandspit Holiday Park <https://www.sandspitholidaypark.co.nz/> .
4. Scandrett Regional Park <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/stay-at-park/Pages/accommodation-details.aspx?itemID=65>
5. Tawharunui Regional Park <https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/tawharunui-regional-park/>
6. Goat Island Camping and Accommodation <https://www.goatiscamping.co.nz/>
7. Happy Dayz Backpackers <https://www.facebook.com/Happy-Dayz-Backpackers-103021149774083/>

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8. Snells Beach- current provision in two reserves for freedom camping
9. Mathesons Bay –current provision for freedom camping
10. Warkworth camp ground

In our survey, we also sought feedback regarding possible alternative sites considered suitable for freedom camping. Examples of responses were: *Appendix 8*

“No. The prohibition on freedom camping in Omaha must continue. This is a residential area!”

“We consider the best spot for freedom campers in the area to be the Warkworth Showgrounds where there is ample room, public toilets and rubbish facilities, no near residents. They can commute to the beaches and surrounding regional parks just like the local rate paying public have to.”

“It is there now - 50 per cent occupancy rate, just upgraded in line with Council requirements - this is where FCs stay!” We believe this comment was referring to ‘Happy Dayz Backpackers’ on Omaha Flats Rd – see Section 17.

“No - the residential nature of omaha does not suit freedom camping . There are no suitable sites with at least 200 metres to closest residential property and parking facilities are already stretched to the max .”

“Self contained vehicles only on spare land next to cafe on Omaha Flats Road before you drive over causeway into Omaha. Must pay \$10.00 per person per night, maximum 2 nights and a code will be released once payment is made. Just like ARP.”

With Council operated holiday parks in the area it seems inconsistent that Council would be pushing the freedom camping angle so hard, underpinning the viability of ratepayers businesses and privately owned businesses. Surely you would want to encourage greater use of your own facilities first – to partially offset the costs that will be incurred with the proposed freedom camping sites. These holiday parks are also in scenic spots – and not in a residential areas.

We note it is also inconsistent that Council have prohibited freedom camping near or alongside its own managed camping facilities where management and negating of primary and secondary harms could be easily handled by council staff. Instead of this option they have pushed freedom camping into the heart of residential areas and areas under significant pressure with no plan nor additional resources to enforce or manage these sites.

We would also note that we have had some very preliminary, informal, discussions with a party who has expressed interest in providing an attractive site for freedom campers to park, close by the Whangateau Harbour.

## 19. Final statement

**We acknowledge that, in terms of Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act, the bylaw must be the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problems in the area and, based on this submission, we maintain that the desirability of Omaha Beach to campers together with the unsuitability of the sites means that prohibition of freedom camping in Omaha Beach is the most appropriate and proportionate response.**



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**Appendices**

**Appendix 1** - Photo evidence of overflowing visitor parking flowing on the streets around Omaha Beach

**Appendix 2** - Damage already experienced in Omaha Beach by freedom campers, plus parking over multiple car parks

**Appendix 3** - Maps of proposed sites and independent report

**Appendix 4** - Pukemateko Reserve, 177 Mangatawhiri Road –Unsuitability of the site and illegal parking by freedom campers currently

**Appendix 5** - 160 Omaha Drive – unsuitability of site, already heavily used as overflow boat trailer parking

**Appendix 6** - William Fraser Reserve - crowded parking, lack of turning, overflow parking, multiple uses of site currently

**Appendix 7** - Whangateau carpark - a site to be considered for self-contained vehicles

**Appendix 8** - Omaha Beach Community Inc. Survey results

**Appendix 9** - Omaha Shorebirds Protection Trust submission

**Appendix 10** - Letter from In Site Security

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Dear Sirs,

**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING IN VEHICLES BYLAW – COURT PROCEEDINGS**

1. We act for Omaha Beach Community Inc (OBC) and are instructed to write in relation to the proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw, as it relates to Omaha Beach in particular, which is currently being progressed by the Auckland Council.
2. OBC is a ratepayer association with around 90% plus of all eligible ratepayers in Omaha Beach as financial members. It currently has some 1,200 paid-up members who are property owners in Omaha Beach. Accordingly, the submissions which it has made to the Auckland Council can and should be fairly taken as reflecting and representing the views and concerns of the overwhelming majority of residents and ratepayers of Omaha Beach.
3. OBC and its members have real and substantive concerns with the content and, indeed, lawfulness of the proposed bylaw and with the process and decision-making of the Auckland Council. What the Council is intending to do, certainly as it relates to Omaha Beach is, in our view, legally unjustifiable and it will be challenged. OBC has engaged this firm and retained Mr Hollyman QC as counsel for that purpose.
4. Given the position reached, if Auckland Council wishes to resolve this matter short of Court proceedings, then we invite you to contact either the writer or Mr Hollyman QC to discuss that.

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**Unreasonable and unlawful bylaw and related steps and decisions proposed/taken by Auckland Council**

5. Under the broadly stated objective, or guise of "improving the management of freedom camping in Auckland", Auckland Council, in respect of Omaha Beach, is proposing:
  - (a) to repeal or otherwise remove existing protections and prohibitions on freedom camping in vehicles and instead to pass a bylaw which, in relation to Omaha Beach, allows freedom camping in vehicles on three recreation reserves under the Reserves Act; and
  - (b) to effectively allow freedom camping in vehicles on roadside parking spaces and verges, by first removing existing prohibitions against freedom camping in these areas and then refusing/failing to replace such prohibitions. The result will be that freedom camping in vehicles will be permitted on roadside parking spaces, and outside residential properties, by virtue of the combined effect of the definition in section 6(2) and then section 10 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
6. The residential area and related amenities, carefully established at Omaha Beach, are totally unsuitable for freedom camping in vehicles.
7. In relation to Omaha Beach, the result of the above will be that the proposed bylaw, and the relevant decisions leading to it, including to remove existing protections, are unreasonable and totally inappropriate. They are damaging to the rights and reasonable expectations of the community which the OBC represents.
8. It is beyond the scope of this letter to set out the detailed reasons and facts and matters which demonstrate why what is being decided in relation to the bylaw and the bylaw itself are unreasonable and unlawful; and quite apart from the fact that the proposed bylaw will, in relation to Omaha Beach, be both unworkable and unenforceable. Most of those matters have been clearly articulated in the OBC's detailed written submissions to Auckland Council dated 16 February 2019, and we invite you to refer to those submissions for further detail. Such material will of course necessarily be placed before the Court in the context of the legal proceedings which we are instructed to commence if a satisfactory outcome cannot be agreed.
9. For present purposes we summarise below the key aspects of the legal challenge.
10. The bylaw to be enacted is unreasonable and should be quashed by the Court, both under the Bylaws Act 1910, and by the court exercising its usual judicial review jurisdiction.
11. The process that has been followed by the Auckland Council in relation to the passing of the bylaw has also been legally flawed. There has been a failure to properly follow the special consultative processes under the Local Government Act resulting in, for example in the case of Omaha Beach, the Rodney Local Board not being consulted either at the correct time or in the appropriate manner, or effectively at all. There also seems to be clear evidence of the Council representatives failing to consider or properly take into account numerous relevant matters which OBC has raised with it.
12. The Auckland Council's related decision, to purportedly exercise a delegated power of the Minister of Conservation under section 44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, so as to

remove existing protections on the three recreation reserves at Omaha Beach (along with, it would seem, some 84 others elsewhere in Auckland) is also legally flawed. It ignores the significance of the status of reserves; the regime to protect and manage them established by the Reserves Act; and indeed, in cases such as the reserves at Omaha, the legal status and protections under that Act, and the reserve management plans implemented under that Act.

13. In relation to the reserves, the situation is that the Auckland Council has decided to exercise a delegated legal power, so as to remove existing protections on recreation reserves, which in turn creates a potential problem of freedom camping in vehicles. The Council is then purporting to formulate a bylaw to deal with a potential problem, which the Council itself has created.
14. The material we have seen suggests that the Auckland Council seems to be proceeding on the erroneous basis that there is within the Freedom Camping Act a mandate to actively provide freedom camping. That is not correct. The statute merely delegates to local authorities the power to regulate freedom camping, where it is occurring and creating problems, subject only to the limitation that any prohibition of freedom camping must not be taken to the point of simply banning it completely throughout the local authority's entire region.
15. We consider that the Auckland Council has misunderstood both its task and its jurisdiction under the Freedom Camping Act 2011, and certainly insofar as it appears to have approached the matter of freedom camping on the basis that it must first open up areas to such activity, and then regulate those areas.
16. We refer you to the decision of Cooper J in *New Zealand Motor Caravan Association v Thames-Coromandel District Council* [2014] NZHC 2016. There the Court upheld very substantial prohibitions on freedom camping which were, as a matter of policy, determined by proper consultation with the public/local community (see para [100]). We also refer you to paras [104] and [108] of the judgment.
17. Omaha Beach, and the reserves and streets serving what is essentially a residential area, are simply inappropriate for freedom camping in vehicles, and there is absolutely nothing in the Act which somehow mandates that the Auckland Council should find and make available any such areas to freedom campers in vehicles.
18. Moreover, even if it were thought relevant or necessary that Omaha Beach needed to cater for camping and camper vans, there is already just outside Omaha Beach on Omaha Flats Road a designated and well run camping ground where appropriate parking overnight – "camping in vehicles" – is available for a modest charge, and with provision for related facilities which such campers require. There is also a Council-run camping ground nearby at Whangateau.

#### Next steps

19. As recorded above, OBC has retained us and Mr Hollyman QC and legal proceedings will be issued (unless a satisfactory outcome can be agreed).
20. In particular, we have been instructed to require an undertaking from Auckland Council not to repeal any existing bylaws or other legal provisions which presently prohibit freedom camping in vehicles on the three reserves in question and on the streets,

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grass verges and parking bays in adjoining streets at Omaha Beach - pending the resolution of the legal challenge, whether by agreement or by the Courts.

21. In the absence of receiving such an undertaking, we are instructed to seek interim relief from the Court.
22. Given the timeframes involved, we ask that you contact the writer or Mr Hollyman QC directly on 021 489 811 and urgently regarding possible resolution and, in particular, regarding the undertaking sought.

Yours faithfully

**GROVE DARLOW & PARTNERS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Hollyman', written in a cursive style.



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

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Council is not legally obliged to provide for freeloader squatting (for that is what in reality it is).

Declare it illegal except at limited designated places where there is toilet and rubbish facilities and charge a modest tariff if we must have this low end tourism and itinerant/homeless (often by choice) NZers. Take a look at Kiwicamp if it is still in existence.

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I object strongly to the Council's proposal in its entirety to open up the streets and reserves of Auckland to freeloader travellers, and especially at Omaha Beach and its surrounds. And even if you do promulgate Rules you will not effectively and efficiently monitor and enforce them.

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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### Restricted sites

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## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause. Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

#### **Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds** 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park** 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale**, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Manurewa Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

#### **Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### **Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Papakura Local Board area

#### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Restricted sites**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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## Whau Local Board area

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**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

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Other (please specify):

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ, regardless of any rules that are set.

It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or rate payers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. It is already costing me as a ratepayer insofar as someone has spent time researching, writing and presenting the rules outline and undertaking this survey. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services.

I believe that there should be a bylaw banning any form of "freedom camping" In the Auckland Council area.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

### **Restricted sites**

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Gulf Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Ōrākei Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or

ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services



**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I am totally opposed to the concept of "freedom camping" anywhere in NZ. It may be free for campers but someone - either taxpayers or ratepayers have to foot the cost of services, cleaning, compliance issues, security, etc. There are already campsites that provide this service and this should not be a part of core Council services

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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**Other (please specify):**



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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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## **Whau Local Board area**

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**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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Other (please specify):

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Your employees exploit this rule to fine good people who have simply pulled over for a rest (nap). On a long journey. People on a road trip should feel safe to pull over anywhere to rest without fear of catching a fine for freedom camping in the wrong vehicle.

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** If you are on holiday, wtf would you be up before 9am. It's unreasonable to expect people to move on that early.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

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## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? No room**

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period

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**Other (please specify): 5+**

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Other (please specify): 2 nights

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** It should not be allowed. Facilities New Zealand wide are stretched as it is

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

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A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I think five nights is a reasonable period of stay

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Upper Harbour

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I'd prefer 3 nights, simply because most holidays we take are a long weekend, which are always 3-nights long, and we stay away from home all 3 nights, and having to pack up and move and reset then pack up again just to satisfy this rule is a lot of work w

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

After reading all 53 pages, and the bylaw, it seems this complex and comprehensive drive to restrict and prohibit the great New Zealand pastime of enjoying our beautiful country and coastline with our kids and friends is a kneejerk reaction to abuse and trouble committed by visitors from foreign nations. It is clear they are not here now, and so the incredible respect us Kiwis have for our nation, beaches, waterfronts is once again obvious by the absence of trouble and environmental abuse in the area's you have focused on. In fact, the campervan/motorhome community look after our nation so well, most places are left better off than when we turned up. We pick up rubbish blown by the wind, broken bottles dumped by local thugs etc to help make these camping areas safe and pleasant for locals and visitors. To restrict and prohibit New Zealanders from enjoying New Zealand is not the New Zealand way. Who is behind this nonsensical and punitive work? It needs to be abandoned and abolished. The laws and bylaws are working absolutely fine. the specific restrictions are already complex, limiting and sometimes very difficult to follow, and serve the purpose of protection the environment and ther users of the area. Fine tuning them is all that is necessary, not this heavy handed abuse of the right to enjoy the country. It is more important than ever for our family to get out in the camper and stay at places that do not cost big bucks since recent politics have destroyed the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders, put 15000 businesses to death, and created so much fear and dread and stress to humanity. For Council to apply draconian restrictions on places already restricted, and blanket prohibitions on fantastic coastal places that are perfect for growing children to explore whilst Mums & Dads relax is morally, ethically and socially wrong. You dont need to go ahead with this. There is no reason at all, as we all know the abuse of our country was being done by people from other lands. If any restrictions are worthy of change, it is the restrictions on international tourists, and the standard of vehicles they are allowed to use. The 9am rule really needs to be altered to 10am. To wake,, wash, breakfast, clean up pack up and depart by 9 means waking up at 630 - too early for our family. The minimum night stay really can be 3 nights. Not returning rules seem pretty tough, but are ok if there are other places nearby that are suitable with space for the volume of campers out and about in any given season. If the volume restrictions are too fierce (without any good reason) it divides the community, and pushes holiday makers out into the local streets. It is more favourable for the community to have all the campers together, instead of parking up on a backstreet. It is also added security to have campers together,

knowing we have some very senior members who need a helping hand from us younger ones. I'd love to make a verbal presentation.



## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no environmentally or culturally sensitive features about this area.

The health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space do not have any specific factors that need protection.

Access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities are not in any way affected by freedom camping under general rules.

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?** Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no environmentally or culturally sensitive features about this area.

The health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space do not have any specific factors that need protection.

Access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities are not in any way affected by freedom camping under general rules.

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

Other (please specify): 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify): 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Leigh is paradise. I am going to be cremated at sea there. My great grans are in the cemetary in Whangateau. With no other place to freedom camp, taking this off the list is cruel, and there is no actual point as to why it would be prohibited. There are no environmentally or culturally sensitive features about this area.

The health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space do not have any specific factors that need protection.

Access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities are not in any way affected by freedom camping under general rules.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Same answer as Leigh.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove? Maximum stay, Departure time**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 3 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** 10am

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park** 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale**, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waitematā Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**



**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are no environmentally or culturally sensitive features about this area.

The health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space do not have any specific factors that need protection.

Access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities are not in any way affected by freedom camping under general rules.

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

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Departure time

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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9am is to early for leisure trippers in particular. These are the people who support local businesses e.g. having breakfast at local restaurants..... not practical really before 9am..... and return to vehicle and depart.

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5+

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** 2 weeks

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?** The indicated area on the map is far to wide and interacts with the ferry car park and would make it impossible for freedom campers to identify whether the maximum number of campers would be exceeded. Why make change when none is needed at this location!

In the existing spots there is no interaction with the bulk of car park users (when are you going to add more parking space inept council?) and thus no need for an early departure time of 9am.

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Little used and practical freedom camping site. No need for new restrictions here!

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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I don't know

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

Another reason (please explain):

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The Freedom Camping general rules are yet another tier of bureaucracy in addition to the Reserve Act rules and restrictions. Many freedom camping areas and reserves in your maps are adjacent to each other and there will be great difficulty for freedom campers to abide by the rules. The cost of signage to accurately identify all the location boundaries and individual restrictions should be prohibitive. they will be hard to enforce and hard to abide by. A \$200 and a \$800 enforcement fine process is hard to see why any official would propose or agree to such a procedure.

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**Another reason (please explain):** We live on Waiheke. We are overrun with freedom campers (usually) and they park where they want and toilet everywhere.

Additionally, there is no method of policing the stay limit.

Also, there is no dump station. We have all these tiny vans with 'self contained' stickers that clearly aren't and never will be, (even now).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Too few options. Again, no one is here to police or enforce any camping rules. Any, at all.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

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The proposal is hopelessly one-size and takes zero account of our situation here. We do not support allowing freedom camping on Waiheke, unless it is in one place only.

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Looks like minor stuff, the real issue is we don't want the poo-ers here. The rules are unenforceable.

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Waitākere Central and Central One**2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

### **Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

### **Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**  
Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 2

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 1 night

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify): 4 weeks

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**  
Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Who is responsible for policing this and who is paying for that.

**Ōrākei Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** People should pay to be able to overnight camp on the premises .

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## **Papakura Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Puketāpapa Local Board area**

**Restricted sites**

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are hardly any houses around here so okay to freedom camp with strict restrictions. One night only and must be self contained. Who is paying for this to be checked.

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

There are hardly any houses around here so okay to freedom camp with strict restrictions. One night only and must be self contained. Who is paying for this to be checked.

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are penguins and a lot of native birds in this area.

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are penguins and a lot of native birds in this area.

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are a lot of native birds in this area.

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are a lot of native birds in this area.

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are a lot of native birds in this area.

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are a lot of native birds in this area.

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a historic site with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

There are a lot of native birds in this area.

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** They should pay to stay in a campsite and not wreck a park with their rubbish and sewage and noise.

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It is an industrial area. Who is going to pay to police the campers here.

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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- they are obliged to be self-contained for at least three days
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## Waiheke Local Board area

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** I refer to Waiheke Island only, I don't think that the rules will fit all areas, I feel that Local Board should determine what freedom camping rules should apply to the island.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** I do not think that any freedom camping should be allowed on the island. We do not have any pump out facilities, if we had to have freedom campers then they should be both self contained and certified.

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I still take the view that we should not have any freedom campers on the island. If however this does not come to pass then they should not stay longer than two nights.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I feel that we should have no freedom campers on the island, any rule that might be decided upon will not be able to be enforced unless additional staff are employed to do this job. We must also take into consideration unpleasant responses that are potentially leveled at the person employed.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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To repeat myself, I feel that Waiheke Island is too small for freedom campers. We have a very good campsite that is situated within near proximity of all places of interest. We have no pump out facilities and having no freedom campers will be a simple solution.

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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And so...

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I don't know

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Another reason (please explain):** I live on Waiheke, following are the reasons we shouldn't have freedom campers.

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2/. The self contain leave there residue all along the road as they drive off.

3/. The un self container i.e. vans, cars. These people I see swatting in the bushes and along the bank. There are no public toilets open in level 4 and even if there was there is none in the area I live. I and my neighbours have had used toilet paper, feces, and used tampons in our gardens.

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- 12/. People need to enjoy our lovely beaches not tons of metal!
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I think they should be banned from Waiheke, until the powers to be can provide a safe environmental park for them with facilities.

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, The general rules will unfairly impact some people. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Some places simply aren't suited to freedom camping because it WILL damage the natural environment, and result in misuse of public toilets, e.g. Waiheke

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Leave the regs up to each Local Board

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

There is no way to enforce them, so they are pointless

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No freedom camping should be permitted on or near any of the reserves on Waiheke, or on or near any residential areas, or on or near any urupa sites, of which there are around 30 known sites, or in any of the road reserves.

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**



**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** 9am is too early in winter

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** one week return period

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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'Waiheke is doing this for all the WRONG reasons

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- there needs to be a designated campsite or a few
- employers need to pay staff enough to live in a house
- freedom campers on Waiheke have never been a problem
- address the cause not the symptom



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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waiheke

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

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However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: The general rules will unfairly impact some people

Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people? There is a lack of beach parking on Waiheke Island. Not fair on the locals as the freedom campers and folk living in cars will take all the dam parks. Not fair.

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Set departure time rule

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We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

Is this because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

Another reason (please explain):

Is this because, in your view:

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

There is no place to dump campervan sewage waste on Waiheke

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It is the most suitable place to put them.

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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#### General rules

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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the N

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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### No-return period rule

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

There should be no freedom camping on Waiheke Island as requested by the Local Board

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Waiheke doesn't have facilities for camper van toilet waste**



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Your local board: Waiheke

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## Your feedback

### General rules

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Stop freedom camping unless campers have toilet facilities and if they do not take up parking that could be used by families

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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## Self-containment rule

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Freedom campers could be allowed here because there are facilities however Onetangi beach should be excluded from freedom camping

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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Post Covid could see an influx of freedom living

## Waiheke Local Board area

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** New marina and bulk of schools located in this area from primary to secondary. High traffic flow

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Waiheke is not Auckland city and has a rural character. This island is not suitable to Freedom camping at this time and it can not be managed. Currently our island is currently facing a crisis in housing on the island. We can not allow Freedom campers to encroach on our very badly resources island in terms of toilets, roading and infrastructure. The time for Freedom camping on the Island is not now.

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There should be no Freedom camping on Waiheke or on Aotea until there is infrastructure in place to provide pump out facilities. Also Waiheke roads are not fit to have campervans and large vehicles on them. Almost every road on Waiheke is a sharrow and thus are shared by cyclists and walkers and those who are vulnerable. Already trucks are buses are pounding poorly constructed Waiheke Roads.

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There should be no freedom camping anywhere on the island. However currently there is a dreadful construction at Kennedy Point and there must be protectors allowed to occupy that space until that construction of a floating carpark and a marina are halted.

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):** It is not illegal to sleep in cars unless you happen to be driving, it is a matter of where.

The Strand in Onetangi has been turned into a de facto resort by these so called freedom campers.

The solution is cheap and easy. Replace the bollards which were removed decades ago as a temporary measure (One day for the Onetangi Races) and not replaced yet.

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Until then, allow longtime locals who have been driven out of their homes by high holiday rentals, camp in reserves such as the Sports Park.

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By not allowing freedom campers on waiheke

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** Yes – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:** 9am would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Although freedom campers are meant to be self contained many vehicles with a "self contained" sticker are not in fact self contained. This means people are going to have to be employed to monitor freedom camping areas. Where possible eco toilets should be provided where freedom camping is allowed. There should be NO freedom camping allowed on Waiheke Island. The island has no dump station or camping ground. At the moment people who are unable to afford to pay the high rents are sleeping in their vehicles and our limited facilities should be available to them and not to freedom campers.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Self-containment rule

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a two-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** It would be too hard to enforce a no-return period rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't know

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Another reason (please explain):

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Do you want to comment on why you don't know? Self containment rule is very problematic on Waiheke. We do not have (or want) chemical dumping facilities.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** It is not clear how these chemical toilets will be emptied on islands where there are no facilities. The rules need to be refined to account for such situations.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Yes, I have litter picked (with a grabber) soiled toilet paper from Wharf Road and also the beach area below the car park on several occasions recently - really not pleasant! Hence my comment about consistency of approach and not increasing problems here because you have arbitrarily banned camping in other car parks.

## Waiheke Local Board area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Waiheke Local Board area

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The Proposals

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Oneroa Beach front is another pristine beachfront area which should have Freedom/Homeless Campers banned.

The Proposal is that –

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Homeless Persons living in Vehicles

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I live in Auckland, and my fear is that freedom campers will make access to local beaches impossible or undesirable for me and my family and neighbours. Rules need to be specific and strict.

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I don't understand the proposal. Are you saying people can freedom camp on all other beaches? They will need protection. One family freedom camped on a portion on French Bay Beach last summer and it restricted beach access for everyone else.



## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** Two weeks is too long. If you are renting a freedom camper for a week/10 days and doing a short to/from trip North or South, then sometimes it takes the stress off on way back to be able to park at a place you know/been to before on your way back home rather than trying to find limited alternatives to park at night. If NZ was a huge long distance country then two weeks would make more sense.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If you are going to have these rules, then you need to make sure there are enough designated areas throughout Auckland to accommodate freedom campers needing to find parks overnight. Otherwise it becomes quite stressful trying to find where to park.

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** There are already rules in place against littering, public indecency, etc. Imposing further limitations on freedom camping will simply create barriers and cause rule breakers to escalate their behaviour. It takes away a personal responsibility towards decent behaviour and transfers that responsibility onto a third party, meaning those already inclined to break the rules will simply continue, and those who would have behaved themselves anyway may be barred from interacting with nature, which some might argue as a fundamental human right.

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There are plenty of laws in place to protect the environment and prevent bad behaviour, an overabundance of regulation simply inconveniences Kiwis trying to enjoy their own country and leaves a bad taste in the mouth for guests trying to do the same. For the sake of human dignity let people manage themselves! If we treat people like children they behave like children.

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all of them seem to be an attempt to limit and penalise freedom campers --- and very little in the consultation seems to be about enhancing and improving the facilities and options -- - Freedom Camping is a great Kiwi tradition , institution right of passage and BASIC RIGHT of all Kiwis -- the council would do far better to embrace this group and start providing better opportunities -- I own a motorhome and simply dont use it in Auckland or Queenstown as both cities are unfriendly in their attitudes -- In my recent travel -- i have seen members of the public urinate in various lay buys- the garage at hampton downs -- not one was a freedom camper -- but ALL had no access to facilities --- want to cure come of hte issues -- provide more rest stops, toilets at picnic areas - easier access to refuse -- not \$12 for one black bag at a recylce centre -- when travelling -- i often dotn have a plan for hte next day and sometimes just enjoy where i am in the mornign -- breackfast read a book -- and its 11.00 after all we are on holiday!!! so making us get up and leave by any set time is really ridiculous -

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### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** its a great spot -- and there are not many in Auckland

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** i dont like any restrictions -- but accept that GB island is a special place

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** consider adding more facilities

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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## Franklin Local Board area

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**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? why not develop good facilities here for freedom camping -- its a great spot and the facilities would also support day trippers

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? at least open one area to freedom campers - i lived there for a bit -- and the front gets inundated with South Aucklanders every weekend - i suspect it would only be used during the week by campers who like peace and quiet

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**



**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** no freedo camper would chose this spot!

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** its a nice spot -- and the mpore the better -- i live down in Huia - but no this area well -- virtually never see freedom campers in teh area

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** It is Harmful and Extremely DAMAGING to the environment to have them at Piha, Bethels Beach, Titirangi or Karekare. There are numerous road slips that have yet to be fixed and heavy vehicles will add to the stress on the roads, and cause damage, accidents and deaths. Freedom campers create excessive pollution and waste.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.



Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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### Where the general rules would apply

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

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**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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## Self-containment rule

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** No stay should be allowed!

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** No freedom camping

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** No stay allowed in any vehicles outside of the Piha camp ground .

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Who will govern these rules? Will adequate signage and markings be placed in the proposed freedom camping areas? Will there be a designated council service to call when the rules are not being followed by campers? Will CCTV be placed in these designated camping areas for the safety of the community's children and vulnerable residents? Will sufficient safe public footpaths be added to the Piha roads to accommodate an influx of 'freedom campers' and the general safety of all community members?

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Freedom Camping should only be allowed in low density/ low resident areas where there are no alternative accommodations available.

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- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: The general rules will unfairly impact some people

Another reason (please explain):

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

Auckland Council you are destroying this city - it has become an overcrowded hell hole and you continue to allow people to wreck the city. Freedom campers do not always use their self contained facilities because of lack of dump stations so continue to urinate and even shit in public spaces. They overflow public rubbish bins with a collection of rubbish. There is always evidence left where freedom campers have been. Wake up and save this city

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitākere Ranges

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Ensure all camp grounds have public toilets and rubbish bins

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** It will restrict the number of campsites available and cause some areas to become over crowded and unmanageable

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should be self-contained, but they shouldn't have to be certified

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety, but the National Standard is too restrictive, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a certified self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena? Maximum stay, Departure time, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify): 3 nights

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** The general rules are too broad - several local beach areas (not listed as prohibited or restricted) already have insufficient parking for local use to access the beaches - without being overrun by campers.

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

### How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

### How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

It is critical that access to Manukau Harbour beaches (particularly those in Waitakere ward) are protected. Allowing freedom camping without restrictions will impact locals visiting the local beach (as many do throughout summer) Parking at beaches such as French Bay is already insufficient - even one or two campers would not only compromise safe access for boaties but for swimmers as well.



## Whau Local Board area

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Hire staff to clean & maintain the areas.

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Hire staff to manage the areas.

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** There are too many ways to name how this will unfairly impact people. Many people choose to live in their vehicle while working in Auckland & going home on the weekend because rent here is too high. Traveling our country is right, and removing access to freedom camping makes that unplayable for many people.

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#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Marine Parade South carparks on beachfront

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Anawhata Road northern end, end of road parking area

Te Henga Bethells Road northern end carpark at beach

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French Bay French Bay Carparks

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**



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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain): No,**

I strongly oppose freedom camping in Piha

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** I strongly oppose freedom camping in Piha.

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I strongly oppose freedom camping in the Waitakere ranges including Piha.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I strongly oppose the changes to allow freedom camping in Piha and surrounding areas: Karekare, Anawhata and Bethells Beach.

I live in Piha and have seen first hand illegal freedom camping on Marine Parade South. For example, I had one large motorhome parked directly opposite my home for a period of five days and nights continuously. Despite reporting this, it took a number of days for an enforcement officer to come out and check. Due to the rural location of Piha and surrounding areas, I do not believe any freedom camping time limits would be enforced. Some people potentially would move car spaces and live permanently in their vehicles.

In Piha, there is already a well equipped camping ground with facilities which is centrally located for people to stay at. Therefore there is no need for freedom camping. Locals have employment because of visitors to the campground which would be lost.

I have witnessed first hand, alcohol bottles and rubbish left by illegal campers as well as toilet paper and what appeared to be human excrement left in the sand dunes. I believe these issues would only become more frequent if freedom camping was legal.

With the proposed change to freedom camping, I believe it would be intrusive to my family and the other residents of Piha. Having large campervans overlooking your garden and into your home/ children's bedrooms will create unnecessary anxiety and effect our way of life.

I oppose any freedom camping in Piha and surrounding areas.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

I strongly oppose freedom camping in Piha. It would be of detriment to the local community.

The piha campground is perfectly located and well maintained for campers.

With Pihas rural location, I believe there would be little enforcement of freedom camping. It will effect the lives of locals who have the right to live privately without campervans overlooking their gardens and into their homes which is what happens along Marine Parade South and Marine Parade North.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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Your ideas will only work if there is a designated area set aside to cater for freedom campers as well as the ever increasing general public who like coming to Bethells Beach

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** It should be dependant on the facilities available eg public toilets, beach showers - why should people have to move on after only two nights if they want to stay three or four. Maybe a week max?

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** A week no return. If people are on short holidays and they are driving to somewhere and stop and then on return want to stop at the same place they should be able to.

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

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I don't know

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** No freedom camping at Te Henga

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** It would be too hard to enforce a no-return period rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I don't believe council can control this adequately

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I do not support freedom camping and as a resident of Te Henga would be mortified to see it permitted here. Our roads are narrow and unsafe near the beach. Our parking is already a shambles. Our environment too precious for environmental damage associated with long term stayers. I don't believe council can police this adequately and that long term stayers will eventuate.





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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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Piha Wetland, 42 Seaview Road local park

Marine Parade North carparks on beachfront

Marine Parade South carparks on beachfront

Glen Esk Road, eastern end carpark at end of road

Karekare Road Parking area at beach (partly road reserve)

Anawhata Road entrance to Rose Track and White Track

Anawhata Road northern end, end of road parking area

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** By having general rules is difficult as different areas will have different issues so all areas cannot be treated the same.

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** I think having freedom camping in popular beachside communities (esp when there is an available camping ground) is crazy and should be prohibited. (ie Piha). There already is not enough parking for day trippers etc without having camper vans taking up even more space by allowing to stay for up to days - so access is being blocked for the general public. In the past when there has been freedom campers they use the sand dunes as toilets and there is toilet paper and human faeces in the sand and on the ground - major health and safety issues. I support freedom camping in isolated places where there is no parking pressures and no camping facilities available. Having the camping in road bays is unsafe as often those road bays are used for slower and unsure drivers to pull over to let other cars pass. Also the roads throughout the Waitakere Ranges are very windy and narrow and not made for big campervans. To have this area promoted as a 'freedom camping' area would result in even more on the road and increased traffic issues and accidents.

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We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** The current certified self containment sticker is an absolute joke. Even though there might be a 'standard' - no one enforces it. The stickers can be bought and they are put on vehicles that are not self-contained. They have nothing more than a bucket in the back. The campers use the public toilet facilities to wash their clothes/dishes/teeth which is not only unhygienic it is using scarce tank water. If they were really self-contained they wouldn't have to do this. When I've been walking I've had to step over toothpaste scum from campers cleaning their teeth in the outdoor showers and numerous times come across toilet paper and faeces in the sand dunes. In non-popular areas freedom camping can work - but not in busy beach/park communities.

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** In busy beach front areas in Auckland there should be no freedom camping full stop. If these rules were allowed - How would these rules be policed? What is to stop them from just moving to another road and then back again? Who is going to monitor it

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule? No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Again in areas that arent already under pressure this would perhaps work. IN the Waitakere Ranges it is all under immense pressure. The carparks now by most of the tracks are full (with no campers) esp on the weekends and cars parked all along Piha road

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** In areas that can accomodate freedom campers there should be a non-return period for the reasons stated above. For areas that cannot accomodate freedom campers ie. areas already popular and under strain with parking and access there should be no freedom camping allowed.

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

These proposed rules are presuming that people are going to abide with them. While some will - many wont. Who is going to police the rules - people will just do what they want. There are already many places in the Waitakere Ranges where you can stay for a nominal fee and some areas also some serviced camping grounds. To open this area up completely to freedom campers will destroy it. Having unlimited freedom camping in busy/popular areas is nonsensical. I cannot see how this influx can benefit an area. The freedom campers dont just take up one car space - they spread their table/chairs, awnings, washing lines etc - taking up at least 2 or more car spaces. As much as freedom camping is a great experience for those doing it - sadly some areas are just too busy now to cater for it without it

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having detrimental effects on the environment, not allowing fair access for all and health and safety effects. It perhaps all looks good on paper - but without it being monitored in some way - it will only lead to problems. All over NZ there have been reports in the newspapers with problems with freedom campers especially in popular tourist destinations.

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As stated on previous page. There needs to be more prohibited sites.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There should be other areas that are prohibited in the Waitakere Ranges. - ie Any slow parking bays on the Piha Road, Kare kare car park, Glen Esk Rd, Te Ahu Ahu Rd, Beach front at Sth Piha and Nth Piha, Anawhata Road, Any of the beach carparks ie Titirangi beach, Cornwallis, French Bay. All these areas are under a lot more pressure than the 3 sites that have been identified.



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

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- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

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**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitākere Ranges

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

I don't see the need for general rules if we are not allowing freedom camping. Time to scrap it and reset how NZ receives overseas visitors.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a park for families to enjoy not camping - what is next?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans

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**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

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**Becroft Park Reserve**8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This was built by my husbands family from their mill along the road. when they gave up their time to build this it was for the community. Not some tourists for a free night to stay.

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

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**Orere Point - Prohibited site**Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Residents pay rates, what do freedom campers pay?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I don't imagine the neighbours there would be thrilled to have campers on their back door step

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this are

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** We need houses, not campers in this area

**McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Park is for all to enjoy

**Waitākere Central and Central One2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Would just turn the area to scum. Already enough problems in Henderson

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Henderson doesn't need anymore homeless sleeping in cars. This is what it would turn to

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** That housing will need greenspace.

**Restricted sites**



**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Green space for all to enjoy.  
Will be van pollutant

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This are clearly needs greenspace with infill housing

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrace) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** in fill housing needs green space

**Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** in fill housing needs greenspace, or build more houses

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I imagine would encourage homeless sleeping in cars and not much more

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** will encourage homeless sleeping in cars

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

**Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** if allowed would encourage homeless to sleep here

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? would encourage homeless

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? would encourage homeless also  
A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds**1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds**2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark** Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)** 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?



**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waiheke Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This would not be safe to camp here. Many crimes happen in the area and the national park will become a toilet

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** No way, there is no parking there ever for people attending restaurants etc. The businesses would die

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**  
Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** would encourage homeless

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** would encourage homeless

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** A beautiful foreshore for all to enjoy not polluted by vans. Dont imagine the locals who pay rates across teh road would appreciate freedom campers to contribute nothing.

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? A weird place would just encourage homeless people

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? greenspace for all to enjoy

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**





## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitākere Ranges

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:** Requiring campers to leave at 8am, before standard business hours begin, protects access to shared parking or other amenities for other users – which is more of a priority than campers' convenience, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If you allow this expect rate payer bsck lash and lots of slash tyers and glazing

**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

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**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

1.- At present the Self Containment rules are farcical, with many station wagon type vehicles (and even utes) wearing the Self Containment sticker.

Government needs to tighten these rules, and the right to Self Containment should be decided by the Road Authorities, ie it should be an additional check made during the Warrant of Fitness examination (at an additional cost the owner of course).

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In Piha, this is irrelevant as we have no authorities to police the rules. It seems as though Council will make a rule BUT the local people will be the ones forced to enforce these rules.

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** We live in the Waitakeres World Heritage Park and as such, overnight parking should be strictly prohibited as per the Park guidelines.

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As you are aware, the traffic on Piha Rd is very heavy, and there are multiple accidents as a result of impatient drivers attempting to pass slower vehicles, and or folk driving too fast.

You must also be aware that Karekare Valley now has only one access road, which is Karekare Road. The integrity of the road surface is now in question with at least one area where the surface is no longer intact.

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On any given week day, the very small parking lot at the beach is oftentimes almost full by midday, and on some Fridays and the weekend if the weather is halfway decent, it is overflowing by mid-morning. The large number of vehicles sometimes crowd the access to the road to the surf club, which may be needed for emergency vehicles. Furthermore, there have been some weekends when cars are parked at least halfway up Karekare Road, ignoring the broken yellow lines which should indicate there is no parking allowed. This is a narrow road and vehicles should be driving slowly, but frequently they speed between the strategically placed narrow areas in the road and the speed bumps on the road. It is dangerous for all concerned who may be walking on the road. We have numerous young children living in the valley, and their welfare may be in question with the increase in traffic. Add even more parked traffic and one can anticipate the potential for injury.

The parking lot is very small and if the law allows campervans and their potential furniture, where will others park? Last Friday there was a huge campervan parked parallel to the barriers in the parking lot...took up at least 4 parking slots. On that Friday there were 25 cars in the parking lot and no other room aside from in the middle of the lot...and it was only 1130 in the morning when I observed this.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I don't know

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule? No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)**

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Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard

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Definitely NO Freedom Camping in Piha, Karekare or Anawhata. Our Villages are having trouble coping with day trippers from greater Auckland. We don't have the facilities and our roads are dangerous.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Piha is a very isolated community - how often are enforcement officers going to take the time to come out here and make sure the campers follow the rules? It will take away from local campsites as why pay when you can stay for free. It is not a good idea for this location.

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**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

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**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space, Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** "Local business support" - what a joke. If they wanted to support a local business they'd be staying in a camping ground. They are freedom camping in order to give a MINIMUM of support to local business! While placing stress on infrastructure that they are not contributing to!

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

From what I can gather, there is no restriction on freedom camping at Piha, where I live. This will be a disaster:

Carparking taken up, noise for residents, litter, sewage. We have already experienced this. I strongly ask that Piha beachfront be a prohibited zone for freedom camping.

**Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitākere Ranges

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

Do you not support having general rules because, in your view: Another reason (please explain)

Another reason (please explain): No freedom camping at all

Only camp in camp grounds

How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?

How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

what is the point in any rules that r not policied. No one will police it and people will camp where ever and how long they want

No freedom camping!!

Use camp grounds

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

no freedom camping at all

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? no free camping camping anywhere

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Howick Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites



Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds2 Alnwick Street, WarkworthD, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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### **Prohibited sites**

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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## **Waiheke Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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### **Restricted sites**

Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?



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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

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Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

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### General rules

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Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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- on private property
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- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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'These comments are specific to Piha, Karekare and Anawhata. Previously freedom camping was banned from all Piha's foreshore reserves, all parks, carparks and road ends. Freedom camping could only take place in designated places and of course for a small fee people could camp in vehicles at the end of Glen Esk Road, end of Log Race Road, McCreadies Paddock (Karekare) and Anawhata; or they can camp in Piha's Domain Campground.

Historically there have been ongoing issues with freedom camping in these areas. As a longtime local (Marine Parade North), I have personally been subject to abuse, dumping of rubbish, defecation etc. in front of our property from freedom campers.

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- Water is taken in large quantities from the toilet blocks.
- Noise goes on through the night along with drunken/drugged behaviour

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Piha Wetland, 42 Seaview Road local park

Marine Parade North carparks on beachfront

Marine Parade South carparks on beachfront

Glen Esk Road, eastern end carpark at end of road

Karekare Road Parking area at beach (partly road reserve)

Anawhata Road entrance to Rose Track and White Track

Anawhata Road northern end, end of road parking area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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Pull off areas at track entrances and on road sides.

Roadside at Claude Abel Reserve (Garden Road)

I fear we will be overrun with Freedom campers over the summer if we just let it all happen, open slather, and we already have parking issues. If you insist on opening it all up, HOW WILL YOU POLICE IT? Right now, it's our Camp Mother at the Piha Campground, Fiona, who takes care of things - and she's even losing business from this issue.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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I have concerns about areas being left out of prohibited and restricted areas. E.g currently Piha Marine Parade N would currently be open under general rules with no limits. Likewise French Bay in Titirangi or Titirangi Beach. Would it be feasible to impose a maximum per site rule in general? E.g. no more than 5 campervans in one area? Also it might be useful to have an overview of all sites that general rules apply.

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I do not think the list of prohibited and restricted areas is thorough enough. Examples are Marine Parade N in Piha, French Bay, Titirangi Beach. In my opinion all these sites should be restricted to manage a good balance between safeguarding locals and opening freedom camping for all.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

Accommodation is expensive and in short supply in Auckland. This allows people a place to stay if they can't find another place and two nights may not always suit how long they need to stay in Tamaki MaKaurau. Not everyone has the money for self containment or expensive accommodation. Council needs to provide decent places for them to shower, toilet and do washing up. This is done in places around NZ like Motueka and Nelson etc

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This park is centrally located to many different motorways being near the Waterview tunnel. It is an area out of sight of locals mainly and off a busy four-lane arterial route. It is a perfect place for freedom campers to stay while they visit Auckland. It's also close to public transport should they wish to head into the city to visit the art gallery and waterfront.

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** It's near the ferry terminal and thus easy access to visitors. There is very little accommodation on Great Barrier Island. Auckland Council must provide facilities for toilets, washing and beach bbqs

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Good spot near popular Medlands beach. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Close to services and shops that will benefit from freedom campers. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area



### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is nowhere else to stay and this is a popular place to visit with a number of sites of interest to tourists. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are very few places to stay on North Shore and this is used mainly for sports and not in the evenings so would add another North Shore space for campers. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are very few places to stay in this area. Just because there is a boating marina doesn't mean it should not be able to be enjoyed by others and it's a lovely place to stay. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** I don't know

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** I don't know

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are very few places to stay in this area and this is used mainly for sports and not in the evenings so would add another space for campers. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

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**Waitākere Central and Central One2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 4 nights

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 8am**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? 2 weeks**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area? As far from the sports field parking as possible and nearest to trees and picnic areas**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Howick Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are very few places to stay in this area and this is used mainly for sports and not in the evenings so would add another space for campers. As it's used for sports they would need to move on by 8 am. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There are very few places to stay in this area and this is used mainly for sports and not in the evenings so would add another space for campers. As it's used for sports they would need to move on by 8 am. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

### **Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**



Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. There are not many places to stay in this area Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council. If sports areas set departure time at 8am

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.



**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area is under utilised and well located. Used for swimming pool parking. As long as campers had a designated space to park . Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council. Departure by 8 am or space made available as parking needed for sports as well.

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council. Good place for campers as under utilised and central.

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Perfect place for campers as under utilised and central. Also being in a place that doesn't offer much accommodation and is very expensive. Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council. This is a good spot as central and not used much overnight.

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Most campers cannot afford self-containment. Council needs to add facilities here to make sure toilets, showers pay as you go are available here. Such as is done in Nelson by the city council and Motueka by Tasman District Council.



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## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitākere Ranges

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain):

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It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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The entire Waitakere Ranges Heritage area must be excluded from freedom campers as it is a delicate ecological environment which is already under considerable pressure from its proximity to Auckland.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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Fines more than \$200 for staying in the wrong spot are only ok if clearly marked often it can be hard to tell

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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These comments are specific to Piha, Karekare and Anawhata. Previously freedom camping was banned from all Piha's foreshore reserves, all parks, carparks and road ends. Freedom camping could only take place in designated places and of course for a small fee people could camp in vehicles at the end of Glen Esk Road, end of Log Race Road, McCreadies Paddock (Karekare) and Anawhata; or they can camp in Piha's Domain Campground. Historically there have been ongoing issues with freedom camping in these areas. As a longtime local, I have personally seen dumping of rubbish, defecation etc. from freedom campers. The council in the past has been proactive to ensure Freedom campers have been prohibited along Marine Parade North for the below reasons after multiple complaints and it has benefited both residents, day-trippers and the protected environment we live in. - Sand dunes are used as toilets (including during the hours public toilets are open and unlocked) - Open fires are lit during fire season. - Fireworks are



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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes

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The list of areas in which freedom camping is prohibited should be extended to ensure the on-going protection of highly sensitive coastal areas. In particular I request that the area include Bethells Road from Tasman View Road to road end at Te Henga (Bethells Beach). Area of Concern: The area that this submission refers to is Bethells Road extending from Tasman View Road through the Coastal Settlement Zone adjacent to Te Henga Park to the road end at Te Henga (Bethells beach).

Action requested: Amendment of the bylaw to prohibit Freedom Camping along the Bethells Road from Tasman View Road to road end at Te Henga (Bethells Beach).

Justification: The proposed by-law does not place any limits on the number of vehicles that may occupy an area, nor the period within which camping may occur. Instead, it relies on the physical limitations for parking as the defacto moderator of scale and assumes only periodic use.

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- 1) Protect an area
- 2) Protect access to the area.

Prohibition of freedom camping in the specified area is justified based on these conditions as outlined below.

1. To protect an area - the proposed by-law provides inadequate protection of the unique natural, landscape cultural, historic, and community features of the area.

The proposed bylaw relies on the physical limitations for parking as the defacto moderator of impacts due to scale and assumes only periodic use. Neither measure is realistic for the Te Henga (Bethells Beach) given:-

- (a) the lack of defined boundaries and barriers between existing reserves, private properties, and the road reserve and
- (b) the proximity of the area to the metropolitan area and the extremely high popularity of the area for locals and tourists.

Freedom Camping is currently not permitted in the Te Henga Park and it is presumed that this status will continue as per Council's notice that camping restrictions in parks will not be affected.

It has always been assumed that the park includes the roadside verge along Bethells Road which borders the reserve. Indeed, Council Rangers have previously acted to move along campers who were in breach of this. However, the boundary and status of the road reserve is unclear, as are the boundaries between residential properties and the road. This is in keeping with the low-density development of the coastal village. There are also no footpaths in this area to define the road area. Should the Bethells Road verge bordering the park be deemed roadside reserve, Freedom Camping will be permitted in this area.

Under the currently proposed bylaw, camperans could line both sides of Bethells road between the southern boundary of the park and the entrance to the carpark. Notwithstanding the potential encroachment onto private property, the density of Freedom Camping along this strip would be far greater than is currently allowed under residential development rules for the adjoining coastal village (based on a conservative estimate of parking, up to 15+ camper vans could be sited along an area of roadside bounded by less than 10 residential dwellings).

The effect would be equivalent to adding a row of high-density housing to the border between the coastal development and Te Henga Park.

To say that the current demand for Freedom Camping does not support this scenario is unreasonable because camping is currently not permitted and this status is informally managed by locals (with assistance of the Ranger as required).

To the contrary, it could reasonably be expected that allowing Freedom Camping would see a rapid and dramatic influx of campers within a very short period due to the wide-reaching impact of social media. Evidence for this can be seen in the huge rise in day-trippers to the Te Henga and Lake Wainamu areas which have become highly popularised on social media sites.

Te Henga (Bethells Beach) and its associated rural coastal settlement lie within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. The preamble to the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act (2008) recognises the special character of this area and provides for the built environment to be subservient to the natural environment and for the dark and quiet to be protected. While large numbers of day visitors visit the area, often exceeding parking capacity, night-time quiet and darkness is preserved by controls on residential development and non-residential activities. Such controls are outlined in the Local Area Plan (LAP) for Te Henga Bethells Beach and the Waitakere River Valley. Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. (Adopted October 2015).

The Unitary Plan also includes provisions relating to residential development and non-residential . These are designed to ensure that these activities do not compromise the natural landscape historic and community features of the area. For example, See H2.3 Policies:-

- (1) Require minimum site sizes and limit the scale and intensity of development for un-serviced sites to ensure that:
- (b) development will be in keeping with any landscape qualities or natural features.
- (4) Require development to be of a height and bulk and have sufficient setbacks and open space to maintain and complement the rural and coastal built character of the area.
- (7) Enable non-residential activities that: (b) are in keeping with the scale and intensity of development anticipated within the zone; and (c.) avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on residential amenity;

If residential development is constrained to protect the natural and amenity features of this area, then it follows that non-residential activities should also be managed to the same degree. Allowing freedom camping, constrained only by the physical limitations of parking, is inconsistent with the existing controls in place for this area. Highly predictable adverse effects would include increased night-time noise from human activities (including use of generators) and increased light pollution.

2). Protect access to the area – Freedom Camping will reduce access for day-time visitors at a ratio of up to 1:10.

Parking for day-trippers is now regularly reaching and exceeding capacity, with overflow resulting in dangerous and inconsiderate parking – the effects of which are damage to roadside plantings, narrowing of the road to one-lane in parts, loss of safe pedestrian access, and dangerous conditions for cyclists.

Allowing Te Henga Bethells Beach to become a destination for Freedom Camping would see an even further reduction of available parking for day-trippers and would deny a greater number of people access to this amenity. The ratio of campers to day-trippers could be as high as 1:10. For example, a moderately sized 2-berth camper van (2 person occupancy) parked for maximum stay of 2 nights and a morning would occupy at least 2 carparks/day. Assuming a turnover rate for day-tripper carparks of 2 cars/day, a single campervan could displace 4 day-tripper vehicles/day and up to 10 vehicles for the duration of stay – say a weekend.

Allowing 1 party to occupy space that then denies access to 10 others is unreasonable.

A “wait and see” approach to regulation is unjustified and inappropriate given the special status and sensitivity of this area.

A “wait and see” approach is not appropriate for the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. In promulgation of the Act, the adverse effects from intensification activities have already been identified and deemed unacceptable. To now await and require proof of adverse effects is equivalent to revisiting the underlying purpose of the Act.

Notwithstanding this, and the requirement for campervans to be self-contained under the bylaw, issues frequently occur with the even small number of freedom campers that use the area albeit illegally. These include use of the roadside areas as lavatories, using public facilities for ablutions and laundry adding to water use, and discharging waste-tanks in the public walking areas. It is noted that there are no waste pump-out facilities within 25 kms of this community.

In Summary – amendment of the bylaw to prohibit Freedom Camping along Bethells Road from Tasman View Road to road end at Te Henga (Bethells Beach) is necessary and justified to protect the special character of the area while ensuring wide community access to the public spaces within Te Henga and the Waitakere Regional Park.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

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As per the attached submission, the Karekare Ratepayers and Residents Trust request that Freedom Camping be prohibited at Karekare .

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## RECOMMENDATION

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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I am writing on behalf of French Bay Yacht Club Inc in Titirangi.

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FBYC is not against freedom camping in principle, but we recommend that there are a number of other beaches including neighbours Wood Bay and Titirangi Beach, that do not provide boating facilities, but which have toilets and are very suitable for freedom camping, and which will not compromise the public boating facilities or sailing club activities.

We acknowledge your two night restriction but we believe this beach will be very much in demand as it is one of the area's best swimming beaches, and that vehicles parked on the day in between will be problematic.

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At North and South Piha we have a lovely lot of dotterel that are fiercely protected and I would be alarmed at increased parking of campers in this area.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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I wish to submit on the Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw, particularly in relation to the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area, and the Piha surrounds.

I am a resident of Piha, have what would be deemed a medium/large campervan myself, and am a member of the NZMCA.

It is an inconceivably bad and ill thought out idea to propose most of Piha open slather to freedom camping.

As I understand the council can prohibit or restrict freedom camping –

1. To protect an area
2. To protect the health and safety of people who visit the area
3. To protect access to the area.

I'd like to comment on all of these.

1. To protect an area

Camping will take place in some of our most fragile eco-systems that are prone to damage and harm from rubbish, trampling, introduction of pests, spread of kauri dieback, and domesticated animals, particularly dogs. Dogs specifically are already banned from Piha beach on or off leash and freedom camping will just bring more dogs. This season is not the first to see dead korora and seals on this stretch of the beach that have definitely been worried by dogs. As I have seen a dog ranger out there once in the last 10 years, I have no faith that the policing of this will be any better than it currently is, particularly as there will be no extra revenue coming in to council from this proposed bylaw.

People are currently discouraged from going off track and many tracks are closed because of kauri dieback; they are also asked not to go off accessways through dune areas because dune plants are fragile and birds nest on the ground, however, freedom camping will bring more people into these areas.

There is a risk from campers lighting fires when our Ranges are highly prone to difficult-to-fight wildfires. I know of the severity of these having seen the glow of the fires in May 2017 just south of our property in Marine Parade South. Waking up to ash over your vehicles and window sills is not to be forgotten.

Campervans can also be large vehicles that do not "fit" within some of our rural and coastal roads. Drivers are often strangers to the area and ignore or do not understand height restriction road signs. This is particularly the case at Piha where limbs have been removed from pohutukawa in Beach Valley Road following strikes by campervans, and Karekare, where a highly valued pohutukawa extends at a low height over Karekare Road, the entrance to the beach.

The Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 seeks to protect the natural values and wilderness of the Ranges. It also seeks for the built environment to be subservient to the natural environment and for the dark and quiet to be protected. While large numbers of day

visitors visit the coast on summer holidays and weekends, at other times these places retain their remoteness and wilderness.

Freedom camping will allow a built structure and domestic activities (watching TV etc) to intrude into the wilderness, not just during the day, but at night time, thus introducing noise and light into the heritage area environment.

2. To protect the health and safety of people who visit the area

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There are also health & safety issues related to the use of the road corridor in the Ranges. Some of the road pull-off areas on Piha Road and the Scenic Drive function as places where slow drivers can pull over. Safety issues will arise if these are used for freedom camping. All along the south end of Marine Parade South, the road is very narrow and if camper vans are parked along this road (west side of road) their doors must face the street as their doors will struggle to open on the beach side the way the topography is. This will clearly be a danger to them and other road users as they step out of their vehicle. The size of the vehicles is also going to block visual awareness of the many little kiddies that live on this street and visit, moving from the beach to vehicles or houses along the street.

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These photos relate to both Health & Safety, and also Access.



A camper van would not be able to get around this roundabout





A camper van would struggle to get past these vehicles and around the roundabout.





These will be prime spots for Freedom campers, and any large vehicles will stick well out into the middle of the road causing vehicular chaos and definite H&S issues through road rage.



Normal cars parking across the emergency/fishing club beach access despite clear and obvious NO PARKING signs – Freedom campers do not think any differently

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users

**Another reason (please explain):**

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I do not believe parking should be allowed on road or off-road areas.

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I do not want freedom parking anywhere in the Waitakere or Piha area

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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I support freedom camping, but only in designated areas where there is adequate infrastructure, and where resource is directed to manage the sites. I do not think there should be widespread freedom camping as this will be of a scope that can not be managed without great cost to the ratepayer.

Therefore I believe that free camping should also incur a cost, given that even so called self-contained vehicles create environmental damage, and degradation.

As New Zealand prepares for a resurgence of international tourism, now is the time to think carefully about how we will manage tourism going forward in a way that ensures that our beautiful natural taonga are preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Simon Upton's report has suggested that "Tourists, and tourism businesses, should pay for the cost of the services they use and the environmental impairment they impose." I believe this must be applied in this instance in order to limit the damage and cover the cost of the resulting damage that will undoubtedly occur. To not do so is to open our region to greater damage, and lay the burden of the cost of mitigating this at the feet of Aucklanders.

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Marine Parade North carparks on beachfront

Marine Parade South carparks on beachfront

Glen Esk Road, eastern end carpark at end of road

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):** It was so easy to get forged certificates and stickers in the past. Enforcement should be able to look at three things...

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2, has the toilet been removed after the cert was obtained...seen many removed

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Two nights in the weekend with a leave time of midday or 1.00pm

Weekdays 3 nights with a leave time of midday or 1.00pm

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule? No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** three days as this will give other campers time to move in

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If there is a campground in the area then the rules will support the campsite occupancy. At the Site managers discretion could larger vehicles or overflow be moved/assigned to a different area...but only when the camp is full.

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Vehicles are required to have three days' onboard waste storage per occupant, so a one-night maximum stay will help encourage responsible dumping of waste, Requiring vehicles to move on the following morning will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays, A one-night stay still gives campers some opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, but this is less of a priority than protecting access for other users of public space

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure

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**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a four-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A four-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once, A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

I do not agree with opening up all car parks and pull over areas at popular beaches such as Piha. I strongly encourage council to designate certain carparks, back from the beach and not those that are highly sought after by day visitors to the beach. A reduced amount of parking will make it more feasible for council to monitor compliance with the rules while maintaining a good quantum of car parks in close proximity to the beach available to day visitors to popular beaches. My personal experience in the past, is that freedom campers will stake-out areas close to the beach for many days on end knowing that monitoring of such camping is not effectively and consistently controlled by council. My personal experience is that freedom campers will spread their occupancy footprint across a wide area around their parked vehicle, with dish washing, laundry cleaning, and dining often making it unpleasant for visitors and residents alike. I have regularly witnessed freedom campers washing their dishes, clothes, teeth and themselves in toilet blocks, as well as defecating in the sand dunes and bush areas after public have closed.

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

My comments and concerns relate specifically to popular locations, particularly beach locations. In my opinion the entire foreshore area along Piha and North Piha has benefited environmentally, and with improved public amenity and enjoyment for all users, since council prohibited freedom camping along these areas. The domain campground and designation of freedom camping areas back from the beach, as is currently allowed for in the existing bylaw, has provided for freedom camping as well as improved access and amenity for all day visitors and residents. Freedom campers are able to stay overnight (back from the beach) and like any other visitor, seek a beachside carpark during the day. In my experience this continues to work well for all.

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

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The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
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- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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**Organisation (if applicable):** Preserve the Swanson Foothills Society

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**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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I do not support having general rules

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#### Another reason (please explain):

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Another reason (please explain): I support a general rule if it bans freedom camping in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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In the dunes at Piha, we regularly come across toilet paper and faeces - which obviously comes from visitors generally. However, it is particularly noticeable adjacent to where freedom campers (illegally) park - this is bad for the health of the dunes, suppressing natural growth of the natives like spinifex and pingao, not to mention a disgusting experience. (I have posted this here as on the experience page I seem to have to log in and my password was rejected

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Freedom camping should be banned in all potential sites in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area - in particular at Piha freedom camping should be prohibited everywhere, and particularly • 42 Seaview Road, Piha, Piha Wetlands

- 42 Seaview Road Road Reserve
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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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Temporary Approvals in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and the Waitakere Regional Park must be subject to community consultation. See attachment for more info



## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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December 04, 2021

**To: Auckland Council (AC)**

**Name of Submitter:** Piha Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc (“the Submitter”)

Please find herewith our submission with regard to:

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### **Introduction**

This submission speaks to the Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw consultation documents and maps provided on the AC website.

- The submitter’s interest is in the areas within the greater Piha community area, the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park.
- The submitter seeks to ensure that the various actions proposed by Auckland Council with regard to establishing a bylaw that conforms with the requirements of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, also conforms with and respects the covenants embodied in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 and the Regional parks Management Plan 2010.

### **Background**

The Submitter is an incorporated body that has been actively representing the Piha community 1939. Members include property owners, business owners, permanent residents, holiday and weekend dwellers and property tenants. The Submitter has an active membership who are necessarily affected by actions and activities of Freedom Campers that impinge upon the quiet enjoyment of their lifestyle and environment. The Submitter has an informative website, a Facebook page, a weekly newsletter to members and published the Piha Community News on a quarterly basis.

**Issues**

## 1) General rules for freedom camping

- a) Self Containment: Freedom Campers avoid using their Self Contained toilet facilities, preferring to “go in the bushes” or use public facilities in preference to the smell and disposal issues related to their self containment facility. The Bylaw will not prevent that, nor can it be readily enforced.
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## 2) Specific Areas where Freedom Camping will be prohibited or restricted.

a) Designated Restricted and Prohibited Areas.

- i) There are currently only three restricted or prohibited area proposed within the Waitakere Heritage Area and the Waitakere Regional Park.
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b) Prohibition and Restriction of freedom camping at Piha

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- (3) Marine Parade South car parking areas on the beachfront.
- (4) Glen Esk Road, eastern end carpark.

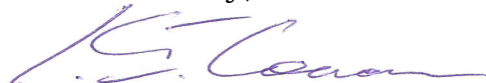
**New Bylaw and Enforcement**

The need for a new Bylaw is self-evident and we support that initiative. Enforcement is the most important facet of the Bylaw and when related to the Piha community area, the geographic separation of Piha from the seat of the Law enforcement agencies make anything except total prohibition of Freedom Camping impractical.

**Other Areas of Concern**

Although presently prohibited, Freedom Camping is frequently observed at Steadfast Park, in the parking area at the end of Glen Esk Road that serves the Kite Kite Falls track and at the Heritage Site (Old Radar Station) at the end of Te Ahuahu Road/Lograce Road. Serious consideration of Freedom Camping prohibition should be afforded these areas.

Yours faithfully,



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I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the N

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I'm not objecting because I manage your campground. There will always be enough people who want the safety of the Campground and access to bathrooms 24hrs. I don't think this would have much of an impact on what is left of the business post COVID. For some families and a lot of folk having some freedom camping around the place will be a Godsend as camping grounds aren't cheap anymore. People who respect the environment are always welcome in our Community.

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Being in the tourism industry in the 1990s I have seen a lot of changes.

Not all Good.

Emphasis should be on tourists that spend more money, Freedom Campers and Backpackers will come and are here anyway.

Reading this you will have sitting around your table people that all will have one thing in common.

Looking after their own patch.

There will be no one who these decisions directly affect.

Local Board members do not speak for those affected.

We live in Snells Beach in a small street of seven houses. At the end there is a small car park, children's playground and toilets with a boat ramp.

We live three houses up from this car park.

In the almost eight years we have lived here there has never been an infringement notice given to a Freedom Camper no matter what they do!

Even after hundreds of complaints.

We occasionally see an enforcement officer now since the Auckland Council had a round table just like you are going to do but always between 11.00am and 2 pm.

Meanwhile camper rental hire and the NZMCA and the other usual suspects clip the ticket leaving people like us ratepayers and taxpayers to pay their costs.

This must be one of the few countries in the world where an undesirable man can park in a van with a bed in the back outside children's playground and toilets and take 3 weeks to get him moved.

That happened to us last December.

Parking Bylaws does not apply to them nor Liquor, Noise, Dog, and Litter Bylaws. They are a much protected group.

Auckland Super City Councils Freedom camping bylaws at the moment gives 165% more Freedom camping parks in our small carpark than ALL of Waitakere City!

We have 5 Freedom camping sights (often with 10 or more campers there.)

Waitakere has 3 Freedom campers' parks up where the old dump used to be.

(I lived in Swanson area for 40 years)

Waitakere is 10,000 hectares with 3 car parks

Sunburst Avenue car park 0.10111714 of a hectare with 5 car parks?

Waitakere is 98,842.2 times bigger.

Who allocated this (unfair) distribution of Freedom Camper sites in the Auckland Council area?

Waitakere Resident

Penelope Anne Hulse Deputy Mayor of Auckland at the time

Waitakere Resident

Raymond Tau Henare

represented three different political parties in parliament—New Zealand First, Mauri Pacific and the National Party

Waitakere Resident

Linda Cooper

Waitakere Ward Councillor

And the very wealthy and powerful lobby group

NZMCA.....The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association.

A total ban on Freedom Campervan parks is illegal under the 2011 act in Waitakere or anywhere.

To allocate 3 parks for a City of 100,000 hectares is not.

To allocate 165% more car parks in a small suburban side street in Snells Beach is not.

Apparently there was a vote on the amount of parks for Freedom Campers in different areas, which brings to mind.

"It's not the people who vote that count; it's the people who count the votes."

Local Rodney Board had input.

You will no doubt be seeing Audio visual presentations of sparkling Camper Vans with pristine toilets.

What you do not see is the facts that if the renter brings it back with the toilet seal not broken (Unused) he will get a \$50.00 rebate.

This time will you:

- 1) Enforce the laws you make.... because all bylaws made by Auckland City Council are not enforced
- 2) Make it no parking areas for camper vans close to Children's playgrounds and Schools.

A common excuse is they are parked, not overnight camping.

This is a very common excuse which works.

Especially when the rarely seen enforcement officer always arrives

between 11am – 2pm

- 3) Leave the enforcement of the laws to professional security companies.

Who is going to lose out by enforcement of these laws?

Only the law breakers.

Why are these lawbreakers protected?

It makes no sense?

But it makes sense to the decision makers.

Since my involvement with Freedom Camping in Auckland 2015 several things have been made very clear to me.

- 1) NZMCA calls the shorts on Freedom Camping bylaws in Auckland Council.
- 2) NZMCA wants freedom camping in all streets in all Auckland (I cannot believe that their Waitakere comrades will agree, but that will be sorted like last time.)

(No restricted Camping spots yet in Waitakere. No surprise there)

2a) I cannot recall the amount of times that the "Sweet old couple in Tauranga cannot visit their grandson in Remuera because they cannot camp outside their house" Always the same story, I heard it first 6 years ago!

The last time was on talk back last week.

- 3) The NZMCA will get Freedom Camping on Auckland streets outside residents homes even in a Covid 19 Pandemic and the borders opening, with a new a more virulent strain coming, they will get even more Freedom Camping sites on reserves with the help of their cronies on the Council and Local Boards.

My Last and most important comments are.

With the borders opening and a new strain of Covid coming, and hundreds of rental campervans waiting at the airport, what on earth could go wrong?

The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) will get freedom camping on Auckland streets outside residents' homes even in a Covid-19 pandemic. The NZMCA will get even more freedom camping sites on reserves with the help of their cronies on the Auckland Council and Local Boards.

We have in these bylaw decision makers, a group of self-elected, self-interested, easily-led people. Of the most part, this group of decision makers is of unparalleled incompetence, whose probity is in doubt, and whose lack of diligence will result in many Aucklanders dying of Covid-19 in their homes.

Covid is at your door courtesy of the Auckland City Council.

It is obscene.

You do not need modelling to see that.

Let me debate this with your think tank, come on don't hide behind PR Spin, come out and debate the issue with me you can "Have Your Say"

I have attached a Visual presentation that I have shown to Rodney Local Board, Ratepayer associations, Auckland Council,

and Jacqueline Dean politician Member of Parliament for the Waitaki electorate, where she represents the National Party.

Jacqueline Dean was one of the original writers of the Freedom of Camping act 2011. .

She is the only person who has had the courage to debate this issue with me; it was organised by Michael Barnett at the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.

(She also had no time for NZMCA). (See attachment)





THIS MOTION PICTURE SLIDE SHOW HAS BEEN RATED

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PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED

SOME OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL  
MAY CAUSE THE  
AUDIENCE TO USE STRONG AND  
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OTHERS MAY  
JUST GET A LITTLE GRUMPY

BY THE  
CLASSIFICATION BOARD OF SNELLS BEACH  
( *PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES OUT TO CASH* )



My Name is Chas Benest

I am a resident of Tamatea Drive.

*"They say a spectator sees most of the game".*

x

What you about to see is not about

Campervans or Motorhomes.

But the Owners / Drivers. Not all. But enough.

This presentation is about .

***Ignorance, Arrogance, Selfishness,***

***The Law Does Not Apply To Me Attitude and being  
Inconsiderate to others users of the Sunburst Avenue Car Park.***

x

Photos are date stamped.

None were taken in the busy summer school holidays  
but in the autumn March, April 2015.

x

*I am a resident also a spectator.*

x

***Views expressed are mine alone.***

***From Tourism New Zealand website***

**Unfortunately, free camping is having an increasingly negative effect on New Zealand's clean, green environment due to the increasing numbers of freedom campers – some of whom create litter problems, dispose of human waste inadequately and discharge grey water outside of dump stations.**

**Free campers tend not to be popular with local residents.**



***“You all know who I am ok?”***

***“I will be your guide  
for this presentation”***

***“Now here is a question for  
you to ponder for a moment”***



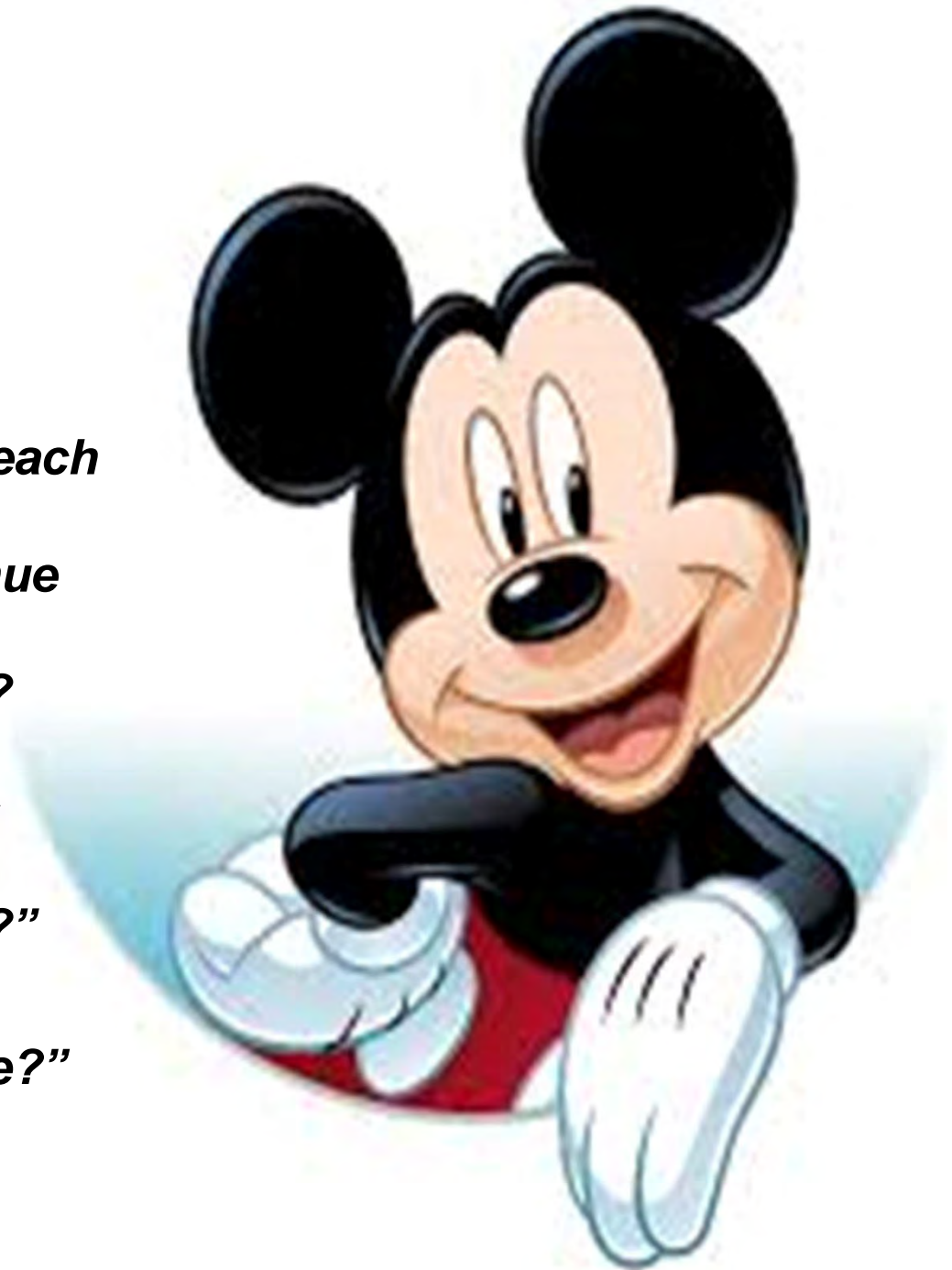
***“Is The Snells Beach  
Car Park on  
Sunburst Avenue***

***A) Car Park ?***

***Or perhaps***

***B) Camp Site?”***

***“Lets take a look shall we?”***





#1519

# Car Park Sunburst Avenue Snells Beach

Approx 1500 square meters

38 car parks for average car size vehicles.

5 spaces for car / tractor with boat trailers



**"Looks Ok so far right?"**





***“Over here a playground entrance and the grass play area entrance”***



Children's  
playground

Driveway area No parking. not marked

18 Car Spaces

10 Car Spaces



10 Car Spaces

Toilet &  
Shower

5 Spaces for  
car/tractor  
with boat trailer





***“WOW this is not the day to take  
the family to the beach or playground”***



April 11<sup>th</sup> 6.46am

***“This large awning takes up another parking space  
but it suits these campers nicely”***





**“Hey wait a minute didn't there use to be a playground here?”**



***“ This is 8 Camper vans/ Motorhomes with associated vehicles & additions = 50% of available car parks used”***



***“Oh look there is the playground behind this converted old bus.” “It has blocked off the entrance completely to grass play area and playground.”***

***“This Motorhome with car towed behind is over 15mtrs in length ”***



19<sup>th</sup> March 7.45am



***“Now this is what's known as a Safari ?  
Was the name changed from Convoy to Safari because  
the word Convoy suggest the term INVASION?  
Or did they just get lost in the Serengeti?”***





***“ OK ...so one of these is a Safari the other one is a Convoy.”***

***“You be the judge”***



***“The Convoy is the one without the LION and Cubs”***

*“Well it is time for us to have a  
look at signage shall we”*





***“Straight forward sign, would you agree?”***



***“Maximum Two Nights”***



A maximum of  
**TWO NIGHTS**  
stay for  
self contained  
vehicles only

***“Self Contained  
Vehicles only”***



***“No Tents or Caravans”***



**NO Casual Camping  
Permitted**

***“Nothing too  
complicated here is  
there?”***



**safety on  
the water**



**Lifejackets:**

**NO DOGS ON  
BETWEEN 9AM  
AND 5PM**  
From the first Sunday  
of the month to the third Saturday

**AT ALL OTHER TIMES  
LEASH BUT MUST BE  
ON**

**PLEASE PICK UP  
YOUR DOG'S EXCREMENT**

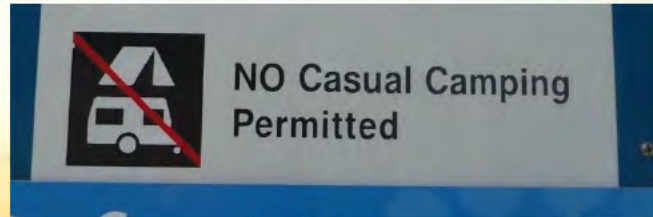
**INFRINGEMENT OFFENSE**



***“Sun loungers, large canister space for the towing vehicle 1 more. 4 car parks in total for 1 caravan”.***



***“No this is not the weekend this is the same day  
as previous slides Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March”***





***“Apart from blocking the driveway this caravan will take up 6 car parks maybe more with the boat & trailer not unloaded yet. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March”***



***“Caravans are parked midweek to save car park for weekend. Once again left on the driveway. Plus the sign no one sees!”***



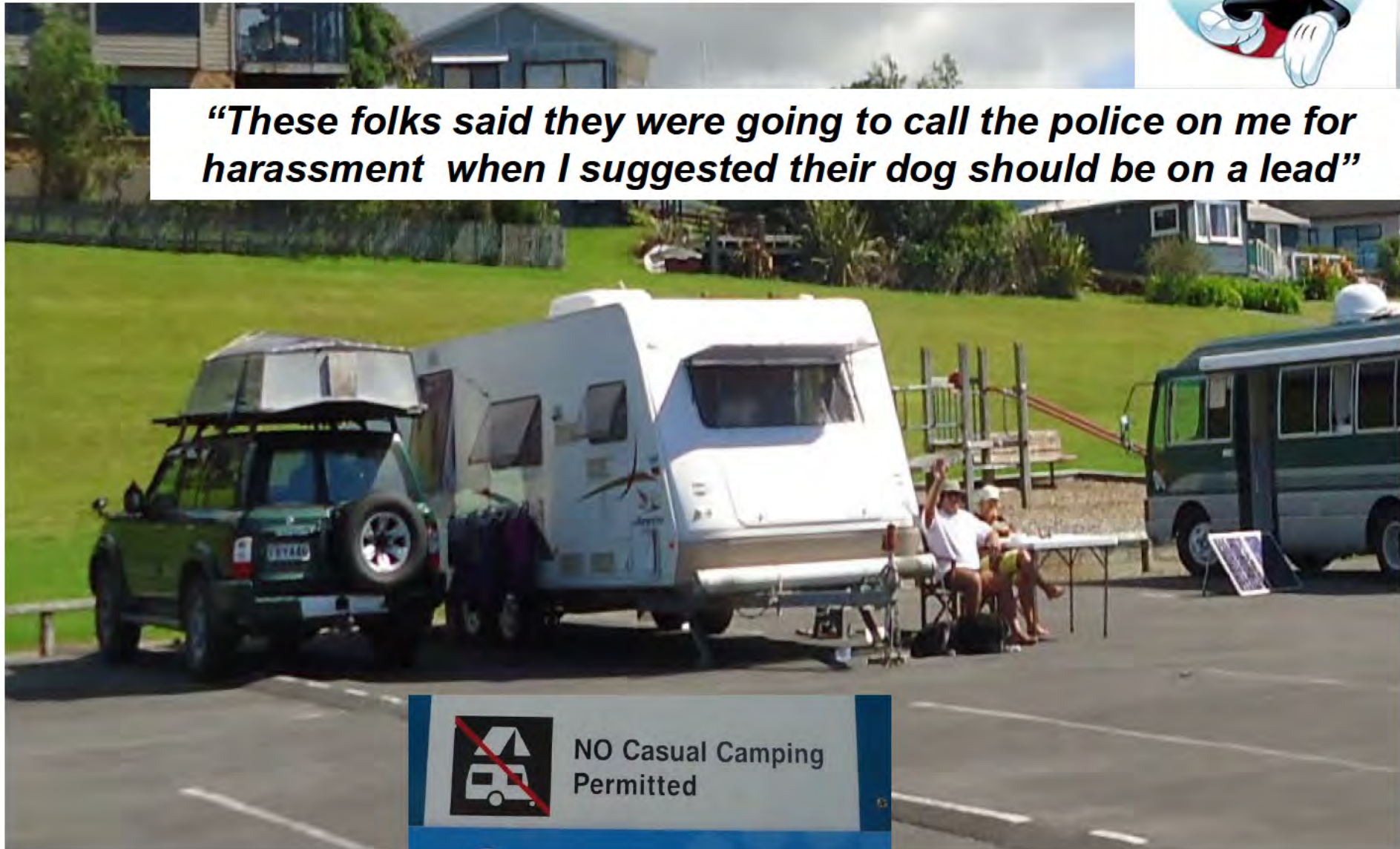


***“Just a regular photo from any car park in Auckland”?***

***“I don't think so”***

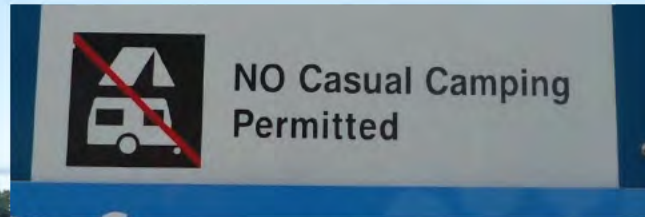


***“These folks said they were going to call the police on me for harassment when I suggested their dog should be on a lead”***





***“Do you see a pattern emerging here***







***“Gone home for the week see you on the weekend folks”***



**NO Casual Camping  
Permitted**

***“I have also been told if the caravan is attached to a car it is not a caravan? Its a campervan !  
I did not Know that”***





***“You should have seen this little caravan setup. I was told by a resident he just about blocked of the boat ramp”***



***“Why do the Caravan owners ignore  
this no parking of caravans sign?”***



***“I have been told in the last month that the Sunburst Car Park Sign means:***

- 1) No Small Caravans or Tents?***
- 2) No Small Caravans on the Boat Ramp***
- 3) No small Tents on the Boat Ramp?”***





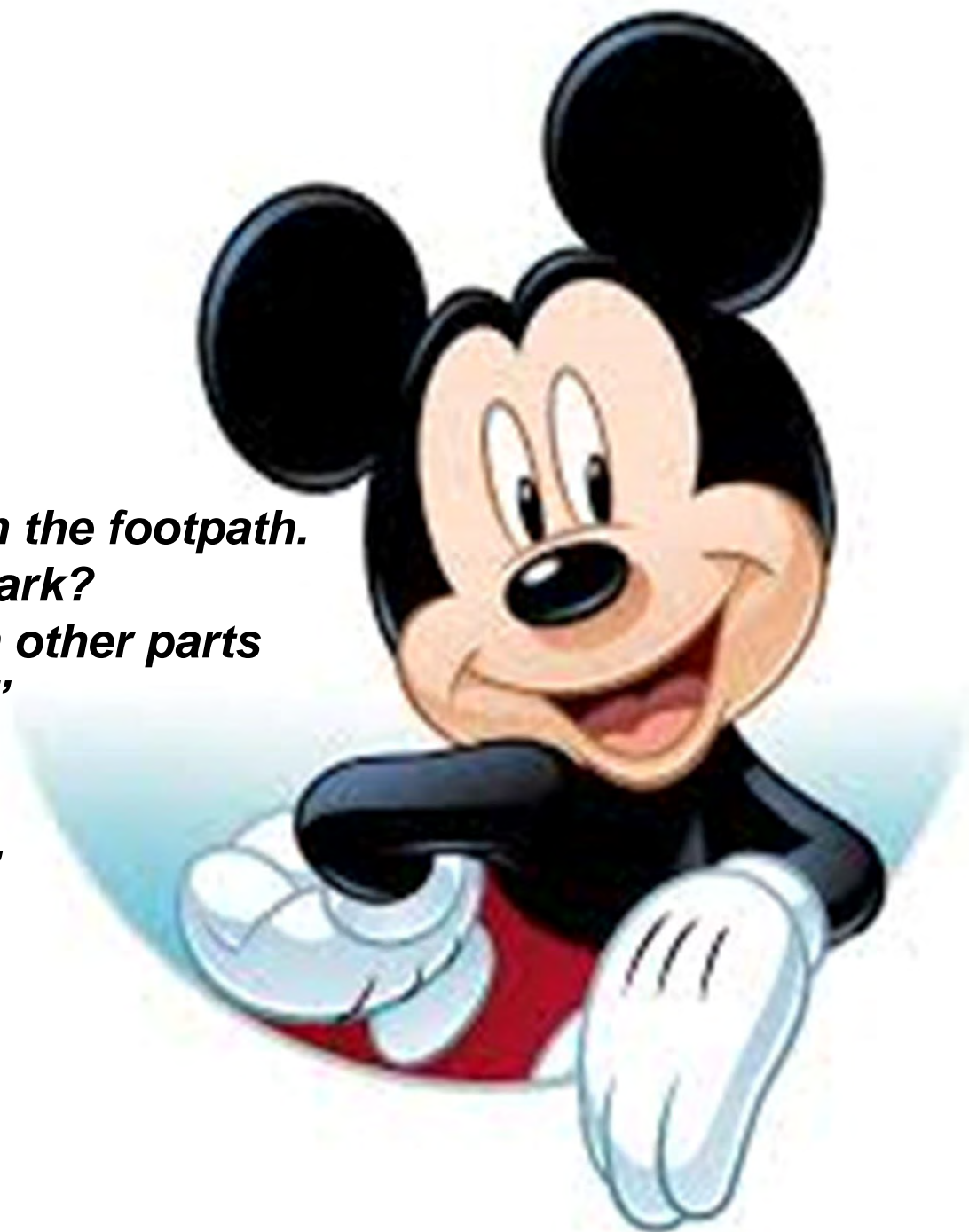
***“OK what other carpark in New Zealand could you park like this on the footpath and not get a ticket?”***



***“Answers please to Auckland Traffic”***

***“Why can Campervans park on the footpath.  
In the Sunburst Carpark?  
Are you allowed to do this in other parts  
of New Zealand?”***

***“I don't think so”***





***“This spot is the most popular for campers with dogs they can be let them loose over the playground and grass area”***



. Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> 7.50am





***“This motorhome is 18mtres long and weighs in at 9 tonnes he regularly parks in freedom areas from Matauri Bay, Northland to Waihi Beach (That is a car on the back of the truck and the driver has no truck driving experience)”***

***“In the next two slides where these big motorhomes have stopped is the handicapped ramp also the main access to the beach?”***

***“  
All this on a blind hairpin bend !”***





***“It is not just tourist's that are not sure  
what side of the road to use! “***



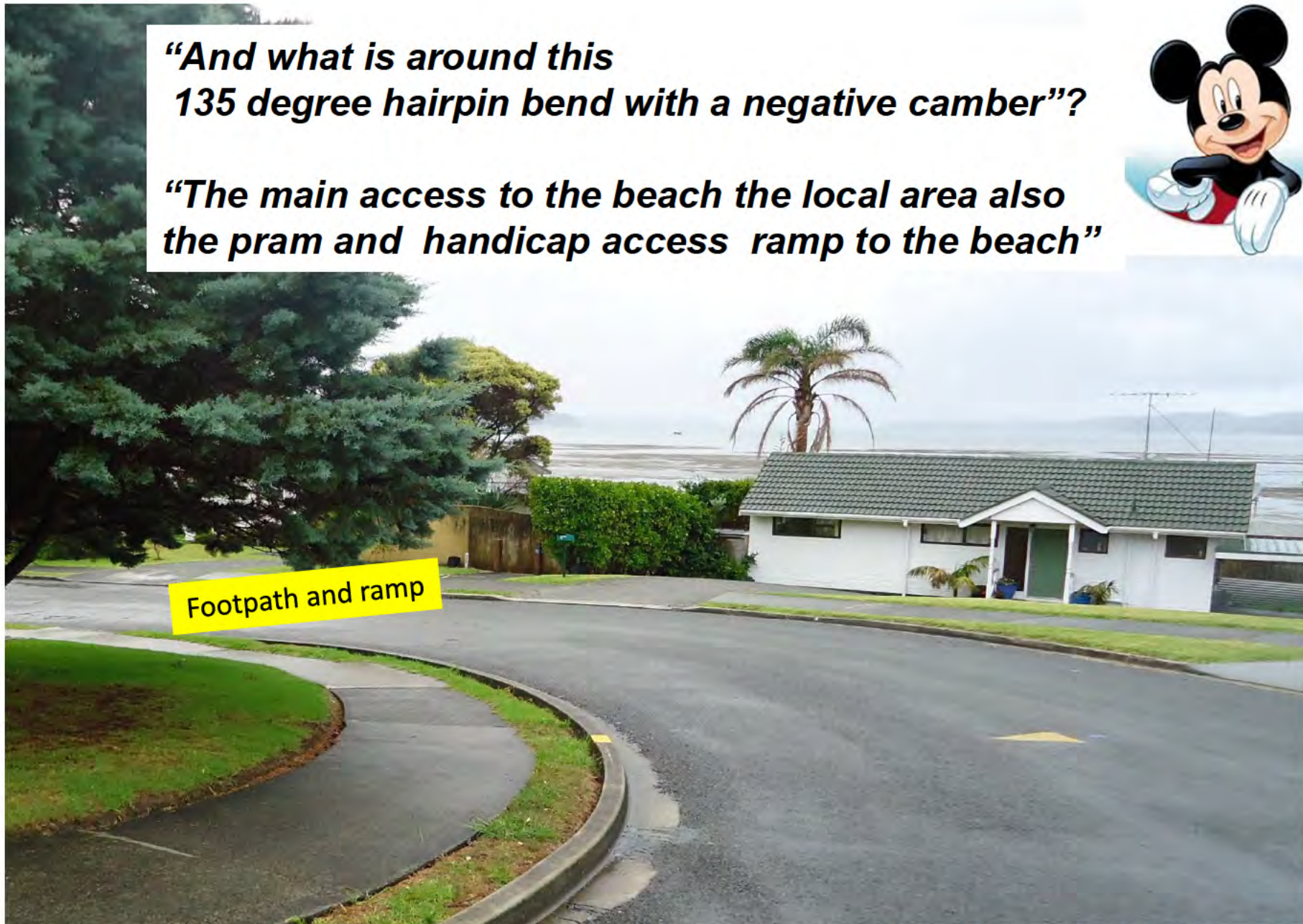
***“You would not want to be coming up  
Sunburst Avenue at this moment”***





***“And what is around this  
135 degree hairpin bend with a negative camber”?***

***“The main access to the beach the local area also  
the pram and handicap access ramp to the beach”***



**Footpath and ramp**

Footpath to the beach with pram and handicap ramp on both sides of the road

***“Why is there no restriction on the size of articulated motorhomes no matter how small the side street is?”***





***“Just here will do fine!”***

***“I will be the only person using  
the toilet and shower for a few days”***

***“Parking lines do to not apply to me”***





***“Yes that will do me!”***

***“Signs do not apply to me either”***



8<sup>th</sup> April 7.00am

# Boat Trailer Parking Signage

*“March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.59am”*

*“Thank you very much this has gone a long way to help”*





# Boat Trailer Parking Signage.

*“Signage the cheapest answer to the problem”*





***“OOPS spoke too soon”!***



***“Never say how dumb can you be”?***

***“They look on it as a challenge!”***

***“Ok so how do I make a complaint?”***



## THE PROCEDURE NOW FOLLOWS ;

- go to the Auckland Council main website
- scroll down the page
- find "e mail us " Under "Contact us"
- click on "e mail us "
- Scroll down mid way
- click on "contact us form "

Now you get a page headed "Help and Support"

Look for :

\* Contact us

Ask a question, request a service, make a complaint or compliment and we'll reply within three working days.

Need to attach a file? Please use this form. \*

## IMPORTANT

- click on the word form

The Contact us form comes up.

- click "O something else"

- click "specific address" and put in Sunburst Car park etc

- Then paste in the following :

26 March 2015

Dear Auckland Council,

Parking in the beachfront car parks at Snells Beach.

We attach a series of parked vehicle pictures and that of the signage regulating parking at Sunburst Car Park, Snells Beach. We believe that most of the vehicles illustrated are in breach of the relevant by laws, eg: they are not self contained, they are articulated large caravans, they are too big for the car park etc.

Please advise us what we can do by way of gathering further evidence of this inappropriate use of our car parks and what Auckland Council will do to enforce the by laws.

***“Yep I've got it but what happens Next?”***



***“You will receive an email:”***

*actual copy*



Your request was assigned the following reference number: CAS-546659.

You can expect to receive a reply from them directly within 10 working days.

Should you wish to follow up on this enquiry, please contact Auckland Transport on (09) 355 3553.

***“Yep I've got that too but what happens next?”***





***“You will love this bit”.***

***“You get another email”.***

***“Ready?”***





Thank you for your enquiry that I have received today via the Contact Centre of an incident that you saw last Wednesday (25/03/15).

Council does endeavour to advise members of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association of the current Council Bylaws that are in place at the time of inspection carried out by a warranted Council Inspector upon receiving an enquiry from a member of the public.

Unfortunately an inspection was not carried out (due to the time frame of receiving notification of this enquiry), so no further action will be undertaken by Council.

***“Yes because it takes so long for them to act they can take no action!”***

***“ This is taken from actual email response”***

***“Just one example of the stupidity”***





***“This was my response to the Bylaws Enforcement team”***

We have caravans and truck campers parked here for a week  
Not once has there been a council inspector even after  
numerous emails with photos.  
I attached this mornings pics.

The sign says clearly no caravans but they are and always have been ignored.

***You should give some thought to the ratepayers in our street not  
the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association.***

I hope this is enough time for you to send a council inspector here.

***“ Well there you have it.***

***When you make a complaint to Auckland  
City Council Bylaws Enforcement Team”***

***“What happens? “***

***“Absolutely Nothing”***







*“ We did have an inspector arrive at  
11.30 am”*



***“Here is Sunburst Carpark at 11.35am”***





***“ Why did this inspector with  
eight years experience arrive at  
11.30 am”***





***“Because here is Sunburst Carpark at 6.45am”***

***“I see no ships only hardships”***





***“Yep you got it because at 6.30 am  
the carpark is chocker”***



***“Wait lets not be too hasty here”***

***“How about a complaint to Auckland Traffic?”***



***“ We did have Auckland Traffic Wardens visited the Snells Beach campsite twice”***

***“The first time I was not quick enough to get there before they left”***

***“The second time I met with them, they could do nothing about the vehicle on the footpath as it was a council infringement not traffic ”***

***“They would not get out of the car or even wind down the window to speak”***

***“This is a safety measure I was told”***

***“To prevent them getting bashed up”***

***“This was confirmed by Michelle Mathews Auckland City Council Bylaws Enforcement officer”***







# Just three of the local options

## Option 1 SandSpit Holiday Park



# Option 1

## Sandspit Holiday Park

**Sites:**

***Camping kiwi summer style or in a little more comfort we offer both non powered and powered sites to suit all types of campers.***

***We've got 50 sites throughout the holiday park which are all handy to the beach and park facilities.***

***There are 7 beachfront sites, but these fill up fast, especially over holiday periods, so make sure you book early***



A purpose built cark park facility built for Campervans, Caravans and Motorhomes is just a few kilometres up the road

# Option 2

## Martins Bay Holiday Park

### Martins Bay Road

#### **Campsites Powered: 207**

#### **Laundries:**

Our laundry facilities provide coin operated washing machines for hot or cold washes, and coin operated dryers. We have washing line space and an iron and ironing board are available along with tubs for hand-washing.

#### **Cooking:**

We have a large communal kitchen area with cooktops, microwaves, fridges, freezers, toasters, continuous boiling water and sinks for washing up. You can also make use of our large communal covered BBQ area.

#### **Boating and Fishing:**

Martins Bay Holiday Park is fully equipped for recreational boating and fishing. Our facilities include an excellent fish cleaning area, an authorised fish weigh station, boat cleaning facilities, ample boat and trailer parking, and an all-weather boat ramp.

#### **Campervans & Motor homes:**

**A dump station is available for paying guests to empty waste tanks.**



# Option 3 Scandrett Bay



# Option 3

## Scandrett Bay

There are 3 car parking areas at Scandrett

Entrance car park: A total of 10 Spaces approx.

Located before and after the automatic gate entrance to the park.

x

Hill Top car park: 10 Spaces. Located beside the stock yards.

This is only used when the ground conditions allow.

x

Scandrett Bay car park: 40 Spaces Approx.

This is a small parking area so buses and other large vehicles should use the hill top car park when ground conditions allow.

x

We strongly recommend that you call our contact centre in advance of your arrival on park on 09 366 2000 option 2, to make your booking.

Cost per night:

Adult: \$6.00 18 years and over

Child: \$4.00 5 - 17 years

Infant: \$0.00 Under 5 years

***“This is also from  
The Tourism New Zealand website”***

***There are literally hundreds, if not thousands,  
of designated camp grounds and holiday parks  
in New Zealand, which cater for tents,  
campervans and motorhomes and  
offer unpowered and powered sites  
at a very reasonable prices.***



***“Why don't they use them?”***

***1) “These campsites do not like the big Campervans / Motorhomes they damage the camp sites ,break driveways, trees and foliage and are basically dangerous for children in confined area of the campsites.”***

***2) “All of the campsites do not allow dogs loose on the campsites most have a no dogs at all policy.”***

***3) “Most importantly they would have to pay a very reasonable price!”***

***“So who do Snells Beach ratepayers have the pleasure of using the Snells Beach Car Parks?”***

***“Yep you've guessed it”***

***1) Large Campervans and Motorhomes that are not allowed in professional run campsites***

***2) Campers who want to let their dogs run loose***

***3) Campers who want Snells Beach ratepayers to pay for their campsites***

***4) Campers who want to spread out and take up more room than allowed in a professional run campsite***

***5) Campers who require a campsite with no policing on bylaws by local authority Bylaws Inspectors or Auckland Transport Inspectors ( No Warrants or Registrations , and vehicles that should not be on the road )***



***“ Yes I do I believe we have cornered the Free Campsite Market in Snells Beach folks..... do you agree?”***



***“What are the residents and ratepayers  
of Snells Beach expected to do and to pay for?”***

1) ***Cleaning to of the Snells Beach campsites***

x

2) ***Daily cleaning of the toilet ,changing room and shower***

x

3) ***Daily removal of campers rubbish***

x

4) ***Cleaning up of dog crap from playground and grass play area***

x

5) ***Mowing the lawns and keeping grounds clean and tidy for their dogs.***

x

6) ***Not parking in the centre parking area so Motorhomes can manoeuvre***

x

7) ***Parents to always be close to children playing in playground & carpark***

x

8) ***And for gods sake do not complain .....just pay up.***



***P.S***

***I truly believe that our dog problems on the beach and grassed areas  
would be reduced by 50% with no Campervans and Motorhomes on the  
Snells Beach Campsites.***

***“Why do these Campervan and Motorhome owners believe that than can just ignore these road signs and road makings?”***

***“ Who informed these Campervan and Motorhome owners that they can park wherever they like in Snells Beach as there are no laws here”***

x  
***“It is the Freedom Camping act 2011 Part 2 sub part 1..... also”***

x  
***“The New Zealand Bill of Rights act Section 18”***

x  
(1) Everyone lawfully in New Zealand has the right to freedom of movement and residence in New Zealand.

x  
***“Does this really mean they can do what they like?”***

***“Even the Liquor Ban and Dog Laws do not apply to Campers in our Snells Beach campsites”***

x  
***“What happened in May last year to make the flood gates open with campers that thought they could do as they like?”***



FROM CHEN PALMER & ASS WEBSITE  
FOR THE NEW ZEALAND MOTOR CARAVAN ASSOCIATION  
INC.

**17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014**

**THAMES – COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LOOSES CASE IN COURT TO PUT BYLAWS IN PLACE**

*Mai Chen said the council had breached the  
New Zealand Bill of Rights Act with the bylaws.*

*The cumulative effect of the Freedom Camping Bylaw,*

*Public Places Bylaw and Parking Control Bylaw is a breach of the  
right to freedom of movement affirmed in  
section 18 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Acts 1990,  
Mai Chen said.*

*The right to freedom of movement is a fundamental civil and  
political right that is engaged under the Freedom Camping Act,  
which regulates a person's right to move on to or from certain land  
as well as the ability of a person to remain at a place .*

***“The floodgates are open campers!”***



# *Is a bylaw under the FCA necessary?*

**FROM CHEN PALMER & ASS  
FOR THE NEW ZEALAND MOTOR CARAVAN ASSOCIATION INC.**

*A local authority may only make a bylaw restricting or prohibiting freedom camping in a local authority area if the bylaw is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:*

- x*  
1) To protect the area;
- x*  
2) To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; or
- x*  
3) To protect access to the area

***“Not to Protect the Health,  
Safety of People and their Children  
who live in the area”?***

*x*





**THAMES – COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ANNOUNCES**

**The new Freedom Camping Bylaw  
came into effect at noon on 1 December 2014.**

Prohibited areas are locations where no camping may take place.

Restricted areas are locations where camping may occur subject to certain conditions.

This could include conditions such as the number of freedom camping vehicles, maximum number of consecutive nights of freedom camping by the same camper, or requiring campers to be self-contained.



***“Will the light at the end of this tunnel reach Snells Beach?”***

*“So now you know  
why I was presenting?”*

*“You are up against a well organised  
well funded organisation with a great deal of  
influence that will stop at nothing to stop the  
**Domino Theory** of loosing  
free campsites around Snells Beach,  
Auckland and New Zealand”*

The domino theory was a theory prominent from the 1950s to the 1980s, that speculated that if one state in a region came under the influence of communism, then the surrounding countries would follow in a Domino effect.

*“My comment on this sorry  
mess is from Irma Kurtz”*



**Givers have to set limits  
because takers rarely do.**

**Irma Kurtz**

*I had a meeting in Auckland with the Councillors Webster for Rodney and Penrose his responsibility was for Bylaws.*

*At this meeting it was agreed that*

*1) Disabled parking in front of toilets.*

*2) Limit length of 7 meters of campervans.*

*To protect the carpark from the heavy motorhomes.*

*3) Parking in front of children's playground prohibited for campervans.*

*To protect the children in the playground from from the Jimmy Saville's and the Rolf Harris's of this world who can to this day park within an arms reach of this children's play area.*

*x*

*(Meanwhile new council elected.) Their decisions*

*1) Disabled Parking YES*

*2) Length Limit No. Hundreds of thousands of dollars spent reinforcing carpark for the large campervans.*

*3) Children's Playground safety NO*

*Even after a letter to the Mayor for a please explain?*



***One last Question from 2020***

***“Why do we have 165% more Freedom Camper sites in our small carpark that all of Waitakere?”***

***Is it because the last Freedom Camping bylaws were put together by Councillors Penny Hulse Dept. Mayor at the time, Linda Cooper, Raymond Tau Henare, all of Waitakere and the assistance of the NZMCA to agree to this injustice.”***





***“I believe I have  
proved my point  
Do you agree?  
or is it  
Something is  
Rotten in  
Denmark”***

***“Thank you for your time”***

***Snells Beach***





"That's all Folks!"

*Well perhaps not quite!*





~  
"Thank you for your time"



Snells Beach





# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
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Action requested: Amendment of the bylaw to prohibit Freedom Camping along the Bethells Road from Tasman View Road to road end at Te Henga (Bethells Beach).

Justification: The proposed by-law does not place any limits on the number of vehicles that may occupy an area, nor the period within which camping may occur. Instead, it relies on the physical limitations for parking as the defacto moderator of scale and assumes only periodic use.

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- 2) Protect access to the area.

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Freedom Camping is currently not permitted in the Te Henga Park and it is presumed that this status will continue as per Council's notice that camping restrictions in parks will not be affected.

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2). Protect access to the area – Freedom Camping will reduce access for day-time visitors at a ratio of up to 1:10.

Parking for day-trippers is now regularly reaching and exceeding capacity, with overflow resulting in dangerous and inconsiderate parking – the effects of which are damage to roadside plantings, narrowing of the road to one-lane in parts, loss of safe pedestrian access, and dangerous conditions for cyclists.

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My reasons for this are:

1. Freedom camping already causes problems of health, hygiene and safety.
2. Freedom camping already causes damage and risks to the environment such as dunes and native vegetation.
3. Freedom camping in road reserves within forest could spread kauri dieback.
4. Freedom camping at beachfronts and entrances to tracks and beaches will block access for day visitors.
5. The West Coast and parkland is already at capacity from people from Auckland and further afield, with overflowing rubbish bins, parking blocking driveways and carparks full often from before midday.
6. The area cannot accommodate more visitors especially as the bylaw allows parking for days on end.
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The Bylaw:

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#### General rules

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### Where the general rules would apply

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**Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

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Piha, Karekare and Anawhata - I wish to see freedom camping prohibited in all road reserves and car parking areas in the Piha and Karekare areas.

- Piha Wetland, 42 Seaview Road, local park
- Marine Parade North, carparks on beachfront
- Marine Parade South, carparks on beachfront
- Glen Esk Road, eastern end carpark at end of road
- Karekare Road, Parking area at beach (partly road reserve)

My reasons for this are:

1. Freedom camping already causes problems of health, hygiene and safety. Campers using the dunes and bush as lavatories has been a persistent issue. Campers also use showers in the toilet blocks to wash and I have witnessed the use of hand basins to wash clothes and dishes.
2. Freedom camping already causes damage and risks to the environment such as dunes and native vegetation.
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Piha - I just wanted to have my opposition to the proposed changes to freedom camping in Piha noted.

I have seen first hand the disruption some (currenty) ileagal overnight campers have caused including the following:

Littering, damage to fragile dunes and surrounding pathways by vehicles and foot traffic. Human waste. Dogs on the beach in the prohibited areas putting penguins at risk. Loud music into the night.



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Piha, Karekare and Anawhata - I wish to see freedom camping prohibited in all road reserves and car parking areas in the road reserves in:

Piha, Karekare and Anawhata areas, that is, all roads from the intersection of Piha Road with Scenic Drive.

My reasons for this are:

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Introduction The WRPS welcomes the opportunity to comment on the bylaw. Freedom camper numbers are growing in New Zealand and obviously pose a concern for the WRHA. We understand that there are limited spaces in the Auckland Region for freedom camping and currently not enough to meet demand. We also understand the difficult position that Auckland Council are in trying to balance protecting the interests of the community and environment whilst meeting the expectations of tourists and domestic visitors. Auckland's growing population however means mounting environmental pressures and challenges for the WRHA. Visitor numbers are growing and there is growing concern that unless appropriately managed may be to the detriment of other heritage features; ecosystems, wilderness, historic heritage values. The WRHA is of local, regional and national significance due to its unique heritage features which include the prominent indigenous character of its terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The WRHA contains approximately 27,720 hectares of indigenous forest making it one of the largest blocks of continuous indigenous vegetation remaining in

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The WRPS welcomes the opportunity to comment on the bylaw. Freedom camper numbers are growing in New Zealand and obviously pose a concern for the WRHA. We understand that there are limited spaces in the Auckland Region for freedom camping and currently not enough to meet demand. We also understand the difficult position that Auckland Council are in trying to balance protecting the interests of the community and environment whilst meeting the expectations of tourists and domestic visitors. Auckland's growing population however means mounting environmental pressures and challenges for the WRHA. Visitor numbers are growing and there is growing concern that unless appropriately managed may be to the detriment of other heritage features; ecosystems, wilderness, historic heritage values.

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### *Detailed submission*

Freedom camping is of particular concern in the WRHA. Currently there isn't effective management of increased visitor recreational use of the WRHA, including campers, and the impact that increased freedom camping would have is a huge threat to the environment. We do not see how freedom camping could be effectively managed and monitored in a way that wouldn't have a negative impact on the heritage area. The health and wellbeing of the

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Yours sincerely,

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Anna Maria Fomison  
President  
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### The Site

Although the Council is proposing that freedom camping is prohibited in parkland held under the Reserves Act, 42 Seaview Rd is held under the Local Government Act and hence a potential site for freedom camping under the proposed bylaw.

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Prohibiting freedom camping in on the wetland site and adjacent areas subject to flf our submission above is not accepted and freedom camping is to be permitted in Piha, it should be prohibited in the following areas:

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I have lived in the Bethells area since 1986, and typically visit Te Henga and O'Neills at least once per week, all year round. Since the mid 1980's, there has been a steep increase in visitors to the area, reflecting an increase in population density in the greater Tāmaki Makaurau area in general. This increase in people visiting the area has brought with it a number of problems and complications, and I strongly believe that opening the area up to freedom campers will make these current, significant difficulties even worse.

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Just to be very clear - my issue is with campers, not homeless Aucklanders sleeping in their vehicles.

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Please include Basque Park in your scope - and do not allow freedom camping in the area.



## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

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I don't know

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** this is a very popular place with locals and should be kept for locals as its already very crowded.

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** it is too small. This carpark is very popular with people using it for access to Cox Bay park and sports fields as this gets crowded and not enough parking already. Also takes up parks for the 2 club houses nearby. Parking for these amenities is already at capacity and should be kept as a carpark only. Is funded by ratepayers and shouldn't be used for camping when the carpark services ratepayer amenities.

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?



Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



# Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

## Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitematā

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## Your feedback

### General rules

#### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Stop freedom camping.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** They shld not b able to freedom camp in any vehcal.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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The rules are irrelevant without enough people to enforce it and without a penalty. What happens when people do NOT abide by the rules? The usual New Zealand punishment, i.e. nothing, nothing and more nothing or maybe a wet piece of paper?

Some of these idiots are ruining our country, one day at a time, one selfish asshole at a time.

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The fines are far too small and there needs to be a minimum fine they have to go to court. There is no way someone should be able to walk away for under \$2000.00 plus court costs. The spot fines should be \$500 and be able to collect immediately. If they cannot pay, the vehicle can be confiscated. We also need enough people to enforce the laws. IF no one enforces them, then NZers will never, ever obey them. Ever. Unfortunately, NZers are the trashiest people I have ever seen. I have lived in 20 countries and NZer rates the highest for leaving their crap everywhere and for criminal aggression for bringing it to their attention.



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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

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Fully support the general rules, particularly the two night maximum stay. uncomfortable with proposed sites, particularly Coxes Bay, other cities in the world don't allow free camping so close to the city centre, I'd suggest free camping be kept 15-20km from city centre/densely populated urban areas. We have hostels and paid for camp grounds if people want to stay closer.

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I do not want people pitching tents (there is no parking in the area marked) in the park.

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** Yes

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There has previously been free camping in this area and it was a mess. OK with parking in lower section by motorway/harbour as not being utilised but do not want as before freedom campers to taking over Pt Erin swimming pool carpark. Parking is already insufficient.

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is home to New Zealand's largest sports club, home to over 200 football teams, many small children frequent the area & parking/free space is already insufficient. Motat at one point was also looking to charge for parking in the some of the area indicated

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Whilst area remain undeveloped it could be utilised for freedom camping.

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This area heavily shaded and damp - not suitable for camping. It is also very small and I believe the bush behind it would quickly become a dumping ground for rubbish,

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**

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I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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**Another reason (please explain):** Personally I agree we should protect areas and restrict freedom campers ability to negatively impact an area.

If a space has toilets that can be used and a drain for grey water (serviced) I don't feel campers should have to have a self contained certificate. If someone just needs to sleep in their car somewhere over night I feel anyone has that right without fear of a fine.

A 2 night maximum stay i think is a great idea, with vacate by times and no return by date also. This will stop people squatting effectively, can't "set us a home base" etc.

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):** I think a no return date period is a good idea but there would need to be at least 7 (2 nights at each) freedom camping areas someone can stay to cycle through them.

Auckland is outrageously expensive to live so if someone needs to live in their van they should be able to remain in the area jumping around sites still able to be local to work etc.

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BUT if someone is caught or suspected of toileting, damaging the environment, culture, disturbing people \$200 could be increased.

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**Another reason (please explain):** DOC and commercial operators make available ample good camping facilities throughout the region. Commercial operators pay rates and license fees to operate and contribute financially to the regions. Many (most freedom campers are not Auckland rate payers but use ratepayer facilities without making a contribution

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**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

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**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

#### **Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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### Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

#### **Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.



**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Do you have any other comments on the general rules?

The general rules are good but achieve nothing without enforcement. There are unscrupulous campervan companies that fit a portable toilet in a sealed bag, state it is self contained but offer a refund if the seal is not broken when the vehicle is returned. These don't comply as self contained however their client base doesn't care because their motivation is to minimise cost. They will avoid or break rules if they believe they can do so without penalty. The issue is not with the law abiding, it is with those who don't care about the rules

## Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?

I strongly support the enforcement powers and if anything would prefer stronger powers



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitematā

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Why would you attempt to refuse access to these locations - especially those with public toilets nearby, such as Point Erin, Devonport etc. If there is ANY issue in these areas then the obvious solution is to built bullet proof, concrete and steel toilets that CAN be used by Freedom campers - and ENCOURAGE them to stay in locations where there is free parking, without upsetting the locals - For example, I live close to Point Erin Park and have never had a problem with freedom campers parking there. Quite the opposite in fact, they are often keen to meet the locals and engage in conversation. You should be ENCOURAGING Freedom Campers not stopping them!

### How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** It's obvious - Build MORE regulated and approved freedom camping sites WITH public toilets AND paid for SHOWERS. Make them MORE welcome so the DO use Regulated sites rather than block them out - and force them to look for unregulated sites!

Eden Park Car parks, Mt Smart car parks for instance, Rugby club car parks etc - for overnight parking ONLY. Allow sports clubs to charge for the use of the Showers and toilet facilities - and then OFFER the car parks to ensure freedom campers use those places, rather than just park wherever they wish!

### How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained UNLESS staying in a serviced area (noting that there are no serviced areas in the current proposal)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included, Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the National Standard, It would be too hard to enforce the self-containment rule without referencing the National Standard. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Why make it difficult to police - How are you going to know that someone stayed in the same car park less than two weeks previously for example - fewer silly rules make it easier to obey the obviously needed ones!

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I suggest say a week's approved stay - after all we do want them to enjoy their stay in Auckland, spend money, enjoy restaurants, the environment and learn of our culture. shorter stays are most likely to be the norm, but why FORCE them to move? Once the

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** 10 am is a better time to require vacation of teh site - BUT in weekends perhaps this could be extended to midday - the campers might have been out at a concert, a restaurant or a theatre production the evning before and in the weekends it is unlikely to

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you have any other comments on the general rules?**

The fewer intelligent rules the better. Make them welcome, charge them a nominal fee if necessary for Showers, but build more "bullet proof" public toilets that help them obey the common sense rules - and then step away - we don't need an army of Gestapo officers making a nuisance of themselves and ruining our reputation.

**Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?**

Fines should be nominal, easy to pay instantly, (portable eftpos only available to approved/certified staff to avoid fraud and/or theft) and extreme leniency should be observed (we don't need the parking Nazi's to go mad issuing fines) - we want to welcome visitors, and encourage them to enjoy their stay!

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets, but charge them if necessary!

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** After hours this area is not used by anyone - but they would need to be gone by 0800am to cater for the workers catching ferries - and in this instance at weekends.

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is absolutely NO reason not to allow freedom campers to park in this area - I know it well and it would be perfect - there are already public toilets there - they just need an upgrade!

## **Franklin Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets but charge them if necessary!

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Departure time

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site? 10am

Other (please specify): 7am

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? It is a difficult option to guess the solution, but unlikely to be overcrowded - there still needs to be space for the commuters using the ferries - but it is an ideal location for campers - perhaps this site should be a test it and see location!

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets but charge them if necessary!

They are not restricting views, and are out of the way!

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? This is an obvious site for Freedom campers - the same as the Forest Hill site - close to the motorway - but out of the way!

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area overnight!

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area overnight!

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?



## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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Other (please specify):

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Other (please specify):

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area overnight!

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? Who else will use this space overnight? Btw the Answer is Nobody!

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Who else will use this space overnight> Btw the Answer is Nobody!

**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Who else will use this space overnight> Btw the Answer is Nobody!

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets but charge them if necessary!

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Why shut down the location overnight?

Make the site accessible - build toilets, but charge them if necessary!

Again, There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area overnight.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets but charge them if necessary!

Who else will be using the area overnight!?! No-one!

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Overnight parking would seem to be common sense - but are there toilets there? If not Build them - for ALL visitors use!

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets but charge them if necessary!

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build toilets but charge them if necessary!

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, the campers are likely to spend money in the region? Make them accessible - build better toilets (with showers but charge) them if necessary!

They do no harm in this area - and it is close to the bridge, nice walks, restaurants, public houses and bars, and the CBD by bus. I live nearby - and have always believed this car park is underused over night and is a perfect location for Freedom camping! The toilets already exist - but perhaps a shower block would make sense. Build it from Concrete and Steel and charge them for a shower!

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** There is no valid reason NOT to allow Freedom campers to stay in this area.

Why shut down the location when by having it there, council are "containing" the area as opposed to forcing them to find other spots!

I have had Campers park outside my home, and couldn't care less - I enjoy meeting them, they are invariably agreeable people, and they stay a few days and are gone!

Where is the problem?

Make the locations more accessible - build toilets and shower blocks but charge them if necessary!

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** An obvious location for Freedom campers - with a 10am departure time - there is no reason NOT to have campervans in this area - It would be a perfect spot of a decent public toilet and shower blocks for all..... It should always be free parking here - as a lot of Pacific Island families fish from this location - and that is always fun to watch and chat with them! (I walk in this area regularly).

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**  
Maximum stay, No-return period

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** 5 nights+

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?** There shouldn't be a no-return period

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I live in this area - I LIKE having freedom campers in the area 0 generally they are good people, keen to experience all that is great about Auckland and will conform to the few common sense and easily understood rules - we need Public Toilets and a Pay Shower system, but other than that we should be WELCOMING them to our areas!



**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, but with different restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

Maximum stay, Departure time

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site? 2 nights**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):** Other suggestion: Whenever the Zoo or Motat open,s for business - unless the Freedom campers are visiting those locations and just arrived the night before!

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is an area that visitors will WANT to visit so we should make provision to improve the location with proper public toilets and a Pay shower system if possible!

## **Whau Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



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The Bylaw:

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- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

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#### General rules

##### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

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Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

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**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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Provide a specific area where they are able to access.

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? I don't know

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? I don't know

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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### Restricted sites

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**Other (please specify):**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

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No freedom camping in residential streets ,what is the matter with you people this is appalling who wants camper vans outside their homes .

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Please do not allow it in residential streets ,we put up with it in our street in Parnell for ages ,they dumped their rubbish ,dumped their old vans and cooked on the berms .



## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Its a culturally significant area that doesn't need freedom campers .

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**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Also a dodgy area

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### Restricted sites

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

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**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area? Don't know area well**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** Yes – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:** A two-night stay will prevent campers staying in an area longer-term, blocking others' access to parking or other amenities, A two-night stay gives campers more opportunity to enjoy the area and support local businesses, Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a stricter rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A two-week non-return period helps prevent people staying in one area long-term, which protects access to shared parking and amenities for other users, Having a shorter no-return period means campers would be able to return to a favourite place if they wa

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Waitematā

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, The general rules will unfairly impact some people

#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – freedom camping vehicles should not be required to be self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice, Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety, The cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people can't afford to freedom camp in Auckland

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay for an indefinite period in the same road or off-road parking area (no maximum stay rule)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers, so a maximum stay rule is not necessary

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time (no set departure time rule)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

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If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area at any time (no no-return period rule)

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip. Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions



Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restriction

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Roadi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

Maximum number of vehicles, Maximum stay, Departure time, No-return period, Proposed location of freedom camping parking spaces within this area

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum number

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?** There shouldn't be a maximum stay

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?** There shouldn't be a set departure time

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site? There shouldn't be a no-return period

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Manurewa Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall** 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve** Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

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**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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### **Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

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**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

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**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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### **Restricted sites**

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

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#### Another reason (please explain):

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** By providing specific, monitored camping designated areas specifically for freedom campers.

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Being able to return opens the door for the homeless to rotate through designated Freedom camping areas

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

There are three important zones in the Waitemata area that have to be designated Prohibited Freedom camping sites and they are Westhaven Marina (all car parks), Victoria Park (car parks) and St Mary's Park accessed from the bottom of St Mary's Road

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)



## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? Yes**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should not be allowed in this area**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Whau

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas, and council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, It makes sense to match our self-containment requirements to the N

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** I think three nights is more reasonable, but it depends on how popular the area is.

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – freedom campers should have to vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses, 10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation, so it makes sense to align with this, If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed by putting extra restrictions just in that area, rather than having a stricter general rule, Having a set departure time will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

### No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?** Yes – freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to stay in the same road or parking area within a two-week period

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:** A no-return period will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** This is a pleasant area in a good location and lots of space for picnicking. I don't see the problem!

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I think this is unfair and bending to the wishes of the wealthy. Freedom camping in Whau and Puketepapa is ok, but not good enough for the North Shore snobs?

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It seems there is plenty of space here.

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area? It seems there is plenty of space here.

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Fred Taylor Park 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

McLeod Park 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waitākere Central and Central One 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** If no one is using the library after hours there should be no reason not to have a few vehicles there.

### Restricted sites

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** Yes – restricted freedom camping should be allowed, and I support the proposed restrictions

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds1 Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Perhaps one night so campers can enjoy the walkway and make room for others.

**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## Waitematā Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

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**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**



Other (please specify):

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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I support having general rules

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

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- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Whau

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and carparks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I do not support having general rules

### Do you support having general rules because, in your view:

#### Another reason (please explain):

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:** There are better ways to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, There are better ways to prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby, It is not necessary to impose basic rules on freedom campers everywhere in Auckland, The general rules will unfairly impact some people. Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** Blanket rules on everyone to stop a few causing problems is restrictive to those who are respectful of the area

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?** Provide toilet facilities at sites - have public pay showers in central areas like at libraries . Provide a facility for people to take their rubbish. Cctv for security and help identify people not behaving respectfully

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?** Be proactive in helping people causing problems as they are probably homeless and struggling - they need support more than restrictions - too many people can't afford rent - so tackle housing and employment and living wage, free education and help people move on if they want to. Most people would probably prefer an affordable safe warm room than a car.

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?** Blanket rules restrict leisure users and don't allow for use if space is available

### Do you want to comment on why you don't know?

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain)

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):** Toilet only requirement - but even people in fancy mohos don't always use their loos because they don't like having to empty them! Provide toilets as much as possible - composting toilets are low maintenance and easy to install in out of the way places

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain)

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):** Dependent of place and demand - obviously permanent dwelling is not desirable but if there is space, respectful use and perhaps a let arrival time for people who have exceeded a suggested length of stay - site dependent

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

A set departure time of 9am ensures turnover of parking spaces, protecting fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of an area during standard business hours.

Having a departure time rule also supports the enforcement of the maximum stay rule, by making it easier to determine whether someone had intended to stay another night.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

Note: areas with high traffic volumes before 9am will usually have parking restrictions in place, and freedom camping vehicles must comply with these.

**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?** No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain)

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):** Site dependent rather than blanket rule and if you are not stopping others using a facility - some places charge a parking fee after a set time like in Whangarei carpark

**Do you support the set departure time rule because, in your view:**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## No-return period rule

We propose that freedom campers **can't return to stay overnight** in the same road or off-road parking area **for two weeks**, in any area covered by this rule.

We think allowing people to return to an area after two weeks strikes the right balance between protecting public access, and allowing campers to return to a favourite spot during a longer stay.

A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

[Do you have any other comments on the general rules?](#)

Again - site dependent and depending on if a problem is caused

[Do you have any comments on these other parts of the Bylaw, or any other feedback you would like to give us?](#)

## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

**Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** I think the problem is that homeless people may use the area and as it's near residential housing it upsets locals — deal with the housing crisis and get people off the streets

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Why Not! So long as people respect the residents and are not involuntarily homeless and needing help

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Becroft Park Reserve** 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** So long as facilities in place and campers are respectful

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area-specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Orere Point - Prohibited site** Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Looks like a good place to me

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**



**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?** Places of beauty should be available to freedom campers too

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre**12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park**184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park**200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One**2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Restricted sites**

**Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area**

**Prohibited sites**

**Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with are specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrace) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Manurewa Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Ōrākei Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Papakura Local Board area

### Restricted sites

**Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Puketāpapa Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Rodney Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific rules

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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**118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

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## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

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**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed with area specific restrictions

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#### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

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**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

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**Other (please specify):**



Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

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Other (please specify):

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## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

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Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?** No – freedom camping should be allowed subject to the general rules

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

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### General rules

#### About general rules

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## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

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### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

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The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

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### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

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Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:** The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety, and shouldn't be allowed anywhere, on principle, The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-s

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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Another reason (please explain):

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**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Another reason (please explain)

**Another reason (please explain):** All of these rules and regulations only ever go one way - bureaucracy and limitations on freedom

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Leave us free, cut it out!

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## Albert-Eden Local Board area

### Prohibited site

Heron Park 1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Goosebury Flat, Shoal Bay Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Medlands Beach carpark Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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Old Service Centre 75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Queens Parade, Devonport, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Becroft Park Reserve 8A Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Franklin Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Manukau Heads - Orpheus Road boat ramp, Manukau Heads, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai - Maraetai Community Hall ground 12 Rewa Road, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Maraetai Park and foreshore 188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Orere Point - Prohibited site Orere Point Library and grounds Corner of Orere Point Road and Howard Road, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Maraetai - Recreation and parking, Colson Lane 18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Colson Lane?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve 1R Maraetai Drive, Maraetai. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waiuku - Waiuku Service Centre 12 King Street, Waiuku. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Waiuku Service Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Henderson-Massey Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Fred Taylor Park** 184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**McLeod Park** 200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Waitākere Central and Central One** 2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

**Trusts Arena** Central Park Drive, Henderson. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Trusts Arena?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Metro Park (East) 218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Gulf Harbour Marina, Hammerhead Reserve 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Guld Harbour. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Gulf Harbour Marina?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Howick Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

**Pakuranga Community Hall 346 Pakuranga Road, Howick, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) 58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### Restricted sites

**Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Paul's area) 163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Barry Curtis Park (St Paul's area)?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



**27 Moore Street carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Moore Street carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**20-24 Uxbridge Road carpark, Howick. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Uxbridge Road carpark?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Manurewa Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

#### Prohibited sites

Gloucester Park North 62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

#### Restricted sites

Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga foreshore) Orpheus Drive, Onehunga. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Taumanu Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōrākei Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

St Heliers Community Library and Hall 32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

### Restricted sites

Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Anderson's Beach Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Hayman Park 51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Ōtara Centre, Town Centre and Bairds Road playground Bairds Road, Ōtara, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Papakura Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Hingaia Reserve Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Hingaia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Puketāpapa Local Board area**

### **Restricted sites**

Margaret Griffen Park 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Margaret Griffen Park?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## **Rodney Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

Helensville - Helensville Civic Centre Grounds 49 Commercial Road, Helensville, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Huapai - Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library 24 Oraha Road, Huapai, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waimauku - Waimauku War Memorial Hall 22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Leigh - Leigh Library and grounds 15 Cumberland Street, Leigh, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Ti Point - Ti Point walkway Ti Point Road, Ti Point, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Pakiri - Pakiri Hall grounds 1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - Warkworth Town Hall grounds 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth D, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Restricted sites**

**Port Albert - Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Port Albert Wharf?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Snells Beach - Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve) 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Whisper Cove?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Warkworth - 8 Church Hill carpark, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Church Hill?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Parry Kauri Park 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Parry Kauri Park?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wellsford - Wellsford Community Centre grounds<sup>1</sup> Matheson Road, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wellsford Community Centre?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**



Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

118 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at 118 Rodney Street?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Upper Harbour Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

North Shore Memorial Park 235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Jack Hinton Drive Adjacent to Rosedale Park, Rosedale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waiheke Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Kennedy Point Wharf carpark Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Cemetery 191 Onetangi Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua) 133-165 O'Brien Road, Onetangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Waiheke Island Artworks 2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

### Prohibited sites

Entrance of Goldie Bush walkway Horseman Road, Waitākere, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Lopdell Hall and House 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area? No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?

**Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**  
No – freedom camping should be allowed without any restrictions

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

## **Waitematā Local Board area**

### **Prohibited sites**

**Highwic House 40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Myers Park 72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Outhwaite Park 53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Point Erin Park 94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Seddon Fields 180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Wynyard (tank farm) Brigham Street and Hamer Street, do you agree that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area?**

**Tell us why and any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

### **Restricted sites**

**Cox's Bay Esplanade West End Road, Herne Bay. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Cox's Bay Esplanade?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**

**Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?**

**Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Western Springs Reserve?**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

## Whau Local Board area

### Restricted sites

Valonia Reserve carpark 35 Valonia Road, New Windsor. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Valonia Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?

Other (please specify):

Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?

Wingate Reserve 43 Wingate Street, Avondale. Do you agree that freedom camping should be restricted in this area?

Which of the proposed restrictions for this area would you want to change at Wingate Reserve?

What do you think is the appropriate maximum number of vehicles allowed at this site?

Other (please specify):

What do you think is the appropriate maximum stay at this site?

Other (please specify):

**What do you think is the appropriate departure time at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**What do you think is the appropriate no-return period at this site?**

**Other (please specify):**

**Where do you think the freedom camping parking spaces should be located within this area?**

**Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this area?**



## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note:** *this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.*

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Whau

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.

## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** Freedom campers should be subject to some basic rules wherever they stay in Auckland – no areas should be available for unlimited or indefinite freedom camping

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.



It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?** No – freedom campers should be able to stay a maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the maximum stay rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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### Prohibited sites

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**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?** Yes – freedom camping vehicles should be certified self-contained

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:** Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, I am aware of serviced areas on public land which should be included

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**Is this because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

**Is this because, in your view:**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Another reason (please explain):**

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**Do you support the proposed set departure time rule?**

**No – I support another set departure time rule (please explain):**

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A no-return period helps to prevent campers from moving their vehicle a very short distance to get around the maximum stay rule and stay in one location for long periods. Long stays impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed no-return period rule?**

**No – I support another no-return period rule (please explain):**

**Do you support the no-return period rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2021

We asked for feedback on an earlier version of this Bylaw, in 2018-19. After considering feedback, the council decided to develop a new Bylaw proposal. From October 26 to December 5, we asked the public to tell us what they think of this new Bylaw proposal.

We wanted submitters views on whether we have the balance right – between providing a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers visiting Auckland and protecting our environment, health and safety and access to public space for everyone.

Our Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw will set rules for freedom camping in a vehicle on most council land in Auckland to protect:

- areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive
- the health and safety of freedom campers and other users of public space
- access for everyone to our public places, facilities, and amenities.

The Bylaw:

- identifies areas where freedom camping is prohibited
- identifies areas where freedom camping is restricted and sets the specific rules that apply in these areas
- sets general rules that apply in all other areas covered by the bylaw (including most roads).

Reserve land has been excluded from the scope of the proposed Bylaw. This means camping at Auckland's reserves will continue to be managed under the Reserves Act 1977. The Reserves Act 1977 already prohibits all camping on reserves unless specific approval is given. You can find out more on our FAQs tab on the right side of the page.

**Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.**

### Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

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Your local board: Whau

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### Your feedback

#### General rules

##### About general rules

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 gives people the right to freedom camp on public land.

However, the Act also allows councils to make reasonable rules to protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access to shared space.

We're proposing four general rules that we think will:

- encourage responsible freedom camping and provide a reasonable minimum level of protection for most public places in Auckland
- make sure people can't move a short distance from a prohibited or restricted area to camp somewhere without any rules, as this could just displace any problems to adjacent areas
- make sure we're not limiting people's right to freedom camp any more than is necessary and justified under the Act.



## Proposed general rules for Auckland

The four general rules we're proposing are:

- Freedom campers must use a certified self-contained vehicle (the '**self-containment rule**')
- Freedom campers must stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area (the '**maximum stay rule**')
- Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure (the '**departure time rule**')
- Freedom campers must not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks (the '**no-return period rule**').

Our rationale for each of the general rules we're proposing is summarised under the question relating to that rule.

### Where the general rules would apply

The general rules would apply in any area that is covered by the Bylaw, except for:

- designated areas where freedom camping is **prohibited** (listed in Schedule 1)
- designated areas where freedom camping is **restricted** (listed in Schedule 2), as these areas have their own specific rules.

This means the general rules will cover most public roadsides and car parks in Auckland. Note: any existing rules that control parking in these places – for example road markings and parking restrictions – still apply to freedom camping vehicles.

The general rules would not apply in areas that aren't covered by the Bylaw, including areas:

- on private property
- not managed by council (for example motorways)
- managed by council under other regulations (e.g. land held under the Reserves Act 1977).

### Do you support the use of general rules for freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted?

I support having general rules

**Do you support having general rules because, in your view:** General rules are a reasonable way to protect Auckland's environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause, Without general rules, there is a risk that any problems caused by freedom camping could move fr

**Another reason (please explain):**

**Do you not support having general rules because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

**How do you think we can better protect the environment, public health and safety, and public access from the problems freedom camping can cause?**

**How do you think we can prevent any problems caused by freedom camping moving from regulated areas to unregulated areas nearby?**

**How do you think the general rules will unfairly impact some people?**

**Do you want to comment on why you don't know?**

## Self-containment rule

We propose that freedom campers must use a **certified self-contained vehicle** to stay in any area covered by this rule.

This means that the vehicle has been inspected and certified as meeting the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard (or its equivalent). To meet the standard, a freedom camping vehicle must have an onboard toilet and be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. To find out more about the New Zealand Self-Containment Standard, visit our FAQs page.

We consider freedom campers travelling in these vehicles can camp responsibly in most places in Auckland, because they don't require access to public facilities to meet their basic daily needs.

Campers in vehicles that aren't self-contained would be reliant on Auckland's limited public facilities to meet their basic needs, and this poses a risk to the environment and public health.

It makes sense for us to align our expectations for vehicle self-containment with the New Zealand Standard. Referencing an existing certification process that is widely used by the industry and other councils will make compliance simpler for people who own or hire vehicles, including those from outside Auckland. It will also make checking compliance more efficient for our enforcement staff.

**Do you support the proposed self-containment rule?**

**No – I support another rule about self-containment (please explain):**

**Do you support the self-containment rule because, in your view:**

**Another reason (please explain):**

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## Maximum stay rule

We propose that freedom campers should be able to stay a **maximum of two nights** in the same road or off-road parking area, in any area covered by this rule.

A self-contained freedom camping vehicle must be able to store water and waste for its occupants for at least three days. Having a two-night maximum stay will encourage campers to move on and dump their waste responsibly.

A two-night maximum stay also helps to prevent campers from staying in one parking area long-term, which could impact fair access to shared parking and amenities for other users of the area (including other campers).

We think two nights strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors to Auckland time to explore and enjoy an area and support its local businesses.

If freedom camping starts to cause problems, we think this is better managed by putting extra restrictions in that area (by designating it in Schedule 2 of the Bylaw).

**Do you support the proposed maximum stay rule?**

**No – I support another maximum stay rule (please explain):**

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## Set departure time rule

We propose that freedom campers should have to **vacate their parking space by 9am** on the day of departure, in any area covered by this rule.

We think 9am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland.

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