

# Decision on proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw

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Item 10

## Te take mō te pūrongo

### Purpose of the report

1. To adopt the proposed new Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022.

## Whakarāpopototanga matua

### Executive summary

2. To enable a decision on whether to adopt a proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022, an appointed Bylaw Panel has deliberated and made recommendations on public feedback to the proposal and on local board views.
3. The proposal protects sensitive areas, public health and safety and access to council-controlled areas from freedom camping impacts.
4. The Governing Body adopted the [proposal](#) to make a new Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 for consultation in [September 2021](#). Feedback was received from 1,572 people and 46 organisations.
5. The Bylaw Panel recommends the Governing Body adopt the proposal with amendments in response to matters raised (Attachments A and B). Taking this approach will more effectively manage freedom camping impacts. Key Panel-recommended changes include adopting the proposal with amendments to:
  - remove two proposed prohibited areas that were confirmed as out of scope for the Bylaw (Becroft Park Reserve, Forrest Hill and Waitakere Central / Central One, Henderson)
  - prohibit freedom camping from 13 additional areas because of evidence provided in the feedback and the 2018 site assessments that justifies their protection:
 

○ Glenesk Road (eastern end), Piha	○ Piha Wetlands and adjacent part of Seaview Road, Piha
○ Karekare Road Carpark, Karekare	○ French Bay Carpark, French Bay
○ North Piha Strand / Marine Parade North, Piha	○ South Piha Strand / Marine Parade South, Piha
○ Little Huia, Huia Road	○ Vellenoweth Green, St Heliers
○ Colonial Road, Birkenhead	○ Opou Road end, Titirangi
○ Milford Reserve, Milford	○ Te Henga Park, Bethells Beach
○ roadside parking adjacent to St Heliers Bay reserve on Tamaki Drive.	
  - amend the restrictions at Hingaia Reserve, Hingaia to reduce the number of vehicles allowed from eight to five to better protect public access
  - reclassify two restricted areas as prohibited areas to better protect public access to these areas (Anderson's Beach Reserve, Glendowie and Trusts Arena, Henderson)
  - clarify provisions relating to the definition of 'certified self-contained vehicle', no return period, maximum stay on Waiheke Island, and temporary rule changes.

6. There is a reputational risk that some people or organisations may not feel council has addressed their feedback. This can be mitigated by communicating the reasons for the decisions to those who gave written feedback.
7. If adopted, staff will publicly notify the decision and publish the Bylaw when changes come into force on 1 September 2022.

## Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Governing Body:

- a) whakaae / approve the Bylaw Panel's recommendations on the new Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 in Attachment A and Attachment B of the agenda report.
- b) whakaū / confirm that it is satisfied that the new Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 in Attachment C of the agenda report:
  - i) is necessary to protect the areas covered by the Bylaw, the health and safety of people who may visit those areas, and/or to protect access to those areas
  - ii) is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problems associated with freedom camping in those areas covered by the bylaw
  - iii) is the most appropriate form of the bylaw
  - iv) is not inconsistent with the Freedom Camping Act 2011 or the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- c) whai / adopt the Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 in Attachment C of the agenda report, with effect from 1 September 2022.
- d) whakakore / revoke the Auckland Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2015 on 1 September 2022.
- e) whakaae / approve the distribution of this agenda report and associated minutes to local boards for their information.
- f) tautapa / delegate authority through the Chief Executive to the manager responsible for bylaws to make any amendments to the Bylaw in Attachment C of the agenda report to correct errors or omissions.

## Horopaki Context

### The Governing Body adopted a proposal to make a new Bylaw for public consultation

8. Auckland's current Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2015 is a consolidation of pre-2010 legacy bylaw provisions developed before the Freedom Camping Act 2011 was passed.
9. A new bylaw must be made that aligns with the national legislation before the current bylaw expires in October 2022.
10. Work to develop a freedom camping bylaw began in 2016. Council assessed more than 1,000 areas for their suitability for freedom camping and need for protection under the Freedom Camping Act. This process included extensive engagement with local boards.

11. In late 2018 and early 2019 public feedback and formal local board views were sought on a proposal for a draft Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw. A Bylaw Panel deliberated on all feedback and made recommendations to the Governing Body. The Panel recommended scheduling 322 prohibited areas and 103 restricted areas, including a number of reserves.
12. In August 2019 the Governing Body set aside the recommendations of the Bylaw Panel and instead requested advice on a new direction for the bylaw.
13. On 23 September 2021, the Governing Body adopted for public consultation a [proposal](#) to make a new Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 and revoke the legacy bylaws about freedom camping.<sup>1</sup>
14. The proposal arose from a Governing Body decision in August 2019 to set aside the 2018 proposal, and two further key decisions:
  - in March 2021, to exclude land held under the Reserves Act 1977 from the scope of the Bylaw, but otherwise to base the new proposal on previous assessments<sup>2</sup>
  - in May 2021, to develop general rules to manage freedom camping in all areas where freedom camping is not otherwise prohibited or restricted, and to consult the public on settings for each rule.<sup>3</sup>
15. The proposed new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022:
  - aligns with the Freedom Camping Act 2011
  - helps council to prevent freedom camping impacts in sensitive areas, and to protect public health and safety and manage access in all areas of land held under the Local Government Act 2002 (including roads controlled by Auckland Transport)
  - forms part of a wider regulatory framework of Acts, regulations and other bylaws<sup>4</sup>.
16. The table below summarises the main proposals:

Proposal	Reasons for proposal
<b>To schedule 67 specific areas as follows:</b>	
<b>Prohibit freedom camping in 45 specific areas in Schedule 1 of the proposed Bylaw (places where freedom camping is not allowed).</b>	To protect areas that have been identified as being environmentally or culturally sensitive, or where freedom camping would impact public health and safety and access in ways that cannot be adequately managed through restrictions.  These are the prohibited areas recommended by the Bylaw Panel in 2019, with all reserves removed.
<b>Restrict freedom camping in 22 specific areas in Schedule 2 of the proposed Bylaw (places where freedom camping is allowed subject to site-specific restrictions).</b>	To better manage areas that have been identified as needing additional regulation due to factors such as popularity, current use by others, demand for parking and the size of the parking areas.  These are the restricted areas recommended by the Bylaw Panel in 2019, with all reserves removed.

<sup>1</sup> GB/2021/112 23 September 2021, Item 13.

<sup>2</sup> GB/2021/19 25 March 2021, Item 9.

<sup>3</sup> GB/2021/49 27 May 2021, Item 10.

<sup>4</sup> Freedom Camping Act; Reserves Act; Litter Act; Resource Management Act; Fire and Emergency NZ Act; Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw; Auckland Council Traffic Bylaw; Auckland Transport Traffic Bylaw; Alcohol Control Bylaw; Dog Management Bylaw

Proposal	Reasons for proposal
<b>To include general rules for all other areas as follows:</b>	
<b>Require freedom campers to use certified self-contained vehicles.</b>	To prevent impacts from the depositing of toilet waste and wastewater into the environment, and the use of unsuitable areas for cooking.
<b>Allow freedom campers to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area.</b>	To prevent impacts from the depositing of toilet waste and wastewater into the environment and ensure fair access to limited shared parking and amenities.
<b>Require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure.</b>	To ensure fair access for shared parking and amenities for other campers and users of public space.
<b>Require freedom campers to not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period.</b>	To ensure fair access to limited shared parking and amenities for other campers and users of public space.

17. Public feedback on the proposal was received by 1,572 people and 46 organisations and 20 local boards provided views on the feedback. An appointed Bylaw Panel<sup>5</sup> held deliberations and made recommendations contained in this report on the feedback and local board views.
18. More information about the review, proposal and public feedback can be viewed on councils [have your say](#) and [hearings](#) webpages.

## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

### Bylaw Panel considered feedback and views in accordance with legislative requirements

19. The Bylaw Panel considered and made recommendations on all public feedback and local board views in accordance with relevant statutory requirements, including that council:<sup>6</sup>
  - must receive public feedback with an open mind and give it due consideration
  - must provide the decisions and reasons to people who provided feedback
  - must ensure all meetings are open to the public
  - may consider or request comment or advice from staff or any other person to assist their decision-making
  - is satisfied that the new Bylaw is necessary to protect areas covered by the Bylaw, protect the health and safety of people who may visit those areas, or protect access to those areas
  - is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing perceived problems associated with freedom camping in those areas
  - is the most appropriate form of bylaw
  - is not inconsistent with the Freedom Camping Act 2011 or the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

<sup>5</sup> Councillors Linda Cooper (Chair) and Angela Dalton and Independent Māori Statutory Board Member Glenn Wilcox.

<sup>6</sup> Sections 82(1)(e), 82(1)(f), 83(3), 147A(1)(a) and 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 and sections 46 and 47 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.



20. The Bylaw Panel structured its deliberations by topic. Each topic and recommendations are summarised in the table below and contained in full in Attachment A.
21. Key recommendations include adopting the proposal with amendments to:
- remove two prohibited areas that were confirmed as out of scope of the Bylaw (Becroft Park Reserve, Forrest Hill and Waitakere Central / Central One, Henderson)
  - prohibit freedom camping from 13 additional areas, because of evidence provided in the feedback and the 2018 site assessments that justify their protection
  - amend the restrictions at Hingaia Reserve to reduce the number of vehicles allowed from eight vehicles to five to better protect public access for other users
  - reclassify two restricted areas as prohibited areas to better protect public access to these areas (Anderson's Beach Reserve, Glendowie and Trusts Area, Henderson)
  - clarify provisions relating to the definition of 'certified self-contained vehicle', no return period, maximum stay on Waiheke Island, and temporary rule changes.

### Summary of key Bylaw Panel recommendations

Topic	Summary of key Bylaw Panel recommendations
<b>1: Include general rules in areas we manage where freedom camping is not otherwise prohibited or restricted</b>	<p><b>Adopt proposal</b> as publicly notified.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that general rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are necessary to meet the criteria set out in Section 11 of the Act (to protect the environment, public health and safety and/or access to public places)</li> <li>• will address community concerns while giving effect to Parliament's intent to enable freedom camping in areas where this has not been specifically prohibited or restricted.</li> </ul>
<b>2.1: Use a certified self-contained vehicle</b>	<p><b>Adopt proposal with an amendment</b> to clarify the definition of 'certified self-contained vehicle'.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the rule is necessary to manage environmental and public health risks associated with freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles</li> <li>• the amended definition will align with changes to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 signalled by central government, which will strengthen the self-containment requirements for vehicles staying in un-serviced areas.</li> </ul>
<b>2.2: Stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area</b>	<p><b>Adopt proposal</b> as publicly notified.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that this rule is necessary to manage environmental, public health, and access risks associated with freedom camping.</p>

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2.3: Depart by 9am on the third day	<p><b>Adopt proposal</b> as publicly notified.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that this rule is necessary to protect public access to areas used by freedom campers.</p>
2.4: Not return to the same road or off-road parking area within two weeks	<p><b>Adopt proposal with an amendment</b> to clarify that the two-week no-return period begins at 9am on the day of departure (irrespective of whether the stay was for one or two nights).</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>this rule is necessary to prevent vehicles from occupying parking in one area for long periods and to protect wider public access to that area</li> <li>the amendment provides more certainty.</li> </ul>
2.5 Other general rule-related topics	<p>That other general rule-related requests be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>varying rules could create additional complexity and confusion for campers, especially where area boundaries are not marked or area characteristics are not obvious, increasing the risk of non-compliance</li> <li>some areas requested for prohibition are already managed in other ways, for example under the Reserves Act 1977, or through parking restrictions</li> <li>there is insufficient evidence to justify varying rules between suggested areas, categories of area or seasons at this time and would likely require further consultation.</li> </ul>
3.1 to 3.45: 45 proposed prohibited areas	<p><b>Adopt proposal with amendments</b> as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adopt 43 of the 45 proposed prohibited areas as publicly notified</li> <li>remove two proposed prohibited areas (Becroft Park Reserve, Forrest Hill and Waitakere Central / Central One, Henderson).</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for adopting 43 of the 45 areas</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the prohibitions align with criteria set out in Section 11 of the Act, in protecting the area, protecting the health and safety of people who may visit the area, and protecting public access to the area</li> <li>the prohibitions are necessary and the most appropriate and proportionate way to manage impacts in those areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for removing two proposed prohibited areas</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Becroft Park Reserve is held under the Reserves Act 1977 and is therefore out of scope for the Bylaw.</li> <li>Waitakere Central / Central One is now privately owned and is therefore out of scope for the Bylaw.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>3.46 Requests for additional prohibited areas</b></p>	<p>That requests for additional suggested prohibited areas be <b>accepted in part</b> to prohibit freedom camping from 13 additional areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glenesk Road (eastern end), Piha</li> <li>Karekare Road Carpark, Karekare</li> <li>North Piha Strand / Marine Parade North, Piha</li> <li>Little Huia, Huia Road</li> <li>Colonial Road, Birkenhead</li> <li>Milford Reserve, Milford</li> <li>roadside parking adjacent to St Heliers Bay reserve on Tamaki Drive</li> <li>Piha Wetlands and adjacent part of Seaview Road, Piha</li> <li>French Bay Carpark, French Bay</li> <li>South Piha Strand / Marine Parade South, Piha</li> <li>Vellenoweth Green, St Heliers</li> <li>Opou Road end, Titirangi</li> <li>Te Henga Park, Bethells</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for accepting the requests for 13 additional prohibited areas</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new evidence was provided of risks to public safety from flash flooding in two areas in Piha (Glenesk Road (eastern end) and Piha Wetlands and adjacent part of Seaview Road, Piha)</li> <li>the other 11 areas are directly adjacent to, and provide parking for, areas held under the Reserves Act 1977 which were assessed and consulted on in 2018 and recommended for protection under the Freedom Camping Act, but which are no longer in scope for the Bylaw</li> <li>feedback in 2021 identified that these adjacent carparking areas are held or partially held under the Local Government Act or as legal road and therefore remain in scope for this Bylaw</li> <li>allowing freedom camping in these areas may not adequately address the risks identified in 2018 which informed the Panel's recommendation to prohibit camping at their adjacent reserves in 2019</li> <li>further consultation in relation to these additional prohibited areas is not considered necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for rejecting all other requests for additional prohibited areas</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>some areas suggested for prohibition are already managed in other ways, for example under the Reserves Act 1977, or through parking restrictions</li> <li>there is insufficient evidence to justify the protection of some areas and/or that a prohibition would be the most appropriate and proportionate response to perceived or potential problems in those areas</li> <li>many of the requests would likely require further consultation</li> <li>general rules may be sufficient to manage any problems that could arise once freedom camping is allowed in these areas.</li> </ul>

Topic	Summary of key Bylaw Panel recommendations
4: 22 proposed restricted areas	<p><b>Adopt proposal with amendments</b> as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adopt 19 of the 22 proposed restricted areas as publicly notified</li> <li>• amend the restrictions for one area to reduce the maximum number of vehicles allowed to freedom camp at Hingaia Reserve, Hingaia from eight to five</li> <li>• reclassify two restricted areas as prohibited (Anderson's Beach Reserve, Glendowie and Trusts Arena, Henderson).</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for adopting 19 of the 22 proposed restricted areas</b> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the restrictions are necessary and the most appropriate and proportionate way to manage impacts in those areas, while still allowing for some freedom camping</li> <li>• the restrictions align with criteria set out in Section 11 of the Act, in protecting the area, protecting the health and safety of people who may visit the area, and protecting access to the area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for amending the maximum number of vehicles allowed to freedom camp at Hingaia Reserve</b> include to better protect access to the area for other users of the area.</p> <p><b>Reasons for reclassifying two restricted areas as prohibited</b> include to better protect public access to the area for other users of the area, as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andersons Beach Reserve provides limited unrestricted parking in an area where parking is otherwise prohibited, the parking area is narrow meaning large vehicles would further reduce availability and is used in the evening</li> <li>• Trusts Arena regularly hosts large events in the evenings with high demand for parking and the parking area is frequently gated to restrict access.</li> </ul>
Other matters	<p><b>Amend proposal</b> to improve clarity as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update clause 5(4) to reference current legislation</li> <li>• amend and reverse the order of clause 6(2)(c) and (d) to clarify that general rules apply only where no other rules apply</li> <li>• amend clause 6(4)(b) and (d) and add an example relating to Waiheke Island, to clarify the area to which the maximum stay rule applies, and the obligation to leave the Island to dump waste before returning to freedom camp</li> <li>• replace clause 6(7) and 6(8) relating to areas where freedom camping rules have been temporarily changed with a new clause 6(5)</li> <li>• amend clause 6(5)(d) (now clause 6(6)(d)) and add an example to clarify the commencement of the no-return period</li> <li>• add a related information note to clause 7 to clarify that council can make temporary prohibitions or changes to restrictions initiated by external parties (such as Fire and Emergency New Zealand, or major events organisers)</li> <li>• amend clause 8 to clarify that council can set additional conditions when granting temporary approvals, for example ensuring access for emergency vehicles and requiring evacuation plans for large events.</li> </ul>

22. The net effect of the recommended changes to Bylaw Schedules 1 and 2 outlined above is that 58 areas would be designated as prohibited (Schedule 1), and 20 areas would be designated as restricted (Schedule 2). All other local authority areas in scope for the Bylaw would be subject to the general rules set out in clause 6 of the Bylaw.
23. Where Bylaw Panel recommendations in Attachment A amend the proposal, the recommended changes are shown in a comparison table in Attachment B. The changes:
- are necessary to protect the area, public health and safety, and access to areas within Auckland
  - are authorised by the Freedom Camping Act 2011, and are not inconsistent with other legislation, including the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990
  - improve the Bylaw form
  - are not inconsistent with other regulations including council bylaws and the wider regulatory framework that governs freedom camping in Auckland.

### **Bylaw Panel recommends the Governing Body adopt the proposal with amendments**

24. The Bylaw Panel recommends that the Governing Body make the necessary statutory determinations to adopt the new Bylaw as set out in Attachment C.
25. The Bylaw in Attachment C incorporates recommended amendments to the proposal as set out in Attachments A and B. Adopting the Bylaw as recommended will protect the areas covered by the Bylaw, protect the health and safety of people who may visit those areas, and protect access to those areas.

### **Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement**

26. The proposal manages existing activities enabled by central government policy. It is not causing these activities to occur or affecting the likelihood that they will occur. The decision sought in this report therefore has no specific climate impact.

### **Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views**

27. The proposal impacts the operations of several council departments and council-controlled organisations, including Licensing and Regulatory Compliance, Community Facilities, Parks, Sport and Recreation and Auckland Transport.
28. The Licensing and Regulatory Compliance unit are aware of the impacts of the Bylaw and their primary role in implementing and managing compliance with the Bylaw.
29. Council's 86 park rangers help to manage compliance with council Bylaws, the Reserves Act 1977 and the Litter Act 1974 by carrying out education and monitoring on parks and reserves. However, rangers are not currently being warranted or renewing warrants, and Licensing and Regulatory Compliance will continue to carry out any enforcement required.
30. Relevant staff are aware of the impacts of the proposal and their implementation role.

### **Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views**

31. The Bylaw impacts on local boards' governance role as it affects decision making over local assets, particularly parks and other council-controlled public places. There is also high community interest in freedom camping regulation in many local board areas.



32. Three local board representatives participated in a joint political working group on 21 May 2021 to provide views on options for including general rules in the Bylaw. The working group unanimously supported the inclusion of general rules in the Bylaw, and five out of six members supported the recommended settings included in the proposal. A [summary](#) of the working group's views was reported to the Governing Body on 27 May 2021.
33. In August 2021 staff sought local board views on a draft proposal for public consultation. The draft proposal was supported by 11 local boards with eight noting concerns or requesting changes, partly supported by six local boards noting concerns or requesting changes, and not supported by three local boards. A summary of those local board views can be viewed in the 23 September 2021 Governing Body agenda, page 257 ([Attachment B](#) to Item 13).
34. In February 2022, all local boards had the opportunity to provide formal views by resolution on how the Bylaw Panel should address matters raised in public feedback to the proposal. In addition, local boards could also choose to present those views to the Bylaw Panel at a meeting on 22 April 2022.
35. Twenty local boards provided their views by resolution (pages 447 – 465 of the [Deliberations Agenda Report](#)). In addition, 12 local boards presented their views to the Bylaw Panel.<sup>7</sup>
36. The Bylaw Panel considered all local board views during deliberations as shown in Attachment A.

### Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

37. The Bylaw has relevance to Māori as kaitiaki of Papatūānuku. The proposal supports the Independent Māori Statutory Board's Māori Plan for Tāmaki Makaurau. In particular wairuatanga (promoting distinctive identity) in relation to valuing and protecting Māori heritage and Taonga Māori and kaitiakitanga (ensuring sustainable futures) in relation to environmental protection.
38. The proposal also supports the Board's Schedule of Issues of Significance by ensuring that sites of significance to Māori are identified and protected from freedom camping harms.
39. Mana whenua and mataawaka were invited to provide feedback during the development of the 2018 proposal via dedicated hui and again through the public consultation process.
40. Feedback received on specific prohibited and restricted areas identified in the 2018 proposal was incorporated into the deliberations in 2019. This included the identification of sites of significance to Māori, such as wahi tapu areas.
41. General matters raised by Māori during past engagement included the need to ensure:
  - the ability to add further sites of significance to the bylaw as these are designated
  - provision for temporary bans on freedom camping, including in areas under a rāhui
  - a compassionate approach to people experiencing homelessness
  - provision of sufficient dump stations to avoid environmental pollution
  - clear communication of the rules in the bylaw and at freedom camping sites.
42. The 2021 proposal addresses these matters by proposing to prohibit freedom camping at sites of significance to Māori (such as Maraetai Foreshore and Onetangi Cemetery), provision in the Bylaw for temporary bans, and confirming council's commitment to a compassionate enforcement approach to people experiencing homelessness.
43. Mana whenua and mataawaka were notified of the 2021 proposal and given the opportunity to provide any additional feedback through face-to-face meetings, in writing, online and in-person. No additional feedback was received from iwi and mataawaka organisations.

<sup>7</sup> Albert-Eden, Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Hibiscus and Bays, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōrākei, Puketāpapa, Papakura, Rodney, Waiheke and Waitākere Ranges Local Boards.

44. Eight percent of people who provided feedback via the Have Your Say consultation and eight percent of research survey respondents identified as Māori.
45. The Have Your Say consultation identified that Māori had similar support for the use of general rules in principle, have similar mixed support on the four specific general rules and similar opposition to the specific restricted and prohibited sites compared to non-Māori.
46. The research survey identified that Māori had similar support for general rules and feel more strongly about the benefits and problems of freedom camping compared to non-Māori.

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

47. There are no financial implications arising from decisions sought in this report. The cost of public notification of the decision and implementation will be met within existing budgets.

## Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations




48. The following risks have been identified:

If...	Then...	Mitigation
Some people or organisations feel their feedback was not addressed.	There may be a negative perception about the appropriateness of the deliberations / recommendations of the Bylaw Panel.	Communicating the reasons for the decisions to those who provided feedback.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

49. If adopted, staff will notify the public and people who provided feedback on the proposal of the decision and publish changes to the Bylaw when they come into force on 1 September 2022.

## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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## Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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## Attachment A: Bylaw Panel recommendations

This attachment contains the Bylaw Panel recommendations in response to public feedback and local board views on the proposal to make a new Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw. The table format shown is a condensed version of the table used by the Bylaw Panel at its meetings on 29 April and 2 May 2022 to provide a structure for deliberations. A fuller version showing reasons contained in feedback can be viewed in Attachment A of the [Bylaw Panel Deliberation Report](#) (page 17).

The Bylaw Panel read all the public feedback and local board views in Attachments C to G of its April 2022 deliberations agenda report to ensure that all matters raised received due consideration. Operational and non-Bylaw-related matters were summarised in Attachment F of that report (page 441) and will be referred to other council units where relevant.

Public feedback topic (Proposal 1 Use of General Rules) (number of comments)		Panel recommendation
Use general rules to manage freedom camping in all areas not otherwise prohibited or restricted		That the proposal about including general rules in the Bylaw to manage areas that are not otherwise prohibited or restricted be <b>adopted as publicly notified</b> . <b>Reasons</b> include that the Panel is satisfied that general rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>are necessary to protect the environment, public health and safety and/or public access in areas covered by the rules, and are the most appropriate and proportionate way to manage the problems freedom camping can cause, as required by section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011</li><li>only manage general impacts that align with the s11 protection criteria, and which are expected to occur in all areas covered by the rules</li><li>will help make sure people can't move a short distance from a desirable protected area to a nearby unregulated area to camp, which could displace any associated problems to those areas</li></ul>
1,431 Have Your Say respondents: 789 support (55 per cent), 624 oppose (43 per cent), 24 didn't know. 775 comments. 1,933 research survey respondents: 1740 support (90 per cent), 193 oppose (10 per cent).		
Local board views (14)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>14 boards generally supported the proposal (Albert-Eden, Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Puketāpapa, Rodney, Waitākere Ranges, Waitemata, Whau).</li></ul>		
Key changes sought: No general rules (624)		
Note: submitters seeking this relief included those supportive of freedom camping and those opposed to it, and a range of reasons were given for removing general rules from the Bylaw. Key reasons and preferences included:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are better ways than general rules to manage freedom camping impacts (200) or prevent problems being displaced (108) for example an outright ban (217) or stricter rules and/or reliance on non-regulatory approaches.</li><li>Basic rules for all freedom campers aren't needed to manage freedom camping impacts (106).</li><li>General rules:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>are unimplementable / unenforceable (201)</li><li>will unfairly impact some people (either nearby residents, or people experiencing homelessness) (187)</li><li>are too restrictive (182)</li><li>will not address problems caused (18)</li></ul></li></ul>		

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Public feedback topic (Proposal 1 Use of General Rules) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: Ban all freedom camping or maintain a prohibitive-by-default approach</b> (49 comments specifically in response to Proposal 1, but 217 comments in overall feedback)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total ban on freedom camping in Auckland (128).</li> <li>• Require all campers to use campgrounds (74).</li> <li>• Maintain the status quo approach (provide a small number of designated freedom camping areas and prohibit it elsewhere) (72).</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaipātiki and Waitākere Ranges are concerned by a move to a permissive-by-default approach, particularly in relation to the road corridor, and suggest that 'appropriate freedom camping locations [be] specifically identified in the bylaw'.</li> <li>• Waitemātā suggest that 'areas are managed by scheduling them in a bylaw rather than leaving them to default rules'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will help address community concerns while still giving effect to Parliament's intent to enable freedom camping in areas where freedom camping has not been specifically prohibited or restricted</li> <li>• provide consistency across Auckland, which will make the rules easier to communicate, comply with and enforce.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to key changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Act prevents council from banning freedom camping across Auckland, or effectively banning it (for example by requiring all campers to use campgrounds)</li> <li>• a stricter regime (such as the status quo prohibitive-by-default approach) may not comply with Section 11 of the Act, particularly the requirement that any prohibition or restriction imposed is proportionate to the problem</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: Invest in non-regulatory approaches that prevent and manage harm (as an alternative to general rules)</b> There are better ways [than general rules] to manage freedom camping impacts (200) or prevent problems being displaced (108), including non-regulatory approaches such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing more camping areas and charging fees.</li> <li>• Investing more in public facilities (69) and/or dedicated camper facilities (54), such as toilets, showers, bins and dump stations.</li> <li>• Investing in preventative infrastructure (such as bollards, gates and CCTV).</li> <li>• Investing more in camper education, such as better signage (20) and awareness campaigns (14).</li> <li>• Promoting alternative accommodation options or enabling others to offer camper facilities for a fee (such as co-located toilets/showers) (19).</li> <li>• Investing more in compliance monitoring and enforcement (as only a minority of campers are irresponsible, but general rules penalise everyone).</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (6)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devonport-Takapuna suggests that council explore options for charging freedom campers.</li> <li>• Maungakiekie-Tāmaki supports proactive planning around the region for safe appropriate locations for freedom camping.</li> <li>• Papakura recommends that council invest more in camping facilities.</li> <li>• Rodney recommends that council provide more dump stations at public toilet sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the restrictions are a reasonable limit on rights and freedoms to balance competing uses of public space</li> <li>• with the rules in place, responsible freedom campers will be able to visit and enjoy many more places in Auckland than allowed for by the current regime</li> <li>• the Bylaw will not be used to manage issues associated with homelessness</li> <li>• financial constraints mean it is not feasible for council to invest in additional facilities and services for freedom campers as a non-regulatory alternative to general rules, and</li> </ul>



Public feedback topic (Proposal 1 Use of General Rules) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waitematā recommends that the certified self-contained camping facility at Westhaven should be utilised and promoted.</li> <li>Whau recommends that council prioritise work to investigate provision of serviced areas for non-self-contained freedom campers in the near future.</li> </ul> <p>Multiple local boards supported additional resourcing for compliance and enforcement, but not as an alternative to general rules (refer to Attachment F of the <a href="#">Bylaw Panel Deliberation Report</a> – page 441).</p>	<p>this is likely to be the case for the foreseeable future.</p>
Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.1 Self-containment rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Require campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle in areas covered by general rule</b></p> <p><b>705</b> Have Your Say (HYS) respondents, <b>481 support (68 per cent)</b>, <b>224 (32 per cent)</b> opposed.</p> <p><b>1,933</b> research survey (RS) respondents, <b>1469 support (76 per cent)</b>, <b>213 do not support (11 per cent)</b> and <b>248 were unsure (13 per cent)</b>.</p> <p><b>Local board views (9)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nine boards suggest the proposal be adopted as notified (Devonport-Takapuna, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Puketāpapa, Rodney, Waitākere).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 2) Require vehicles to be self-contained but not certified (29)</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council should define what makes a vehicle 'self-contained' instead of using the National Standard definition.</li> <li>Definition of self-contained needs to be reviewed, as the requirement is too easy to meet.</li> <li>Definition for self-contained vehicles should include a permanent plumbed toilet (with or without a privacy door).</li> <li>Definition should include requiring the vehicle be electric and no older than 2 years.</li> <li>Definition should be two-tiered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>type A self-contained vehicles allow occupant to live inside continuously (stand up, use toilet, cook, sleep)</li> <li>type B self-contained vehicles adhere to the National Standard, but would be expected to use the surrounding grounds to cook, stand up right, socialise (for example a converted station wagon or Toyota Estima)</li> <li>specific sites would allow either Type A or B vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of alternative rule 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of buying, hiring, or converting to a certified self-contained vehicle is too high, creating financial barriers to camp.</li> <li>National standard is too easy to meet.</li> <li>Vehicle owners should decide what makes a vehicle self-contained so that it does not pose a risk to the environment and/or public health and safety.</li> </ul>	<p>That the proposal to require campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle in any area covered by the general rules be <b>amended</b> to align the definition of 'certified self-contained vehicle' with any changes in legislation, regulations or standards.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the amended rule will ensure the Bylaw aligns with changes to the Freedom Camping Act 2011. Changes currently signalled by central government will strengthen the self-containment requirements for vehicles staying in un-serviced areas and set these standards within the Act itself without the need for a Bylaw amendment</li> <li>in the meantime, certification against the National Standard</li> </ul>

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Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.1 Self-containment rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National standard is too restrictive, but non-self-contained vehicles pose risks to the environment and/or public health and safety.</li> <li>Too hard to enforce a requirement to be certified self-contained.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rodney request that the definition of a certified self-contained vehicle is clarified to mean a closeted toilet and self-contained water supply, and not simply a porta-potty that has to be brought out of a storage compartment to be used.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative rule 3) No requirement to be self-contained (47)</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reject the proposed requirement to be certified-self-contained or self-contained.</li> <li>Council should provide serviced areas/designated sites where freedom camping can occur without a self-contained vehicle.</li> <li>Council should explore opportunities for expansive provision across Auckland.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using a vehicle that is not self-contained does not pose a risk to the environment or public health and safety.</li> <li>Cost of buying, hiring or converting to a self-contained vehicle is too high, and that could mean some people cannot afford to freedom camp in Auckland.</li> <li>The kind of vehicle used for freedom camping in Auckland should be a personal choice.</li> <li>It would be too hard to enforce a self-containment rule.</li> </ul>	<p>is the industry benchmark for self-containment.</p> <p>In relation to key changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the recommended rule is necessary to manage environmental and public health risks associated with freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles</li> <li>a bespoke Auckland self-containment standard could cause confusion and non-compliance or increase costs for vehicle owners and hirers, create non-alignment with the Act, which is expected to set vehicle standards in future, and require council to establish a new certification service, which is unbudgeted</li> <li>there are currently no serviced areas in Auckland which are suitable for non-self-contained vehicles to freedom camp</li> <li>financial constraints mean it is not feasible for council to invest in additional facilities and services for freedom campers</li> <li>it would be inappropriate to allow non-self-contained</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 1) Require vehicles to be certified self-contained unless staying in a serviced area (92 HYS / 79 RS)</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council should provide serviced areas/designated sites where freedom camping can occur without a certified self-contained vehicle (79 RS).</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The use of non-self-contained vehicles poses a risk to the environment or public health and safety in un-serviced areas.</li> <li>Although no serviced areas have been identified in this proposal, providing sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles should be a priority for council.</li> <li>Although council has not identified any serviced areas in this proposal, [there are] serviced areas on public land which should be included.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albert-Eden suggest that 'council develop a network of freedom camping areas across the region with appropriate facilities and infrastructure (including public toilets)'.</li> </ul>	

Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.1 Self-containment rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p>Papakura suggest council needs to invest more in camping facilities.</p> <p>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki supports proactive planning around the region for safe appropriate locations for freedom camping.</p> <p>Rodney suggest that council provide more dump stations at public toilet sites.</p> <p>Whau recommends that council prioritise work to investigate provision of serviced areas for non-self-contained freedom campers in the near future.</p> <p><b>Key changes sought: Alternative rule 4: Another self-containment rule (55):</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only allow freedom camping in designated camping sites.</li> <li>Council-run WOF system for certification of self-contained vehicles.</li> <li>Council compliance officers to manage freedom camping on a case-by-case basis rather than blanket rules.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of alternative rule 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed Bylaw is not restrictive enough of freedom camping.</li> </ul>	<p>freedom camping in Auckland unless (and until) there is the necessary infrastructure to support it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there are other low-cost accommodation options in Auckland suitable for non-self-contained vehicles.</li> </ul>
Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.2 Maximum stay rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Require that freedom campers stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area covered by the general rules</b></p> <p>Of 642 Have Your Say (HYS) feedback, 251 support (39 per cent), 391 (61 per cent) opposed.</p> <p>Of 1,929 research survey (RS) responses, 1,350 support (70 per cent), 309 do not support (16 per cent) and 270 were unsure (14 per cent).</p> <p><b>Local board views (12)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eight boards recommend the proposal be adopted as notified (Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Puketāpapa, Rodney).</li> <li>Four board recommend the proposal be adopted with amendments (Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Ōrakei and Waitākere).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative rule 1) Maximum of one night in the same road or off-road parking area (207 HYS / 77 RS):</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require campers to stay a maximum of one night only in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of alternative rule 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One night will prevent campers from blocking others' access to parking or other amenities during the day, and prevent longer-term stays (156 HYS / 39 RS).</li> </ul>	<p>That the proposal to require freedom campers to stay a maximum of two nights in the same road or off-road parking area in any area covered by the general rules be <b>adopted as publicly notified</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that this rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is necessary to manage environmental, public health, and public access risks associated with freedom camping</li> <li>supports responsible camping by requiring campers to leave an area to dump their waste appropriately, before finding a new camp site</li> <li>provides for Waiheke Island's unique situation (no public dump station), by</li> </ul>

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# Attachment A

## Item 10

Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.2 Maximum stay rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One night strikes the right balance between giving campers opportunity to enjoy the area / support local business and protecting public access (132 HYS / 38 RS).</li> <li>One night encourages responsible dumping of waste (84 HYS / 32 RS).</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hibiscus and Bays, Ōrakei and Waitākere support a one-night maximum stay in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative rule 2) No maximum stay in the same road or off-road parking area (31 HYS / 96 RS):</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No maximum requirement for freedom campers to stay in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of alternative rule 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shorter stays are already the norm for most freedom campers (24 HYS / 28 RS).</li> <li>No maximum stay gives campers the best opportunity to enjoy the area and support local business (21 HYS / 43 RS).</li> <li>Vehicles should be allowed to come back to stay in the same area after dumping their waste responsibly (19 HYS / 39 RS).</li> <li>If problems start occurring at a particular place, they are better managed with restrictions specific to that area (12 HYS / 21 RS).</li> <li>It would be too hard to enforce a maximum stay rule (28 RS).</li> </ul>	<p>treating the whole island as a single area for the purpose of this rule and requiring campers to depart on the third day to dump their waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strikes a reasonable balance between campers' convenience and other demands on public parking and amenities</li> <li>prevents public access impacts associated with long stays / continuous occupations of one public place</li> <li>helps maintain social license for freedom camping.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to key changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a two-night maximum stay is a more proportionate response to the problem than a stricter rule</li> <li>problems that arise in specific areas can be managed by strengthening restrictions in those places (for example imposing a one-night maximum stay)</li> <li>a consistent rule is desirable to create clarity for all users of public space</li> <li>a maximum stay rule may not be proactively monitored everywhere campers stay, but it creates a legal requirement which can be enforced if problems arise</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative rule 3) Another maximum stay rule (87 HYS):</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of zero nights in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> <li>Campers should not be allowed to stay parked during the day [regardless of maximum nights' stay].</li> <li>Maximum of three nights in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> <li>Between four and six nights in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> <li>One week or more in the same road or off-road parking area.</li> <li>Maximum-stay should be dependent on usage or purpose of the area.</li> <li>Maximum-stay should be dependent on facilities in the area.</li> <li>Exemptions to the two-night maximum stay on Waiheke Island for vehicles that have greater waste-water capacity (1).</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of alternative rule 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed rules are too restrictive of freedom camping (56 HYS).</li> <li>Proposed rules are not restrictive enough of freedom camping (32 HYS).</li> <li>Fundamentally opposed to freedom camping (25 HYS).</li> <li>High-usage areas should have a shorter maximum stay rule than lower-usage areas.</li> </ul>	



Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.2 Maximum stay rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An area with facilities should not have a maximum stay as there is no need to move on to dump waste.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Howick request the ability for campers to apply for an exemption to the maximum stay rule for purposes which require a longer stay, such as attending a tangi. An exemption limit should extend the maximum stay to five days.</li> <li>Waheke is concerned that insufficient staff resource to enforce and monitor the proposed maximum two-day limit on the island will impact on the environment and public health and safety.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compliance staff can exercise their discretion where appropriate.</li> </ul>

Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.3 Departure time rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure in any area covered by the general rules</b></p> <p><b>535</b> Have Your Say (HYS) respondents, 157 support (29 per cent), <b>378 (71 per cent) opposed</b>.  <b>1,925</b> research survey (RS) respondents, <b>1,001 support (52 per cent)</b>, 500 do not support (26 per cent) and 423 were unsure (22 per cent).</p> <p><b>Key themes in support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A set departure time helps enforce the maximum stay rule (865 RS; 78 HYS).</li> <li>A 9am departure time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strikes the right balance between protecting public access and giving visitors a more enjoyable experience during their stay in Auckland (798 RS).</li> <li>protects access to shared parking or amenities during standard business hours (784 RS).</li> <li>would be more convenient for campers than 8am, but still protects access to shared parking or amenities for other users during standard business hours (129 HYS).</li> </ul> </li> <li>If freedom camping starts to cause problems somewhere, this is better managed with specific area restrictions, rather than a stricter general rule (45 HYS).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key themes opposed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preference for alternative rules (refer to 'relief sought') (378 HYS; 310 RS) It would be too hard to enforce a set departure time rule (14 HYS; 62 RS).</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five local boards suggest the proposal be adopted as notified (Franklin, Mangere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōhara-Papatoetoe, Puketāpapa, Rodney).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 1) Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 8am on the day of departure</b> (122 HYS, 27 RS)</p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p>	<p>That the proposal to require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by 9am on the day of departure in any area covered by the general rules be <b>adopted as publicly notified</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that this rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is necessary to protect public access to areas used by freedom campers</li> <li>strikes a reasonable balance between campers' convenience (and ensuring they are rested before driving), and other demands on public parking and amenities</li> <li>helps to enforce the maximum stay rule which prevents impacts associated with longer stays, as if campers are still in a space after 9am, compliance staff can</li> </ul>

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Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.3 Departure time rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 9am departure time is too late in the day.</li> <li>Require freedom campers to <b>vacate their parking space by 8am</b> on the day of departure instead.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 (116), for example:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am increases risk of competition between freedom campers and other users, such as customers of local businesses, members of sports clubs or parents dropping their children to school</li> <li>freedom campers near schools is a safety risk for children and 9am increases this risk as it is close to the start of the school day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaipātiki and Waitākere Ranges recommend the panel adopt Alternative Rule 1 – 8am departure time.</li> </ul>	<p>assume they intend to stay another night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>helps maintain social license for freedom camping.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to key changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a 9am departure time is a more proportionate response to the problem than a stricter rule</li> <li>freedom camping vehicles must still comply with all traffic and parking rules that apply (for example, if the parking space is within a cleanway that takes effect at 7am, they must depart by 7am)</li> <li>problems that arise in specific areas can be managed by parking restrictions or by scheduling those places in the Bylaw in future</li> <li>a consistent rule is desirable to create clarity for all users of public space</li> <li>the Bylaw will not be used to manage issues associated with homelessness</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 2) Freedom campers must vacate their parking space by 10am on the day of departure</b> (126 HYS, 155 RS)</p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 9am departure time is too early and would not be relaxing or convenient for campers who are on holiday.</li> <li>Require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by 10 am on the day of departure instead.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am is a typical check-out time if you are paying for accommodation such as motels and campgrounds, so it makes sense to align with this (103).</li> <li>A later departure time will be more convenient for campers, and make it more likely that they will visit local businesses (79) and be rested for travel.</li> <li>Will help with enforcing the maximum stay rule (49).</li> <li>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 (30).</li> <li>10am strikes the right balance between protecting public access and campers' convenience (79 RS).</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manurewa, Upper Harbour and Waitemātā recommend the panel adopt Alternative Rule 2 – 10am departure time.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 3) Freedom campers should not have to leave by a set time</b> (56 HYS, 197 RS)</p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reject the proposal to require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by a specified time, for reasons including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prioritising the access of some users over freedom campers contradicts the idea that public spaces are for everyone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.3 Departure time rule) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o freedom campers choose this form of travel specifically for its laid-back and relaxing style</li> <li>o a departure time rule will unfairly impact people living in vehicles or experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>o Freedom campers should be able to vacate their parking space at any time they choose on the day of departure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not setting a departure time will be more convenient for campers and make it much more likely that they will visit local businesses.</li> <li>• It is not necessary to require campers to leave at a set time; they don't block others' access to shared parking or amenities.</li> <li>• It would be too hard to enforce a set departure time rule.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: Alternative Rule 4: another departure time rule (54 HYS, 108 RS):</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by 7am or earlier of the day of departure (11 HYS).</li> <li>• Require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by 11am on the day of departure (10 HYS, 16 RS).</li> <li>• Require freedom campers to vacate their parking space by midday (15 HYS, 51 RS) or later (2 HYS, 17 RS) on the day of departure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed Bylaw is not restrictive enough of freedom camping.</li> <li>• The proposed Bylaw is too restrictive of freedom camping.</li> <li>• Respondents are fundamentally opposed to freedom camping.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the departure time rule may not be proactively monitored everywhere campers stay, but it creates a legal requirement which can be enforced if problems arise.</li> </ul>
Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.4 No-return period) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Require freedom campers to not return to the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks</b></p> <p><b>543</b> Have Your Say (HYS) respondents, <b>214 support (40 per cent)</b>, 317 (60 per cent) opposed.</p> <p><b>1,922</b> research survey (RS) respondents, <b>1057 support (55 per cent)</b>, 442 do not support (23 per cent) and 423 were unsure (22 per cent).</p> <p><b>Local board views (7)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven boards suggest the proposal be adopted as notified (Franklin, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Puketāpapa, Waitemata, Whau).</li> </ul>	<p>That the proposal to require freedom campers not to return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area for two weeks in any area covered by the general rules be <b>amended</b> to clarify that the two-week no-return period begins at 9am on the day of departure (irrespective</p>

# Attachment A

## Item 10

Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.4 No-return period) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 1) No return to the same road or off-road parking area for four weeks (153 HYS)</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A two-week no-return period is too short to ensure the same campers do not continuously occupy an area</li> <li>Require freedom campers to not return to the same road or off-road parking area for four weeks instead.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Having a longer no-return period means most campers are unlikely to visit an area more than once.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five local boards recommend the panel adopt Alternative Rule 1 – four week no-return period (Devonport, Kaipātiki, Ōrākei, Rodney, Waitākere Ranges).</li> </ul>	<p>of whether the stay was for one or two nights).</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the change clarifies how to calculate the no return period, and is not so significant as to require further public consultation.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to key changes sought, the Panel notes that the recommended rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is necessary to protect public access to areas used by freedom campers, and in particular to prevent vehicles from monopolising parking in one area for long periods</li> <li>strikes a reasonable balance between campers' convenience, and other demands on public parking and amenities (a more proportionate response to the problem than a stricter rule)</li> <li>helps to enforce the maximum stay rule which prevents impacts associated with longer stays, by ensuring that campers cannot just move their vehicles a short distance to circumvent that rule</li> <li>helps maintain social license for freedom camping</li> <li>does not prevent people staying at multiple locations in a large area (such as a neighbourhood or suburb),</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 2) Freedom campers should be able to return to same area any time (61 HYS, 327 RS)</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reject proposal to require freedom campers not return to the same road or off-road parking area within two weeks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>campers should be able to return to a safe and reliable spot</li> <li>freedom campers are on holiday and having to find a new spot that is safe and convenient impacts the quality of their trip</li> <li>a no-return period rule will unfairly impact people living in vehicles or experiencing homelessness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Allow freedom campers to return to an area at any time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campers should have the right to come back to favourite places during their trip (40 HYS, 226 RS).</li> <li>A no-return period is not necessary: most campers don't return to the same place (21 HYS, 111 RS).</li> <li>Too hard to enforce a no-return period rule (21 HYS, 128 RS).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Key changes sought: (Alternative Rule 3) Another no return period rule (46 HYS, X RS)</b></p> <p><b>Detailed relief sought:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require freedom campers to not return to the same road or off-road parking space for a period of less than one week (7 HYS) including suggestions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 hours</li> <li>two days</li> <li>three days</li> <li>five days.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Require freedom campers to not return to the same road or off-road parking space for a period of one week (18 HYS).</li> </ul>	

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Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.4 No-return period) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require freedom campers to not return to the same road or off-road parking space for a period of more than four weeks (7 HYS).</li> <li>Require freedom campers to not return to the same road or off-road parking space for a varying time period based on location or season (8 HYS) for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a longer no-return period in residential areas or during summer</li> <li>a shorter no-return period in commercial or rural areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Another period or rule including an <b>increased no-return area</b> (6 HYS) including suggestions for no return to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the same suburb</li> <li>a two or three-kilometre radius of the previous parking space.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Thematic reasons for support of Alternative Rule 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed rules are too restrictive of freedom camping.</li> <li>Fundamentally opposed to freedom camping.</li> <li>Proposed rules are not restrictive enough of freedom camping.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hibiscus and Bays suggested a no-return period rule specify a greater area that campers must not return to, for example within a two-kilometre radius of their previous parking space.</li> </ul>	<p>where any impacts of their presence would be diluted.</p> <p>The Panel also notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>problems that arise in specific areas can be managed operationally, or by scheduling those places in the Bylaw in future</li> <li>a consistent rule is desirable to create clarity for all users of public space</li> <li>the Bylaw will not be used to manage issues associated with homelessness</li> <li>the no-return period rule may not be proactively monitored everywhere campers stay, but it creates a legal requirement which can be enforced if problems arise.</li> </ul>
Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.5 Other general rule-related requests) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: Vary general rules by area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vary general rule settings (such as length of maximum stay) between areas or categories of area (116) for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rural vs. coastal vs. suburban vs. urban areas</li> <li>areas with generally low use vs. areas with generally high use (by campers and/or others)</li> <li>individual local board areas vs. remainder of Auckland (for example based on available infrastructure/facilities)</li> <li>other defined areas (for example Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area, Auckland CBD) vs. remainder of Auckland.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Enable local boards to set general rules appropriate to their area / local circumstances / community views.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (9)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eight local boards expressed views to the effect that, while the general rules may be sufficient to manage freedom camping impacts in some areas, demand from campers could increase pressure in popular areas that already experience high use from local residents and visitors, such as at parks and community facilities, in beachside communities and in the CBD (Albert-Eden, Hibiscus and Bays, Kaipātiki, Ōrākei, Rodney, Waiheke, Waitakere Ranges, Waitematā).</li> </ul>	<p>That other general rule-related requests be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>varying rules could create additional complexity and confusion for campers, especially where area boundaries are not marked or area characteristics are not</li> </ul>

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Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.5 Other general rule-related requests) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Franklin suggests 'a balanced approach that considers all Aucklanders' perspectives', noting the benefits of responsible freedom camping for rural areas, and ensuring regulation is not weighted towards 'urban sensitivities'.</li> <li>Note: views from Waitheke and Waitākere Ranges are addressed in Proposal 3.46.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key changes sought: Vary general rules by season or another factor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set general rules (such as longer or shorter maximum stays) that vary according to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>season, for example summer vs. winter</li> <li>day of the week (weekends vs. weekdays), for example where parks are used for weekend sport, or beach areas on weekends</li> <li>whether the camper is a New Zealander / a local.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>some areas requested for prohibition are already managed in other ways, for example under the Reserves Act 1977, or through parking restrictions in areas with high daytime use</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: Prohibit freedom camping in areas with certain characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibit freedom camping in areas with particular characteristics, such as in urban/suburban areas (245):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residential streets / outside homes (87)</li> <li>near schools/early childhood facilities (6)</li> <li>near existing camping grounds</li> <li>roadside laybys / 'pull-off areas', including near entrances to walking tracks</li> <li>urupa / cemeteries</li> <li>ecologically sensitive areas (such as wetlands, bird-nesting areas and areas with kauri dieback)</li> <li>parks held under the Local Government Act</li> <li>maunga</li> <li>roads and carparks adjacent to the coast, including boat ramps and boat parking</li> <li>areas with high summer visitor numbers</li> <li>areas with high-density housing</li> <li>urban areas / retail/commercial areas / outside businesses</li> <li>high risk areas (examples were busy arterial roads, areas with narrow/winding roads or sloping ground, areas which are remote, flood-prone, fire-prone or known for antisocial behaviour)</li> <li>carparks with limited parking or narrow parking bays, or which are used by (for example) sports clubs, shoppers or commuters</li> <li>areas with no public facilities</li> <li>on grass berms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ban freedom camping outside homes without the resident's permission.</li> <li>Only allow freedom camping in areas where local ratepayers have agreed to it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there is insufficient evidence available to the Panel to justify varying rules between suggested areas, categories of area or seasons at this time and would be a significant change likely requiring further consultation</li> <li><b>(also refer to Proposal 3.46 for further discussion of prohibitions requested for specified large areas)</b></li> <li>new rules or rule variations can be explored at individual sites once actual patterns of use are known, and then addressed through</li> </ul>



Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.5 Other general rule-related requests) (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Local board views (10)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five boards suggest prohibitions at or near urupa/cemeteries (Devonport-Takapuna, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Upper Harbour, Waitemātā).</li> <li>Three suggest prohibitions at or near schools and/or early childhood facilities (Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe).</li> <li>Two suggest prohibitions at or near churches and culturally significant sites close to maunga (Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe).</li> <li>Devonport-Takapuna suggest a prohibition within a 2km radius of a commercial camping ground.</li> <li>Two suggest 'a programme of work [to] identify categories of sites on the road reserve that would make freedom camping unacceptable to the public of Auckland so they can be incorporated into the bylaw in the future' (Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe).</li> <li>Rodney suggest a prohibition outside residential or business properties unless permission is granted by the property owner, and express concern about allowing freedom camping on roadsides, road reserves and parking bays, especially in beach settlements.</li> <li>Waitākere Ranges suggest prohibitions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o slip roads servicing private driveways</li> <li>o carparks servicing neighbourhood shops, public transport, or parks and reserves (where outside the reserve boundary)</li> <li>o pocket parks and paper roads</li> <li>o beachfront carparks and boat launching areas on the Tasman and Manukau Harbour Coasts</li> <li>o pull off areas, slow vehicle bays, lookouts, entrances to regional and local park tracks and other areas on non-curbed and channelled rural and coastal roads.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Waitemātā suggest prohibition at sports parks and on grass.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Governing Body has decision-making responsibility for regional Bylaws; local boards provide input at several stages of bylaw development in line with the agreed process</li> <li>other new general rules suggested are beyond the scope of this bylaw: they are either a policy matter for central government or are dealt with in other laws and bylaws.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: Other general rules requested</b></p> <p>Council should require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>freedom camping vehicles to be under a certain size, with the Bylaw to specify the size limits</li> <li>freedom camping vehicles to be electric</li> <li>freedom campers to be vaccinated against Covid-19</li> <li>freedom campers to camp in groups of no more than 6 or 8 – no large family groups / freedom campers to 'travel singly'</li> <li>freedom campers to "keep dogs and cats on leashes at all times, no roaming allowed and they must be kept contained overnight", particularly on conservation land or in special ecological areas. (Forest and Bird)</li> <li>freedom campers to remove their rubbish [rather than use public bins]</li> <li>local residents/ratepayers/workers to take priority for parking over campers</li> <li>no tents/awnings be erected alongside freedom camping vehicles.</li> </ul>	

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Public feedback topic (Proposal 2.5 Other general rule-related requests) (number of comments)		Panel recommendation
<b>Local board views (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waitākere Ranges express concern that self-contained vehicles being large have the potential to compromise access by emergency vehicles such as fire engines if they are allowed to park in the road corridor.</li> </ul>		
<b>Public feedback topic (Proposal 3: Prohibited Areas)</b> Majority of respondents supported prohibitions at 11 areas and opposed prohibitions at the other 34 areas. Most who opposed the proposed prohibitions wanted freedom camping allowed in that area subject to general rules. A summary of the feedback and local board views on the proposed prohibited areas can be viewed in the Bylaw Panel Deliberations Report beginning on page 48.	<b>Panel recommendation</b> That the proposal to schedule the following 43 places as prohibited areas be <b>adopted as publicly notified</b> . <b>Reasons</b> included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the prohibitions align with criteria set out in Section 11 of the Act, in protecting the area, protecting the health and safety of people who may visit the area, and protecting access to the area; and</li> <li>the prohibitions were necessary and the most appropriate and proportionate way to manage impacts in those areas.</li> </ul>	Heron Park Queens Parade Maraetai Community Hall Maraetai Park and Maraetai Foreshore Orere Point Library and Grounds Orpheus Road Boat Ramp Blind Bay (parking area by wharf) Medlands Carpark Old Service Centre Building Fred Taylor Park McLeod Park Metro Park East Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre) Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance) Pakuranga Community Hall Weymouth Community Hall Gloucester Park North St Heliers Community Library and Hall Hayman Park Ōtara Centre Grounds and Town Centre (including Bairds Road Playground) Helensville Civic Centre Grounds Leigh Library and Grounds Pakiri Hall Grounds Ti Point Walkway Waimauku War Memorial Hall Warkworth Town Hall Grounds North Shore Memorial Park Jack Hinton Drive (through Rosedale Park) Kennedy Point Wharf Carpark Onetangi Cemetery Entrance of Goldie Bush Walkway Lopdell Hall and House Waiheke Island Artworks Entrance of Goldie Bush Walkway

Sandys Parade Pt Erin Park	Highwic House Seddon Fields	Myers Park Wynyard Tank Farm	Outhwaite Park
<p>That the proposal to schedule Becroft Park Reserve and Waitakere Central / Central One as prohibited areas be <b>rejected</b> and the proposal amended to remove their inclusion in the Bylaw.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Becroft Park Reserve is held under the Reserves Act 1977 and is therefore out of scope for the Bylaw.</li> <li>• Waitakere Central / Central One has been disposed of by council, is now privately owned and is therefore out of scope for the Bylaw.</li> </ul>			

Public Feedback Topic 3.46: Requests for additional prohibited areas (number of comments)		Panel recommendation
Key changes sought: Prohibit freedom camping at large areas (Category A)		
Omaha Beach (154)	Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area (67)	That the request to prohibit freedom camping in suggested large areas (Category A) be <b>rejected</b> . Reasons include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• most areas are already partly managed in other ways, for example under the Reserves Act 1977, or through parking restrictions</li><li>• there is insufficient evidence to justify the protection of the entire area and/or that a prohibition would be the most appropriate and proportionate response to perceived or potential problems in those areas</li><li>• the requests would constitute a significant change, likely requiring further consultation</li><li>• general rules may be sufficient to manage any problems that could arise once freedom camping is allowed in these areas</li><li>• new rules or rule variations can be explored at individual sites once actual patterns of use are known, and then addressed through future amendments to the Bylaw schedules if required</li><li>• some matters raised in support of the requests are out of scope, such as people living in vehicles due to</li></ul>
Waiheke Island (18)	Central Auckland / CBD (10)	
Aotea / Great Barrier Island (4)	Hatfields Beach (4)	
Awhitu Peninsula (4)	Eastern Bays (4)	
Māngere (3)	Browns Bay (2)	
Takapuna (2)	Orakei (2)	
Northcote Point (2)	Snells Beach (2)	
Matheson Bay (2)	Mission Bay (2)	
Beachlands (1)	Wood Bay (1)	
General reasons		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundamentally opposed to freedom camping.</li><li>• Health and safety risks due to a lack of facilities.</li><li>• Enforcing general rules would be too difficult in these areas.</li><li>• Freedom camping causes problems for Auckland and Aucklanders.</li><li>• Concerns for the environment or sensitive ecological systems.</li><li>• Concerns for limited access and growing daily visitor numbers.</li></ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waitheke support a prohibition for the whole of Waitheke Island.</li><li>• Waitakere Ranges suggest additional prohibitions and restrictions in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area.</li></ul>	homelessness, suitability of public roads for large vehicles, and resourcing for Bylaw enforcement.  <b>Note: refer also to Categories B, C and D for further discussion of separate change requests.</b>	

Public Feedback Topic 3.46: Requests for additional prohibited areas (number of comments)		Panel recommendation
<b>Key changes sought: Prohibit freedom camping at areas not previously assessed, or where assessment did not find protection was justified (Category B)</b>		<p>That the request to prohibit freedom camping at areas not previously assessed or where assessment did not find protection justified (Category B) be <b>accepted in part</b> to prohibit freedom camping from areas of Glen Esk Road and Seaview Road.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> for accepting the request in part include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• new evidence was provided of risks to public safety from flash flooding in Pihā (multiple events have occurred since original assessments were undertaken, which has led to commercial camping in adjacent areas being restricted on safety grounds)</li><li>• the change can be made without further public consultation, because the impacted areas are small, and camping is still available in the wider area.</li></ul> <p>In relation to other changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p>
<b>Areas with three or more submitters requesting prohibition</b>		
Anawhata Road, Anawhata (33)	Glen Esk Road Carpark, Pihā (9)	
Seaview Road, Pihā (8)	Shelly Beach Parade (7)	
Point Chevalier Beach Carpark (3)	Buckletons Beach Reserve (3)	
The Strand, Onetangi (3)	Beach Haven Wharf (3)	
<b>Areas with only one or two submitters requesting prohibition</b>		
Rothsay Bay Reserve	Campbells Bay Beach	
Queens Street, Northcote	Kihikihī Lane, Snells Beach	
Masterton Road, Rothesay Bay	Davies Bay, Titirangi	
South Titirangi Road / Jenkins Bay boat ramp carparks	Herrings Cove, Titirangi	
Herrings Cove carparks, Titirangi	Mahoe Road end, Titirangi	
Godley Road end, Titirangi	Okewa Road end, Titirangi	
Arama Ave road end, Titirangi	The Parade Road end, Titirangi	
Arapito Road end, Titirangi	Valley Road end, Titirangi	
Claude Abel Reserve, Garden Road	Wood Bay Road end, Titirangi	
Mangere Bridge Memorial Hall Carpark	Inaka Place Road end, Titirangi	
The Esplanade, Big Manly Beach	Lancewood Ave Road end, Titirangi	
Ngapara Street, Red Beach Waterfront	Rangiwai Road end, Titirangi	
Arkles Strand, Arkles Bay	The Drive Road end, Titirangi	
Matakatia Parade, Matakatia Beach	Westridge Road end, Titirangi	
De Luen Avenue, Tindalls Bay	Valley View Road end, Titirangi	

Public Feedback Topic 3.46: Requests for additional prohibited areas (number of comments)		Panel recommendation
Stanmore Bay Road, Stanmore Bay	Tainui Road end, Titirangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>most areas are already partly managed in other ways, for example under the Reserves Act 1977, or through parking restrictions</li><li>feedback did not provide sufficient evidence demonstrating the need for protection or that scheduling these areas would be the most appropriate and proportionate response to perceived or potential problems in those areas</li><li>general rules may be sufficient to manage any problems that could arise once freedom camping is allowed in these areas</li><li>new rules or rule variations can be explored at individual sites once actual patterns of use are known, and then addressed through future amendments to the Bylaw schedules if required</li><li>some changes requested are significant and would likely require further consultation.</li></ul>
Langton Road, Stanmore Bay	Boylan Road end, Titirangi	
Moreton Drive, Manly	York Road end, Titirangi	
Beach Road, Manly	Jays Road end, Titirangi	
Brown Street, Manly	Sylvan Valley Ace Road end, Titirangi	
Whangaparaoa Road, Whangaparaoa	Minnehaha Ave road end, Titirangi	
The Strand, Waiwera	Landing Road end, Titirangi	
Rainbow's End Reserve	Helios Place Road end, Titirangi	
Stanmore Bay Road Carpark	Deirdre Place Road end, Titirangi	
Waiata Avenue, Remuera	Fawcett Road end, Titirangi	
Walker Park, Point Chevalier	Brownie Road end, Titirangi	
Ōwairaka Park, Ōwairaka	Janet Place Road end, Titirangi	
Kūkūwai Park, Ōwairaka	Exhibition Drive Titirangi (both ends)	
Mount Albert War Memorial Reserve, Mount Albert	Tawini Road end, Titirangi	
Chamberlain Park, Mount Albert	Warren Freer Park	
Mt Albert Town Centre Carpark	Kariotahi Beach	
Mount Albert Library, Mount Albert	McEldowney Road / Paturua Road junction, Titirangi	
Phyllis Reserve, Mount Albert	Totara Park, Manurewa	
<b>General reasons</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fundamentally opposed to freedom camping.</li><li>Enforcing general rules would be too difficult in these areas.</li><li>Freedom camping causes problems for Auckland and Aucklanders.</li><li>Concerns for the environment or sensitive ecological systems.</li><li>Concerns for limited access and growing daily visitor numbers.</li></ul>		
<b>Local board views (3)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Albert-Eden support prohibition of Kūkūwai Park, Ōwairaka, Phyllis Reserve, Mount Albert, Mount Albert Library, and Mount Albert War Memorial Reserve.</li><li>Kaipātiki support prohibition of Beach Haven Wharf and Queens Street, Northcote.</li><li>Waitākere Ranges support all of the prohibitions suggested within their area.</li></ul>		

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Public Feedback Topic 3.46: Requests for additional prohibited areas (number of comments)	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: Prohibit freedom camping in areas recommended for prohibition in 2019 (Category C)</b></p> <p>Note: Reserves with adjacent parking areas held, or partially held, under the Local Government Act or as legal road are shown in <b>bold</b>. Reserves with adjacent parking areas held under the Reserves Act and parks managed by the Regional Parks Management Plan are out of scope for this proposal and are not shown in bold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Karekare Road Carpark</b> (39)</li> <li>• <b>French Bay Carpark</b> (15)</li> <li>• <b>North Piha Strand / Marine Parade North, Piha</b> (10)</li> <li>• <b>Piha South Road Reserve / Marine Parade South, Piha</b> (9)</li> <li>• <b>Little Huia, Huia Road</b> (6)</li> <li>• Woodall Carpark, Narrow Neck (5)</li> <li>• Arundel Reserve, Orewa (2)</li> <li>• <b>Vellenoweth Green, St Heliers</b> (2)</li> <li>• Waikaraka Park, Captain Springs Road (2)</li> <li>• Whatipu Scenic Reserve (1)</li> <li>• <b>Chelsea Estate Heritage Park / Colonial Road, Birkenhead</b> (1)</li> <li>• Kennedy Point, Waiheke Island (1) (Note: part of the Kennedy Point carparking area held under the Local Government Act was already proposed as a prohibited area in Schedule 1)</li> <li>• Titirangi Beach/ Aydon Road end, Titirangi (1)</li> <li>• <b>Opou Road end, Titirangi</b> (1)</li> <li>• Coyle Park, Point Chevalier (1)</li> <li>• <b>Milford Reserve, Milford</b> (1)</li> <li>• Hooton Reserve, Albany (1)</li> <li>• Glover Park, St Heliers (1)</li> <li>• Eric Armishaw Park, Point Chevalier (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devonport-Takapuna support prohibition of Milford Beach Reserve, Milford.</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to prohibit freedom camping in areas recommended for prohibition in 2019 (Category C) be <b>accepted in part</b> to include the following carparks and/or roadside parking areas in Schedule 1 (Prohibited areas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karekare Road Carpark, Karekare</li> <li>• French Bay Carpark, Titirangi</li> <li>• North Piha Strand / Marine Parade North, Piha</li> <li>• Piha South Road Reserve / Marine Parade South, Piha</li> <li>• Little Huia, Huia Road, Huia</li> <li>• Vellenoweth Green, St Heliers</li> <li>• Chelsea Estate Heritage Park / Colonial Road, Birkenhead</li> <li>• Opou Road end, Titirangi</li> <li>• Milford Reserve, Milford</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons</b> for accepting the request in part include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• these carparking areas are directly adjacent to, and provide parking for, areas held under the Reserves Act 1977 which were assessed and consulted on in 2018 and recommended for protection under the Freedom Camping Act, but which are no longer in scope for the Bylaw</li> <li>• feedback identified that these carparking areas are held or partially held under the Local Government Act or as legal road and therefore remain in scope for this Bylaw</li> <li>• allowing freedom camping in these areas would not adequately address the risks identified in 2018 which informed the Panel's recommendation to prohibit camping at their adjacent reserves in 2019</li> <li>• further public consultation on the changes is not considered necessary.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to other changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaipātiki support prohibition of Colonial Road / Chelsea Estate Heritage Park, Birkenhead.</li> <li>Waitākere Ranges support all of the prohibitions suggested within their area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the other areas requested are managed under the Reserves Act 1977 or the Regional Parks Management Plan and are out of scope for the Bylaw.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Key changes sought: Prohibit freedom camping on entire roads (Category D)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kiwi Esplanade, Māngere Bridge (26)</li> <li>Bethells Road, Te Henga (also called Te Henga Bethells Road) (16)</li> <li>Tamaki Drive, Eastern Bays (16)</li> </ul> <p><b>General reasons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamentally opposed to freedom camping.</li> <li>Health and safety risks due to a lack of facilities.</li> <li>Freedom camping causes problems for Auckland and Aucklanders.</li> <li>Concerns for the environment or sensitive ecological systems.</li> <li>Concerns for limited access and growing daily visitor numbers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Māngere-Otāhuhu support a prohibition on Kiwi Esplanade.</li> <li>Orākei support a prohibition on Tamaki Drive.</li> <li>Waitākere Ranges support a prohibition on Bethells Road, Te Henga.</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to prohibit freedom camping on entire roads (Category D) be <b>accepted in part</b> to include the Te Henga Park carpark (257 Bethells Rd) and the roadside parking area adjacent to St Heliers Bay Reserve on Tamaki Drive in Schedule 1 (Prohibited areas).</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> for accepting the request in part include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>these carparking areas are directly adjacent to, and provide parking for, reserves which were assessed and consulted on in 2018 and recommended for protection under the Freedom Camping Act</li> <li>feedback identified that these carparking areas are held or partially held under the Local Government Act or as legal road</li> <li>allowing freedom camping in these areas would not adequately address the risks identified in 2018 which informed the Panel's recommendation to prohibit camping at their adjacent reserves in 2019.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to other changes sought, the Panel notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parts of these areas are already partly managed in other ways, for example under the Reserves Act 1977, or through parking restrictions</li> <li>feedback did not provide sufficient evidence demonstrating the need for protection for the entire roads, or that scheduling these areas would be the most appropriate and proportionate response to perceived or potential problems associated with freedom camping</li> <li>general rules may be sufficient to manage any problems that could arise once freedom camping is allowed in these areas</li> <li>new rules or rule variations can be explored at individual sites once actual patterns of use are known, and then addressed through future amendments to the Bylaw schedules if required</li> <li>the changes requested would likely require further consultation.</li> </ul>

Public feedback topic (Proposal 4: Restricted Areas)	Panel recommendation
<p>Majority of respondents supported restricted freedom camping at 21 out of 22 proposed sites, however views varied on the types of restrictions.</p> <p>A summary of the feedback and local board views on the proposed restricted areas can be viewed in the Bylaw Panel Deliberations Report beginning on page 101.</p>	<p>That the proposal to schedule the following 19 places as restricted areas be <b>adopted as publicly notified</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiuku Service Centre</li> <li>• Recreation and Parking (Colson Lane)</li> <li>• Barry Curtis Park (parking area off Chapel Road, St Pauls area)</li> <li>• Margaret Griffen Park</li> <li>• Whisper Cove (adjacent carpark on road reserve)</li> <li>• Roadside carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve</li> <li>• Maraeatai Dressing Sheds Reserve</li> <li>• 27 Moore Street Carparking</li> <li>• Carpark at 8 Church Hill</li> <li>• Wellsford Community Centre Grounds</li> <li>• Carpark adjacent to Valonia Reserve</li> <li>• 20 – 24 Uxbridge Road carparking</li> <li>• Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark</li> <li>• 118 Rodney Street carparking</li> <li>• Wingate Reserve</li> <li>• Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga Foreshore)</li> <li>• Parry Kauri Park</li> <li>• Cox's Bay Esplanade</li> <li>• Gulf Harbour Manna Hammerhead Reserve</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons</b> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the restrictions align with criteria set out in Section 11 of the Act, in protecting the area, protecting the health and safety of people who may visit the area, and protecting access to the area</li> <li>• the restrictions are necessary and the most appropriate and proportionate way to manage impacts in those areas.</li> </ul> <p>That the proposal to schedule roadside parking adjacent to Hingia Reserve as a restricted area be <b>amended</b> to reduce the maximum number of vehicles allowed to freedom camp overnight from eight vehicles to five.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include to protect public access to this area.</p> <p>That the proposal to schedule Anderson's Beach Reserve and Trusts Arena as restricted areas be <b>rejected</b> and the proposal amended to include these as prohibited areas under Schedule 1 of the Bylaw.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prohibition is necessary to satisfactorily protect public access in those areas</li> <li>• Andersons Beach Reserve provides limited unrestricted parking in an area where parking is otherwise prohibited, the parking area is narrow meaning large vehicles would further reduce availability and is used in the evening</li> <li>• Trusts Arena regularly hosts large events in the evenings with high demand for parking and the proposed parking area is frequently gated to restrict access.</li> </ul>

Other Matters	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: application of Bylaw to reserves</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land held under the Reserves Act 1977 should not be excluded from the scope of the Bylaw.</li> <li>Some Reserves Act reserves provide appropriate locations for freedom camping.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devonport-Takapuna and Waitākere Ranges support the exclusion of reserves from the bylaw and continuing to manage these areas under the Reserves Act.</li> <li>Franklin notes its 'desire to enable responsible camping on selected reserves within rural areas such as the Awhitu Peninsula'.</li> <li>Papakura notes its concern that relying on the Reserves Act to protect their camping 'hotspots' (rather than specifically listing them as prohibited areas in the Bylaw) will make compliance more difficult.</li> <li>Rodney notes it intends to consult on allowing freedom camping at 10 reserves.</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to apply the Bylaw to reserves be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Freedom Camping Act recognises the use of other enactments to regulate freedom camping, and the Reserves Act provides for the specific regulation of the use of reserves</li> <li>the Governing Body decided in March 2021, after considering feedback on this issue in response to the 2018 Bylaw Proposal, to continue to use the Reserves Act 1977 to manage camping on reserve land, to protect the environmental and recreational values of these areas (<a href="#">GB2021/19</a>)</li> <li>a change of this nature is beyond the scope of this proposal and would require further investigation and public consultation</li> <li>freedom camping can still be allowed on individual reserves by following the reserve management planning process set out in s44 of the Reserves Act</li> <li>local boards can choose to allow camping on specific local reserves as part of the development of their Local Parks Management Plans (LPMPs).</li> </ul>
Other Matters	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: application of Bylaw to people living in vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bylaw should explicitly prohibit people living in vehicles <b>long-term</b> (as opposed to short stays for leisure travel).</li> <li>Some people may 'choose' to live in vehicles long-term only because they have difficulty accessing/affording housing and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the wording used in the Bylaw to differentiate this situation from 'homelessness' is problematic</li> <li>council should tackle the housing shortage/housing affordability in Auckland, which is forcing some people to live in vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Homelessness should be properly defined in the Bylaw to ensure vulnerable people living in vehicles are explicitly protected from enforcement action.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (3)</b></p>	<p>That the requests regarding application of the Bylaw to people living in vehicles be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>neither the Act nor the Bylaw are intended to manage the complex issues associated with homelessness and access to affordable housing</li> <li>council has been clear that it will not use the Bylaw to manage homelessness, and will ensure vulnerable Aucklanders are treated with compassion</li> <li>including a definition of homelessness in the Bylaw would be problematic; these matters are more</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiheke notes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the bylaw will not be used to manage issues associated with homelessness and request [Onetangi Sports Park be investigated as] an area that can support vulnerable or homeless members of the community when required</li> <li>the island's 'significant housing shortfall for residents and its workforce in, but not limited to, the peak and shoulder holiday season which is also the peak freedom camping period. Therefore, any available public facilities and space needs to be prioritised 100% for genuine social needs'.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Waitemata 'note that the needs and rights of homeless people and of rough sleepers will be adequately provided for'.</li> <li>Whau support 'not using the bylaw to manage issues associated with homelessness and [the] commitment to a compassionate enforcement approach to protect vulnerable Aucklanders'.</li> </ul>	<p>appropriately considered at central government level and/or within the context of other council policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>central government has signalled it will provide further guidance to assist operational staff enforcing bylaws made under the Freedom Camping Act, until then experienced council staff will continue to use their discretion in the field</li> <li>nuisance and impacts on public health and safety associated with homelessness can be managed under other regulation, or by connecting people experiencing homelessness with social services.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Key changes sought: application of Bylaw to tents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This Bylaw should also cover freedom camping in tents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local board views (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devonport-Takapuna and Hibiscus and Bays note that two Bylaws and multiple Acts regulate aspects of camping in public places, and express concern about the consequences of this for compliance and enforcement.</li> <li>Hibiscus and Bays suggest 'one simplified set of rules for freedom camping, whether in vehicle or not' to prevent confusion.</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to expand the scope of the Bylaw to cover freedom camping in tents be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Bylaw will only apply to freedom camping in vehicles, to avoid duplication of rules contained in other laws and bylaws</li> <li>camping on a reserve without prior approval is already prohibited on reserves under the Reserves Act 1977</li> <li>on all other council land, overnight stays in tents are already regulated through the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013.</li> </ul>

Key changes sought: reference to National Standard NZS 5465	Key changes sought: reference to National Standard NZS 5465 (Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans)
<p><b>Key changes sought: reference to National Standard NZS 5465</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>References in the Bylaw to the National Standard NZS 5465 (Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans) are not lawful and should be removed.</li> <li>Replace references to the National Standard with references to the Responsible Campers Association's 'responsible campers accreditation' programme.</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to remove reference to the National Standard NZS 5465 (Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans) be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is lawful for council to reference NZS 5465 or any other National Standard in a bylaw</li> <li>NZS 5465 is the recognised industry standard for self-containment in New Zealand</li> <li>referring to the Standard (or any future equivalent) ensures consistency with other regions, and clarity for owners and hirers of freedom camping vehicles.</li> </ul>



Other Matters	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key changes sought: Clause 7: process for making temporary prohibitions or changes to restrictions – external parties</b></p> <p>Include a process in clause 7 of the Bylaw to enable external parties (such as major event organisers) to request a temporary prohibition or additional restrictions in an area for a defined period.</p>	<p>That the request to provide for temporary prohibitions or changes to restrictions to be initiated by external parties be <b>accepted in part</b> and the proposal amended to include this ability in related information under clause 7.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there may be instances where the need for a temporary prohibition or change to restrictions is identified by an external party (such as Fire and Emergency New Zealand, or organisers of major events)</li> <li>a formal approval process in the Bylaw is not required to enable this to occur as the process may vary depending on the request. For example, prohibitions required as part of an event can be addressed through the events facilitation process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: Clause 8 conditions when granting temporary approvals – fire safety</b></p> <p>Fire and Emergency Tāmaki Makaurau suggests the following requirements for a temporary approval under clause 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that access for emergency vehicles is always maintained as part of the condition of the approval; access should adhere to specifications outlined in the Fire and Emergency Vehicle Access Guide</li> <li>if the application is for 10 or more vehicles, that an evacuation plan is required to support the application, in the event of an extreme weather event, natural disaster or emergency.</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to provide for additional conditions when granting temporary approvals (clause 8) be <b>accepted</b> and the proposal amended to include ensuring access for emergency vehicles and evacuation plans as examples of the conditions that may be imposed.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there may be instances where additional conditions are required when an approval is granted, for example an evacuation plan for a large event</li> <li>an amendment to the bylaw could provide further clarity for applicants that council can add any conditions it considers appropriate to achieve the purposes of the Bylaw, including protecting public health and safety.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key changes sought: clarification relating to other Bylaws</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bylaw needs to clearly state which bylaws have precedence [where there is an apparent overlap in terms of matters managed].</li> </ul>	<p>That the request to clarify Bylaw precedence be <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b> include that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>council bylaws are typically part of a wider regulatory framework which includes other bylaws and national legislation</li> <li>the wider regulatory framework is already described in the Bylaw Summary</li> <li>bylaws are drafted to avoid duplication with other parts of the relevant framework, so the need to identify precedence should not arise (clause 3).</li> </ul>

Other Matters	Panel recommendation
<p><b>Key comments / changes recommended (Attachment F)</b></p> <p>The Panel had the opportunity to deliberate on the matters in Attachment F categorised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaw amendment and review</li> <li>• Compliance and enforcement</li> <li>• Signage and information</li> <li>• Investment in public/camper facilities</li> <li>• Advocacy for legislative change</li> <li>• Status quo issues relating to land classification data</li> <li>• Other operational recommendations</li> </ul>	<p>That matters contained in Attachment F of the Bylaw Panel Deliberations Report be referred to relevant council departments / council-controlled organisations for consideration.</p> <p>The Panel specifically notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• council will monitor the effectiveness of the Bylaw at preventing and managing freedom camping impacts and report findings to the Regulatory Committee</li> <li>• if issues arise that cannot be managed operationally, bylaw amendments may be required</li> <li>• the Regulatory Committee will consider any new evidence and if required initiate a project as part of a wider bylaw work programme</li> <li>• the Regulatory Committee is already in broader discussions with the Licensing and Regulatory Compliance Department in relation to council's approach to compliance and resourcing for enforcement</li> <li>• links to external information on responsible camping will be provided on the council website as part of bylaw implementation</li> <li>• the provision of updated land classifications (to clarify reserve status of parkland) is subject to an ongoing work programme that is beyond the scope of Bylaw development; this information will be provided to local boards as part of the development of Local Parks Management Plans and to the public to support consultation on those plans</li> <li>• staff will be delegated to manage approvals for temporary changes to the Bylaw under clauses 7 and 8.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Staff recommended amendments to clarify the proposed new Bylaw</b></p>	<p>That the proposal be <b>amended</b> to improve certainty within the intent of the proposal, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• updating the name of the applicable Act in clause 5(4) to reflect current legislation</li> <li>• amending and reversing the order of clause 6(2)(c) and (d) to provide clarity that general rules apply only where no other rules apply</li> <li>• amend clause 6(4)(b) and (d) and add an example relating to Waiheke Island, to clarify the area to which the maximum stay rule applies, and the obligation to leave the island to dump waste before returning to freedom camp</li> <li>• replace clause 6(7) and 6(8) relating to areas where freedom camping rules have been temporarily changed with a new clause 6(5)</li> </ul> <p>A fuller outline of all changes is shown in Attachment B which compares the proposed Bylaw to the Panel-recommended Bylaw.</p>
<p><b>Any other matters</b></p> <p>The Panel had the opportunity to deliberate on any matters contained in public feedback and local board views it considered had not been adequately addressed in Attachment A.</p>	<p>That the Panel considers that all matters raised in public feedback and local board views have been given adequate consideration.</p>

## Attachment B: Comparison of proposed Bylaw and Panel-recommended changes

The comparison tables below show only the changes to the proposal recommended by the Bylaw Panel. The table does not show parts of the proposal the Bylaw Panel recommend be adopted as publicly notified nor editorial changes (for example, corrections to text errors or changes to sequential numbering). Bylaw Panel recommended changes are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw	Bylaw Panel-recommended changes to the proposal
<p><b>5 Interpretation</b></p> <p>(1) In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires – [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p><b>Certified self-contained vehicle</b> means a vehicle that –</p> <p>(a) is designed and built for the purpose of camping, which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste; and</p> <p>(b) complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001: Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans (including any amendments or any future equivalent standard), as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under NZS 5465:2001 (or any future equivalent standard). [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p>(4) <u>The Interpretation Act 1999</u> applies to this Bylaw. [Unchanged text not shown]</p>	<p><b>5 Interpretation</b></p> <p>(1) In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires – [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p><b>Certified self-contained vehicle</b> means a vehicle that –</p> <p>(a) is designed and built for the purpose of camping, which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste; and</p> <p>(b) complies with <u>New Zealand Standard 5465:2001</u>: Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans (including any amendments or any future equivalent standard), as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under NZS 5465:2001 (or any future equivalent standard). However, if the Freedom Camping Act 2011 or associated regulations specifies an alternative definition of "certified self-contained vehicle", then that definition applies from the date it comes into operation. [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p>(4) <u>The Legislation Act 2019</u> applies to this Bylaw. [Unchanged text not shown]</p>

# Attachment B

## Item 10

<p><b>6 Freedom camping is prohibited or restricted in certain circumstances</b></p> <p>(1) [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p>(2) Freedom camping is restricted in a local authority area in Auckland if –</p> <p>(a) the area is a designated restricted area specified in Schedule 2;</p> <p>(b) the area is on Waiheke Island and is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted in (2)(a);</p> <p>(c) prohibitions or restrictions on camping in an area have been temporarily varied under clauses 7 or 8 the area is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted in (2)(a) or (2)(b); or</p> <p>(d) camping in the area is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted under (2) the person who freedom camps has obtained an approval in clause 8.</p> <p>(3) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(a) must comply at all times with the restrictions specified for that area in Schedule 2.</p> <p>(4) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(b) must –</p> <p>(a) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;</p> <p>(b) stay for no more than two nights;</p> <p>(c) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day;</p> <p>(d) depart Waiheke Island on the third day to dump their waste appropriately, unless staying at alternative accommodation until they depart Waiheke Island; and</p>	<p><b>6 Freedom camping is prohibited or restricted in certain circumstances</b></p> <p>(1) [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p>(2) Freedom camping is restricted in a local authority area in Auckland if –</p> <p>(a) the area is a designated restricted area specified in Schedule 2;</p> <p>(b) the area is on Waiheke Island and is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted in (2)(a);</p> <p>(c) prohibitions or restrictions on camping in an area have been temporarily varied under clauses 7 or 8 the area is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted in (2)(a) or (2)(b); or</p> <p>(d) camping in the area is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted under (2) the person who freedom camps has obtained an approval in clause 8.</p> <p>(3) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(a) must comply at all times with the restrictions specified for that area in Schedule 2</p> <p>(4) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(b) must –</p> <p>(a) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;</p> <p>(b) stay for no more than two nights in any local authority area on Waiheke Island, without first complying with the waste dumping requirement in (4)(d);</p>
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<p>(e) if returning to Waiheke Island having dumped their waste, not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period</p> <div data-bbox="459 1081 544 1753"> <p><b>Related information about Waiheke Island</b> [Text is unchanged and is not shown]</p> </div> <p>(5) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(c) must –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;</li> <li>(b) stay for no more than two nights in the same road or off-road parking area;</li> <li>(c) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and</li> <li>(d) not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period.</li> </ul> <p>(6) A person who freedom camps under an approval in 6(2)(c) must comply at all times with the approval and any conditions attaching to the approval.</p> <p>(7) However, if council temporarily changes the restrictions for an area under clause 7, a person in (2) to (6) inclusive must instead comply at all times with those temporary restrictions.</p>	<p>(c) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day;</p> <p>(d) depart Waiheke Island on the third day to dump their waste appropriately, unless staying at alternative accommodation (which does not involve freedom camping) until they depart Waiheke Island; and</p> <p>(e) if returning to Waiheke Island having dumped their waste, not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period commencing at 9am on the day of departure (irrespective of whether the stay was for one or two nights).</p> <div data-bbox="738 356 935 1014"> <p><b>Example</b> A person who freedom camps in a self-contained vehicle on Waiheke Island for two nights at Parking Area A, must leave the Island on the third day to dump their waste. They may return to Waiheke Island and freedom camp for two nights in Parking Area B. They may not return to Parking Area A for a period of two weeks.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="959 344 1042 1014"> <p><b>Related information about Waiheke Island</b> [Text is unchanged and is not shown]</p> </div> <p>(5) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(c) must comply at all times with –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any temporary restrictions specified for that area in clauses 7 or 8; and</li> <li>(b) any conditions attached to an approval given under clause 8.</li> </ul>
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	<p><del>(5)(6)</del> A person who freedom camps in an area in <del>(2)(e)</del> <u>(2)(d)</u> must –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><del>(c)</del> use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;</li><li><del>(d)</del> stay for no more than two nights in the same road or off-road parking area;</li><li><del>(e)</del> vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and</li><li><del>(f)</del> not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period commencing at 9am on the day of departure <u>(irrespective of whether the stay was for one or two nights)</u>.</li></ul> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <p><u>A person who freedom camps in a self-contained vehicle at Parking Area A on a Friday and Saturday night (two nights) must leave the area by 9am on Sunday morning. The earliest they can return to Parking Area A is after 9am on the second Sunday (two weeks) after they left the area.</u></p> <p><u>A person who freedom camps in a self-contained vehicle at Parking Area A on Friday night (one night), can leave the area any time on Saturday. The earliest they can return to Parking Area A is after 9am on the second Saturday (two weeks) after they left the area.</u></p> <p><del>(6)</del> A person who freedom camps under an approval in <del>6(2)(e)</del> must comply at all times with the approval and any conditions attaching to the approval.</p> <p><del>(7)</del> However, if council temporarily changes the restrictions for an area under clause 7, a person in <del>(2)</del> to <del>(6)</del> inclusive must instead comply at all times with those temporary restrictions:</p>
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<p><b>Part 3</b> <b>Controls and Approvals</b></p> <p><b>7 Council may temporarily prohibit or change restrictions on freedom camping</b> (1) [Unchanged text not shown] (2) [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p><b>Related information about decisions to make temporary changes</b> Temporary changes may be initiated in response to issues that require immediate action identified by monitoring or other parties (for example Fire and Emergency New Zealand) or to facilitate events. In making a temporary change, council must comply with the decision-making requirements under Subpart 1 of Part 6 of the <a href="#">Local Government Act 2002</a>.</p>	<p><b>Part 3</b> <b>Controls and Approvals</b></p> <p><b>7 Council may temporarily prohibit or change restrictions on freedom camping</b> (1) [Unchanged text not shown] (2) [Unchanged text not shown]</p> <p><b>Related information about decisions to make temporary changes</b> Temporary changes may be initiated in response to issues that require immediate action identified by monitoring or other parties (for example Fire and Emergency New Zealand) or to facilitate events. In making a temporary change, council must comply with the decision-making requirements under Subpart 1 of Part 6 of the <a href="#">Local Government Act 2002</a>.</p>
<p><b>8 Council may temporarily approve freedom camping where it is otherwise not allowed in special circumstances</b> [Unchanged text not shown] (6) Council, for any application it grants, may impose any conditions it considers appropriate to achieve the purpose of this Bylaw (for example in relation to self-containment of vehicles, conduct or activities associated with freedom camping, and the display, duration and transfer of an approval).</p>	<p><b>8 Council may temporarily allow freedom camping where it is otherwise not allowed in special circumstances</b> [Unchanged text not shown] (6) Council, for any application it grants, may impose any conditions it considers appropriate to achieve the purpose of this Bylaw (for example in relation to self-containment of vehicles, conduct or activities associated with freedom camping, emergency vehicle access, emergency evacuation plans and the display, duration and transfer of an approval).</p>

# Attachment B

## Item 10

Schedule 1: Designated areas where freedom camping is prohibited [Unchanged rows in table not shown]				
Local board area	Prohibited area	Location	Map ref.	
Devonport-Takapuna	Becroft Park Reserve	8a Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill	DT-P2	
Henderson-Massey	Waitakere Central and Central One	24 Craig Road, Milford	DT-P2	
		2-6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson	HM-P3	
	Trusts Arena	Central Park Drive	HM-P4	
Kapātiki	Colonial Road	Colonial Road, Birkenhead	KT-P1	
	Carpark on road reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve	Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie	OR-P2	
Ōrakei	Velleroweth Green carparking	353-359 Tamaki Drive, St Heliers	OR-P3	
	St Heliers Bay Beach Reserve carparking	384 Tamaki Drive, St Heliers	OR-P4	
Waitakere Ranges	Karekare Reserve carparking	2 Karekare Road, Karekare	WTK-P4	
	French Bay carparking	Otitori Bay Road, French Bay	WTK-P5	
	North Piha Strand carparking	Marine Parade North, Piha	WTK-P6	

	<u>Piha South Road Reserve</u>	<u>Marine Parade South, Piha</u>	<u>WTK-P7</u>
	<u>Little Huia Beach carparking</u>	<u>Huia Road, Huia</u>	<u>WTK-P8</u>
	<u>Opou Road end</u>	<u>42 Opou Road, Wood Bay</u>	<u>WTK-P9</u>
	<u>Te Henga Park</u>	<u>257 Bethells Road, Bethells Beach</u>	<u>WTK-P10</u>
	<u>Piha Wetlands and adjacent part of Seaview Road</u>	<u>42 Seaview Road and adjacent road reserve, Piha</u>	<u>WTK-P11</u>
	<u>Glenesk Road (eastern end)</u>	<u>Glenesk Road, Piha</u>	<u>WTK-P12</u>

Schedule 2: Designated areas where freedom camping is restricted [Unchanged rows in table not shown]				
Local board	Location of restricted area	Area-specific restrictions	Map ref.	
Henderson-Massey	Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson	A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a two-week consecutive period	HM-R1	
Henderson-Massey	Trusts Arena Central Park Drive, Henderson	A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (6) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (7) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (8) stay a maximum of two nights; (9) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (10) stay a maximum of two nights in a two-week consecutive period	HM-R1	



Ōrākei	<b>Carpark on Road Reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve</b> Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie	<p>A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area</p> <p>A person wishing to stay overnight must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;</li> <li>(2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable;</li> <li>(3) stay a maximum of one night;</li> <li>(4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and</li> <li>(5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period</li> </ul>	OR-R1
Papakura	<b>Roadside parking adjacent to Hingaia Reserve</b> Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia	<p>A maximum of eight freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area</p> <p>A person wishing to stay overnight must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;</li> <li>(2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable;</li> <li>(3) stay a maximum of two nights;</li> <li>(4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and</li> <li>(5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period</li> </ul>	PPK-R1





# Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022

(as at 23 June 2022)

made by the Governing Body of Auckland Council

in resolution GB/2002/##

on 23 June 2022

Bylaw made under [section 11](#) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011

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Summary

This summary is not part of the Bylaw but explains the general effects.

Freedom camping in this Bylaw is when someone stays overnight on council-controlled public land in a vehicle or caravan as part of leisure travel or for lifestyle reasons.

Freedom camping provides a flexible and affordable way for people to experience and enjoy our region, but it can have negative impacts on the environment and host communities if it is not well-managed.

Auckland Council welcomes freedom camping in the region, provided the activity is undertaken in a responsible manner. For more information on responsible freedom camping see

<https://www.freedomcamping.org/>.

The purpose of this Bylaw to help protect sensitive areas, public health and safety and access to public places from harms caused by freedom camping, by –

- prohibiting or restricting freedom camping in certain areas of Auckland (clause 6, Schedules 1 and 2)
- providing for freedom camping to be temporarily prohibited or restricted in a specific area (clause 7)
- providing for temporary changes to restrictions that apply in a specific area (clause 8).

Other parts of this Bylaw assist with its administration by:

- stating its name, when it comes into force and where it applies (clauses 1, 2 and 3)
- stating the purpose of this Bylaw and defining terms (clauses 4 and 5)
- referencing Council's powers to enforce this Bylaw, including to issue \$200 infringement fines (Part 4).

The Bylaw is part of a wider framework to manage camping. The Bylaw does not seek to duplicate or be inconsistent with these requirements which include –

- the regulation of camping in reserves under the [Reserves Act 1977](#)
- the management of camping in regional parks under Auckland Council's [Regional Parks Management Plan 2010](#) and [Te Ture ā-Rohe Marutau ā-Iwi me te Whakapōrearea 2013 / the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013](#)
- the regulation of structures (including tents) erected on council-controlled public land under the [Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw](#)
- other laws or rules that apply to anyone using an area, for example legislation relating to [littering and illegal dumping](#) and lighting of [fires](#), and bylaws that regulate [alcohol bans](#), [dog access](#), [behaviour in public places](#), [noise](#), and parking restrictions (both on the [Auckland transport system](#) and in [other areas](#)).

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.

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1 Title

This Bylaw is Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Noho Puni Wātea ā-Waka 2022 / the Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022.

2 Commencement

This Bylaw comes into force on 1 September 2022.

3 Application

This Bylaw applies to Auckland.

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Preliminary provisions

4 Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to help manage freedom camping in Auckland to –

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

5 Interpretation

- (1) In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires –

**Auckland** has the meaning given by [section 4\(1\)](#) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009.

**Related information about Auckland's boundaries**

The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 enabled the Local Government Commission to determine Auckland's boundaries in a map titled [LGC-Ak-R1](#). The boundaries were formally adopted by [Order in Council](#) on 15 March 2010, and came into effect on 1 November 2010.



**Certified self-contained vehicle** means a vehicle that –

- (a) is designed and built for the purpose of camping, which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste; and
- (b) complies with [New Zealand Standard 5465:2001](#): Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans (including any amendments or any future equivalent standard), as evidenced by the display of a current self-

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containment warrant issued under NZS 5465:2001 (or any future equivalent standard).

However, if the Freedom Camping Act 2011 or associated regulations specifies an alternative definition of “certified self-contained vehicle”, then that definition applies from the date it comes into operation.

**Council** means the Governing Body of the Auckland Council or any person delegated or authorised to act on its behalf.

**Related information about delegations**

Auckland Council's Licensing and Compliance Services Department has delegated authority to administer and enforce this Bylaw (as at February 2021).

**Freedom camp** and **freedom camping** has the meaning given in [sections 5\(1\) and 5\(2\)](#) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, except that for the purposes of this Bylaw, freedom camping only refers to staying overnight in a vehicle.

**Local authority area** has the meaning given in [section 6\(2\)](#) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, except that for the purposes of this Bylaw, excludes land held under the Reserves Act 1977 and regional parks.

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

**Road** has the same meaning as [section 315](#) of the Local Government Act 1974.

**Related information about roads**

A road or street is a way leading from one place to another, especially one with a specially prepared surface which vehicles can use. The definition of road does not include motorways. Motorways in Auckland are controlled and managed by Waka Kotahi / the New Zealand Transport Authority.

**Vehicle** means a car, campervan, house-truck, other motor vehicle, or a caravan.

- (2) Unless the context requires another meaning, a term or expression defined in the [Local Government Act 2002](#) or the [Freedom Camping Act 2011](#) and used in this Bylaw, but not stated in (1), has the meaning given by that Act.
- (3) Related information and links to webpages do not form part of this Bylaw and may be inserted, changed or removed without any formality.
- (4) [The Legislation Act 2019](#) applies to this Bylaw.
- (5) To avoid doubt, compliance with this Bylaw does not remove the need to comply with all other applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws, rules of law, and terms of any lease or licence.

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Responsibilities of persons freedom camping in local authority areas in Auckland

**Related information about how this Bylaw contains only some of the rules about freedom camping**

The Bylaw is part of a wider regulatory framework to manage freedom camping.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 ([section 10](#)) permits freedom camping in any local authority area in Auckland unless it is prohibited or restricted in an area:

- stated in this Bylaw; or
- under any other enactment.

In addition to the rules in this Bylaw, freedom camping:

- is prohibited on land in Auckland held under the [Reserves Act 1977](#) unless otherwise allowed, for example in a parks management plan or by consent of the Governing Body of Auckland Council as delegated by the Minister of Conservation (section 10 and 44 of the [Reserves Act 1977](#)).
- is currently prohibited on regional parks managed by the Auckland Council [Regional Parks Management Plan 2010](#). This Plan is made under multiple Acts and supported by the [Auckland Council Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013](#) (clause 7). Under existing rules, camping on regional parks is only allowed at designated camping areas and people must book and pay a fee. More information about camping in regional parks can be found on council's [website](#).
- may be prohibited or restricted under other regulations that apply to anyone using an area, for example legislation relating to [littering and illegal dumping](#) and lighting of [fires](#), and bylaws that regulate [alcohol bans](#), [dog access](#), [behaviour in public places](#), [noise](#), and [parking restrictions](#) (both on the [Auckland transport system](#) and in [other areas](#)).

**6 Freedom camping is prohibited or restricted in certain circumstances**

- (1) Freedom camping is prohibited in a local authority area in Auckland if –
  - (a) the area is a designated prohibited area specified in Schedule 1; or
  - (b) camping in the area has been temporarily prohibited under clause 7.
- (2) Freedom camping is restricted in a local authority area in Auckland if –
  - (a) the area is a designated restricted area specified in Schedule 2;
  - (b) the area is on Waiheke Island and is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted under (2)(a);
  - (c) prohibitions or restrictions on camping in an area have been temporarily varied under clauses 7 or 8; or
  - (d) camping in the area is not otherwise prohibited in (1) or restricted under (2).
- (3) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(a) must comply at all times with the restrictions specified for that area in Schedule 2.
- (4) A person who freedom camps in an area under (2)(b) must –
  - (a) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;

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- (b) stay for no more than two nights in any local authority area on Waiheke Island, without first complying with the waste dumping requirement in (4)(d);
- (c) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day;
- (d) depart Waiheke Island on the third day to dump their waste appropriately, unless staying at alternative accommodation (which does not involve freedom camping) until they depart Waiheke Island; and
- (e) if returning to Waiheke Island having dumped their waste, not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period commencing at 9am on the day of departure (irrespective of whether the stay was for one or two nights).

**Example**

A person who freedom camps in a self-contained vehicle on Waiheke Island for two nights at Parking Area A, must leave the Island on the third day to dump their waste. They may return to Waiheke Island and freedom camp for two nights in Parking Area B. They may not return to Parking Area A for a period of two weeks.

**Related information about Waiheke Island**

Waiheke Island has no public dump station and operates predominantly on septic tanks, which are not appropriate for the disposal of waste from chemical toilets.

- (5) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(c) must comply at all times with –
  - (a) any temporary restrictions specified for that area in clauses 7 or 8; and
  - (b) any conditions attached to an approval given under clause 8.
- (6) A person who freedom camps in an area in (2)(d) must –
  - (a) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;
  - (b) stay for no more than two nights in the same road or off-road parking area;
  - (c) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and
  - (d) not return to stay in the same road or off-road parking area within a two-week period commencing at 9am on the day of departure (irrespective of whether the stay was for one or two nights).

**Examples**

A person who freedom camps in a self-contained vehicle at Parking Area A on a Friday and Saturday night (two nights) must leave the area by 9am on Sunday morning. The earliest they can return to Parking Area A is after 9am on the second Sunday (two weeks) after they left the area.

A person who freedom camps in a self-contained vehicle at Parking Area A on Friday night (one night), can leave the area any time on Saturday. The earliest they can return to Parking Area A is after 9am on the second Saturday (two weeks) after they left the area.

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Attachment C

Part 3

Controls and Approvals

**7 Council may temporarily prohibit or change restrictions on freedom camping**

- (1) Council may temporarily prohibit freedom camping in a local authority area or change the restrictions that apply in an area for one or more of the following purposes –
  - (a) to protect the area;
  - (b) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area;
  - (c) to protect access to the area.
- (2) Council in making a decision in (1) will –
  - (a) ensure any change is reasonable in the circumstances; and
  - (b) consider whether an amendment to Schedule 1 or 2 is required for any change that has a duration of more than 30 consecutive days.

**Related information about decisions to make temporary changes**

Temporary changes may be initiated in response to issues that require immediate action identified by monitoring or other parties (for example Fire and Emergency New Zealand) or to facilitate events.

In making a temporary change, council must comply with the decision-making requirements under Subpart 1 of Part 6 of the [Local Government Act 2002](#).

**8 Council may temporarily allow freedom camping where it is otherwise not allowed in special circumstances**

- (1) A person may apply for an approval to temporarily freedom camp in a manner which does not comply with any restrictions for an area in clause 6.
- (2) A person making an application in (1) must comply with the requirements of council (for example the form and manner of the application, information provided and payment of an application fee).
- (3) When considering an application, council will have regard to any matter it considers relevant and reasonably necessary to determine the application in relation to the purpose of this Bylaw.
- (4) Council may grant or decline an application.
- (5) However, council will only grant an application if –
  - (a) the application is for a one-off event for the benefit of the community;
  - (b) the extent of the area for which approval is sought is reasonably required for freedom camping in the particular case; and
  - (c) the duration and particulars of the approval sought are reasonable.



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- (6) Council, for any application it grants, may impose any conditions it considers appropriate to achieve the purpose of this Bylaw (for example in relation to self-containment of vehicles, conduct or activities associated with freedom camping, emergency vehicle access, emergency evacuation plans and the display, duration and transfer of an approval).

Part 4

Enforcement powers, offences and penalties

9 Council may use statutory powers to enforce this Bylaw

Council may use its powers under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 to enforce this Bylaw.

Related information about enforcement powers

Council enforcement officers have powers under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (as reprinted on 1 July 2021) to:

- require a person to provide certain information ([section 35](#))
- require a person to leave the local authority area ([section 36](#))
- seize, impound and dispose of property, including vehicles, in certain circumstances ([section 37](#) and [38](#)) and recover costs ([section 39](#)).

10 A person can be penalised for not complying with this Bylaw

A person who fails to comply with (breaches) this Bylaw commits an offence and is liable to a penalty under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Related information about penalties

A person can be liable to an infringement fine of \$200 ([section 27](#)) or a court fine not exceeding \$10,000 ([section 23](#)) under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (as reprinted on 1 July 2021).

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Schedules

Schedule 1: Designated areas where freedom camping is prohibited

Local board area	Prohibited area	Location	Map ref.
Albert-Eden	Heron Park	1625-1627 Great North Road, Waterview	AE-P1
Devonport-Takapuna	Queens Parade	Queens Parade, Devonport	DT-P1
	Milford Reserve carparking	24 Craig Road, Milford	DT-P2
Franklin	Maraetai Community Hall Grounds	12 Rewa Road, Maraetai	FR-P1
	Maraetai Park and Maraetai Foreshore	188 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai	FR-P2
	Orere Point Library and Grounds	Orere Point and Howard Road	FR-P3
	Orpheus Road Boatramp	Orpheus Road, Franklin, Manukau Head	FR-P4
Great Barrier Island	Blind Bay (parking area by wharf)	Opposite 670 Blind Bay Road, Great Barrier Island	GBI-P1
	Gooseberry Flat	Opposite 418 Shoal Bay Road, Great Barrier Island	GBI-P2
	Medlands Carpark	Sandhills Road, Great Barrier Island	GBI-P3
	Old Service Centre Build. Great Barrier	75-81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island	GBI-P4
Henderson-Massey	Fred Taylor Park	184 Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai	HM-P1
	McLeod Park	200 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South	HM-P2
	Waitakere Central and Central One	2 - 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson	HM-P3
	Trusts Arena	Central Park Drive	HM-P4
Hibiscus & Bays	Metro Park East	218 Millwater Parkway, Silverdale	HB-P1
Howick	Barry Curtis Park (Flat Bush Road entrance and Ormiston Activity Centre)	163 Chapel Road, Flat Bush	HW-P1
	Barry Curtis Park (Stancombe Road entrance)	58 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush	HW-P2
	Pakuranga Community Hall	346 Pakuranga Road, Howick	HW-P3
Kaipātiki	Colonial Road	Colonial Road, Birkenhead	KT-P1
Manurewa	Weymouth Community Hall	11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa	MR-P1
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Gloucester Park North	62 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga	MT-P1
Ōrākei	St Heliers Community Library and Hall	32 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers	OR-P1

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Local board area	Prohibited area	Location	Map ref.
	Carpark on road reserve by Anderson's Beach Reserve	Near intersection of Riddell Road and Glendowie Road, Glendowie	OR-P2
	Vellenoweth Green carparking	353-359 Tamaki Drive, St Heliers	OR-P3
	St Heliers Bay Beach Reserve carparking	384 Tamaki Drive, St Heliers	OR-P4
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	Hayman Park	51-55 Lambie Dr, Manukau	OP-P1
	Ōtara Centre Grounds and Town Centre including Bairds Road Playground	Bairds Road, Otara	OP-P2
Rodney	Helensville Civic Centre Grounds	49 Commercial Road, Helensville	RD-P1
	Huapai Service Centre/Kumeu Library	24 Oraha Road, Huapai	RD-P2
	Leigh Library and Grounds	15 Cumberland Street, Leigh	RD-P3
	Pakiri Hall Grounds	1026 Pakiri Road, Pakiri	RD-P4
	Ti Point Walkway	Ti Point Road, Ti Point	RD-P5
	Waimauku War Memorial Hall	22 Waimauku Station Road, Waimauku	RD-P6
	Warkworth Town Hall Grounds	2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth	RD-P7
Upper Harbour	North Shore Memorial Park	235 Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock	UH-P1
	Jack Hinton Drive (through Rosedale Park)	Jack Hinton Drive, Rosedale	UH-P2
Waiheke Island	Kennedy Point Wharf Carpark	Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, Waiheke Island	WHK-P1
	Onetangi Cemetery	191 Onetangi Road, Oneroa, Waiheke Island	WHK-P2
	Onetangi Sports Park (Rangihoua)	133-165 O'Brien Road, Oneroa, Waiheke Island	WHK-P3
	Waiheke Island Artworks	2-4 Korora Road, Oneroa, Waiheke Island	WHK-P4
Waitākere Ranges	Entrance of Goldie Bush Walkway	Horseman Road, Waitakere	WTK-P1
	Lopdell Hall and House	418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi	WTK-P2
	Sandys Parade	Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay	WTK-P3
	Karekare Reserve carpark	2 Karekare Road, Karekare	WTK-P4

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Local board area	Prohibited area	Location	Map ref.
	French Bay Esplanade	Otitori Bay Road, French Bay	WTK-P5
	North Piha Strand carparking	Marine Parade North, Piha	WTK-P6
	Piha South Road Reserve	Marine Parade South, Piha	WTK-P7
	Little Huia Beach carparking	Huia Road, Huia	WTK-P8
	Opou Road end	42 Opou Road, Wood Bay	WTK-P9
	Te Henga Park	257 Bethells Road, Bethells Beach	WTK-P10
	Piha Wetlands and adjacent part of Seaview Road	42 Seaview Road and adjacent road reserve, Piha	WTK-P11
	Glenesk Road (eastern end)	Glenesk Road, Piha	WTK-P12
Waitematā	Highwic House	40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom	WTM-P1
	Myers Park	72 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central	WTM-P2
	Outhwaite Park	53 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket	WTM-P3
	Pt Erin Park	94 Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby	WTM-P4
	Seddon Fields	180 Meola Road, Point Chevalier	WTM-P5
	Wynyard (tank farm)	Brigham Street and Hamer Street	WTM-P6

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Local Board Area: Albert - Eden

Map: AE-P1



Local Board Area: Devonport-Takapuna

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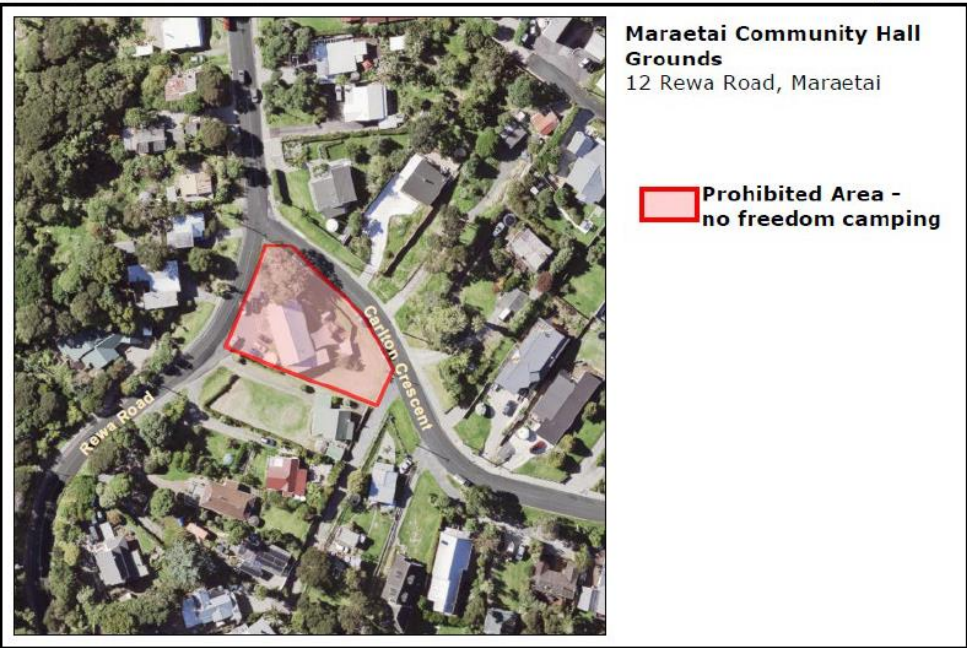
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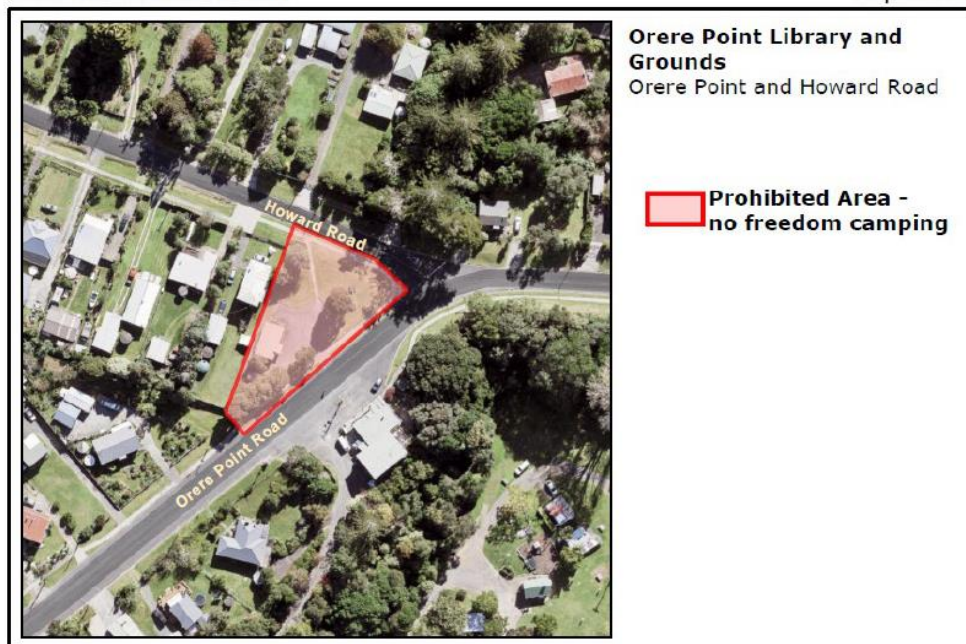
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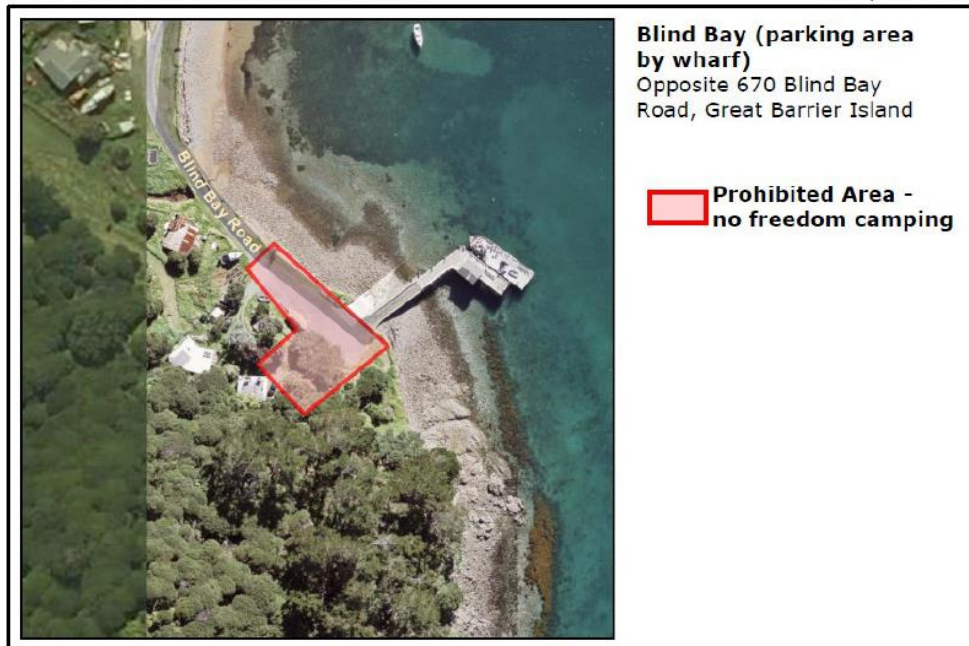
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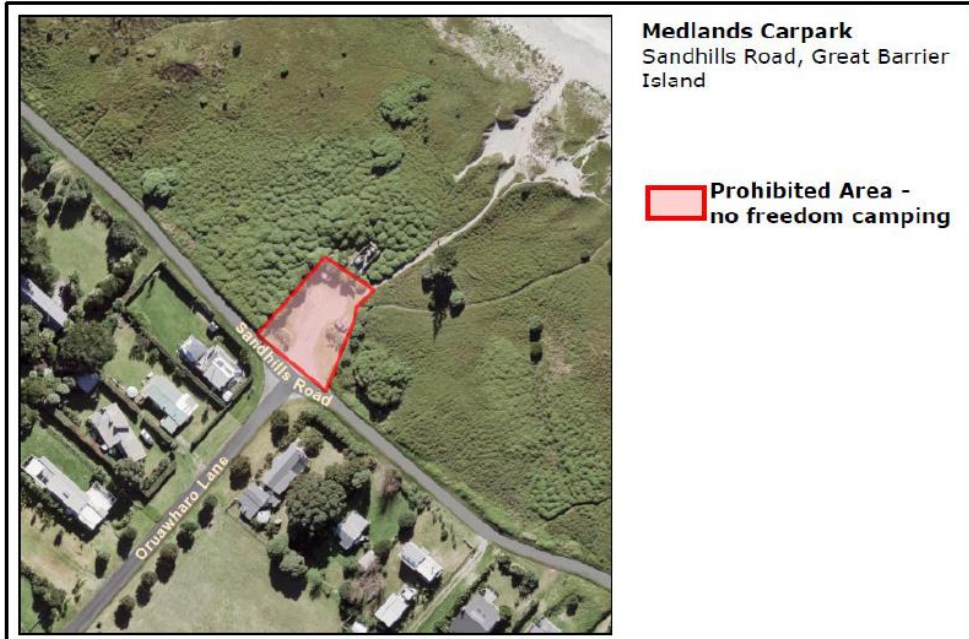
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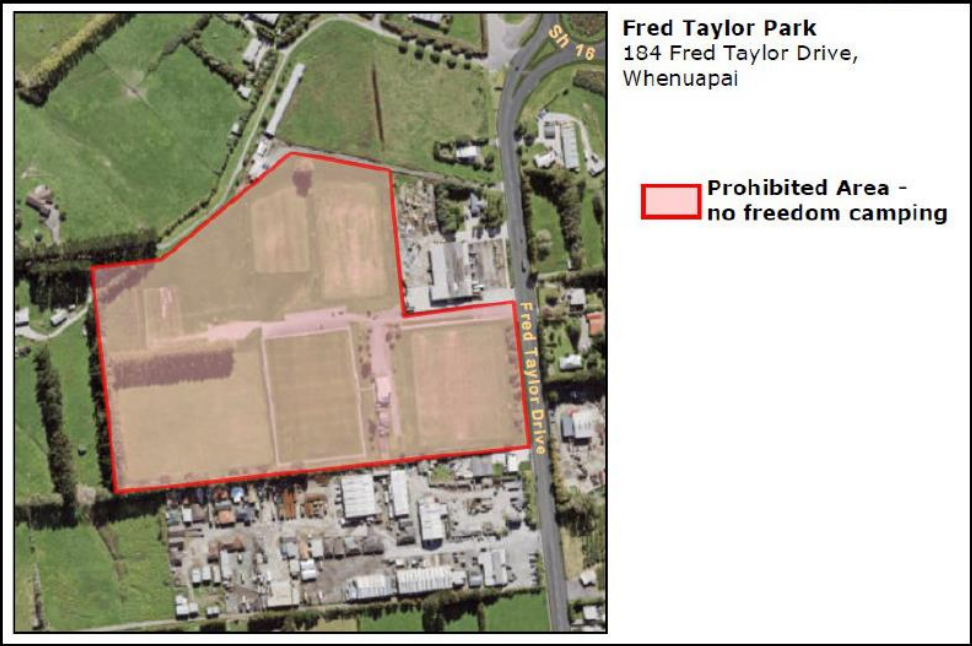
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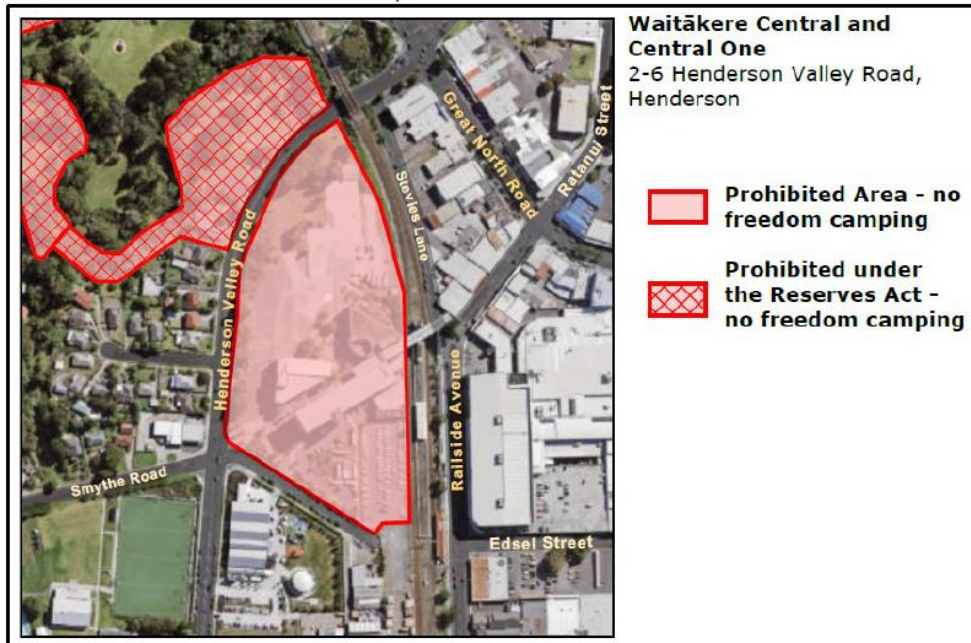
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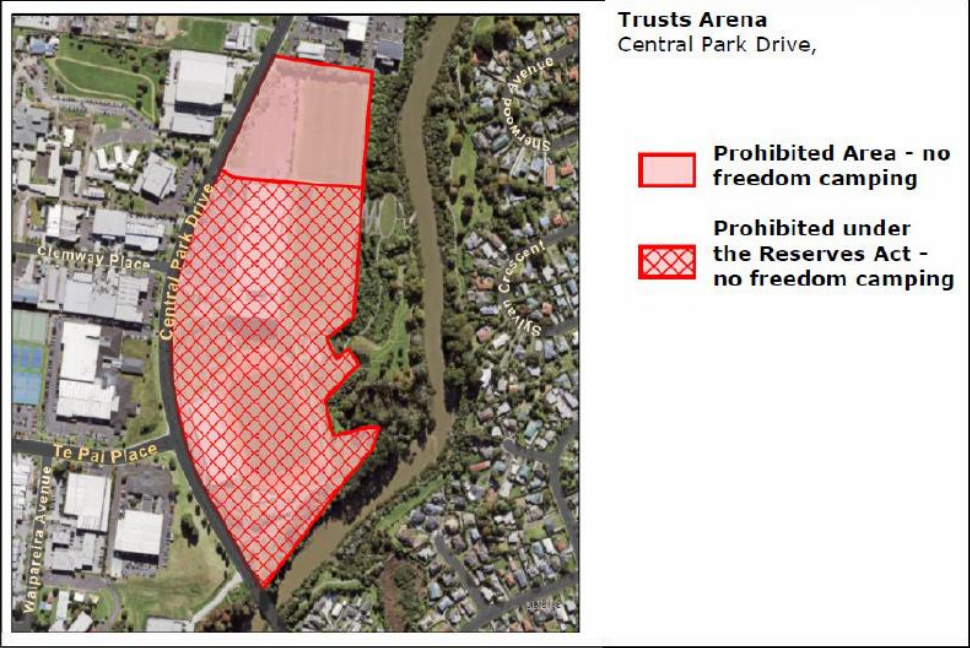


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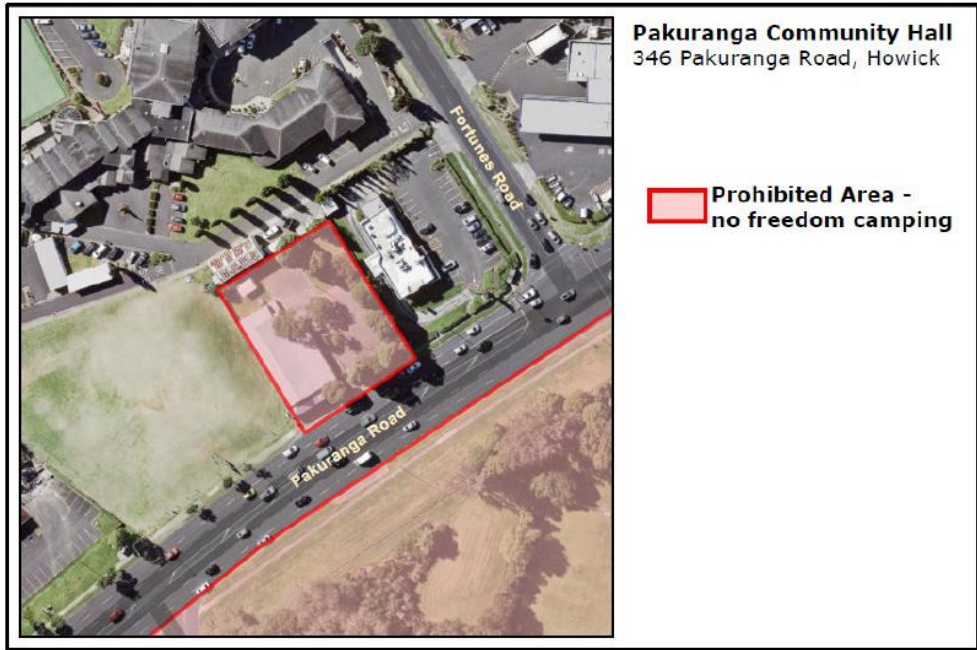


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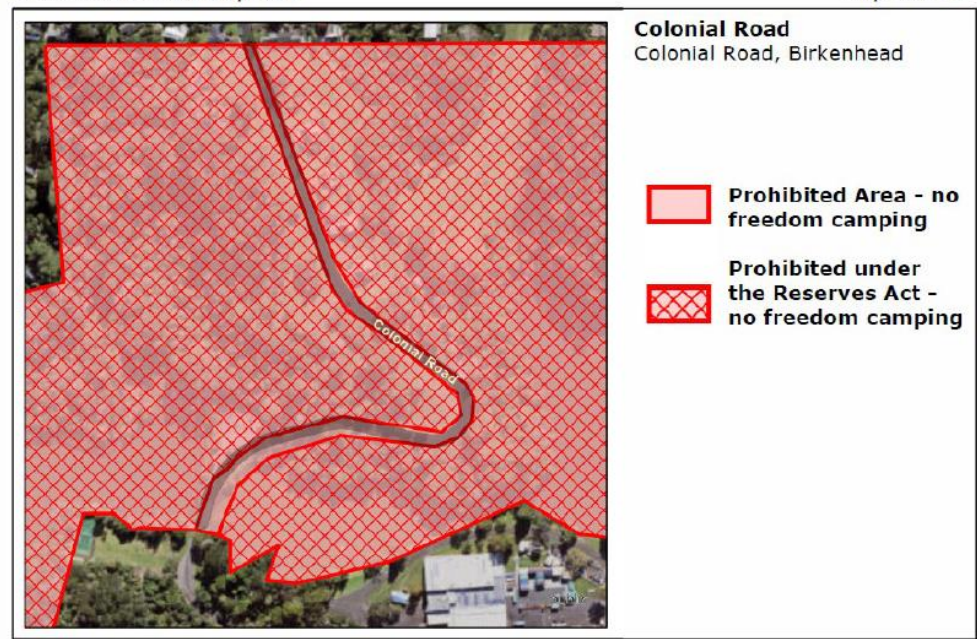
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Local Board Area: Manurewa

Map: MR-P1



**Weymouth Community Hall**  
11 Beihlers Road, Manurewa

 Prohibited Area -  
no freedom camping

Local Board Area: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Map: MT-P1



**Gloucester Park North**  
62 Onehunga Mall,  
Onehunga

 Prohibited Area -  
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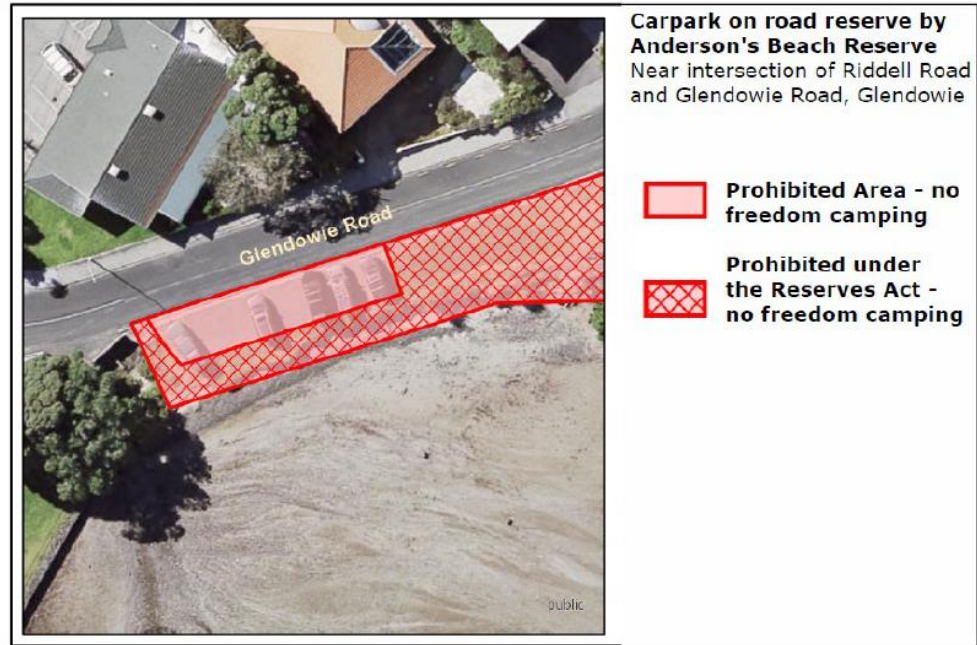
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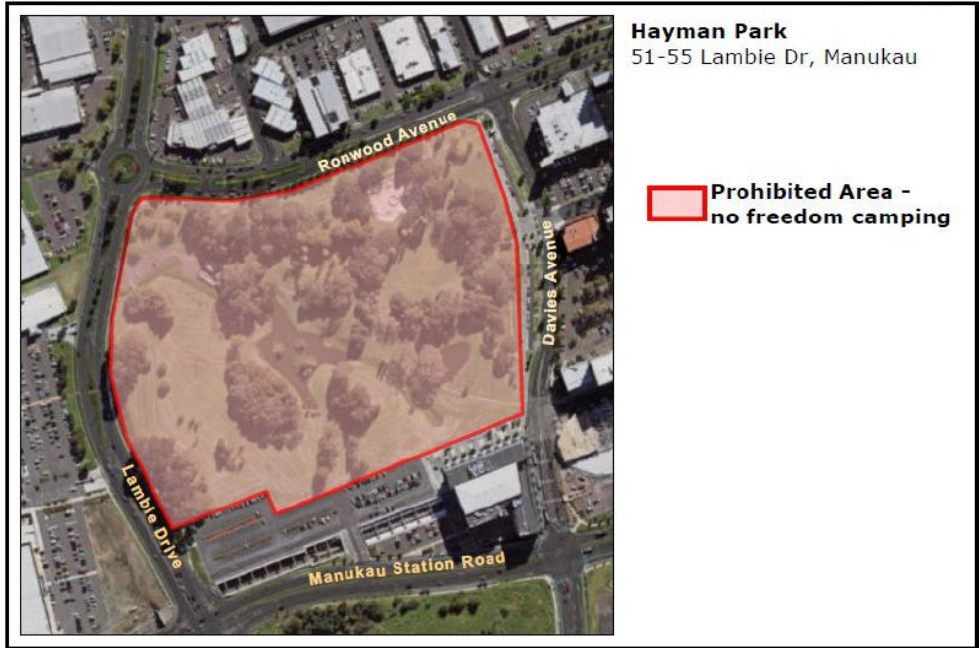


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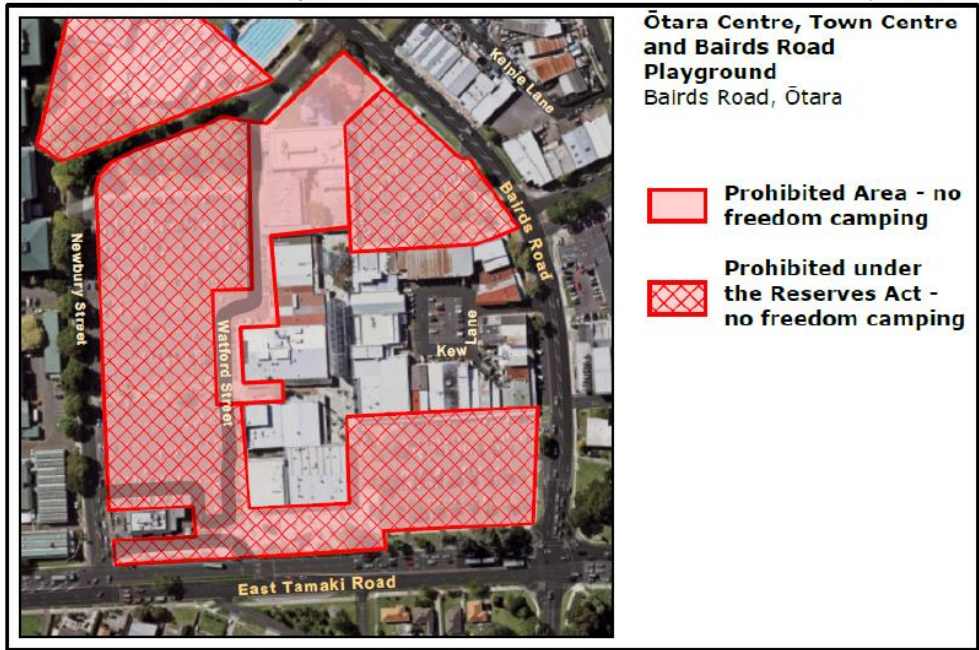
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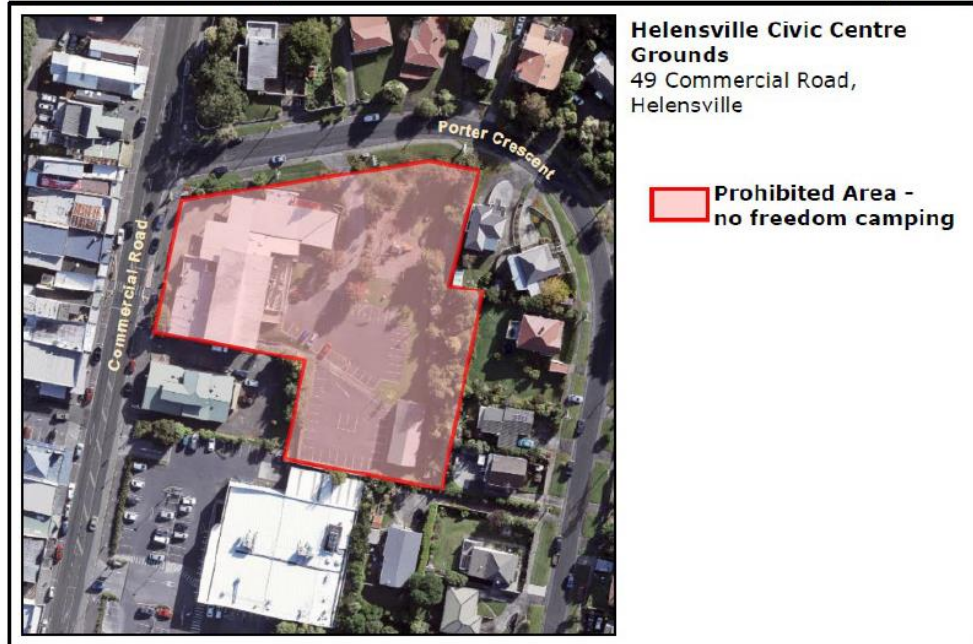


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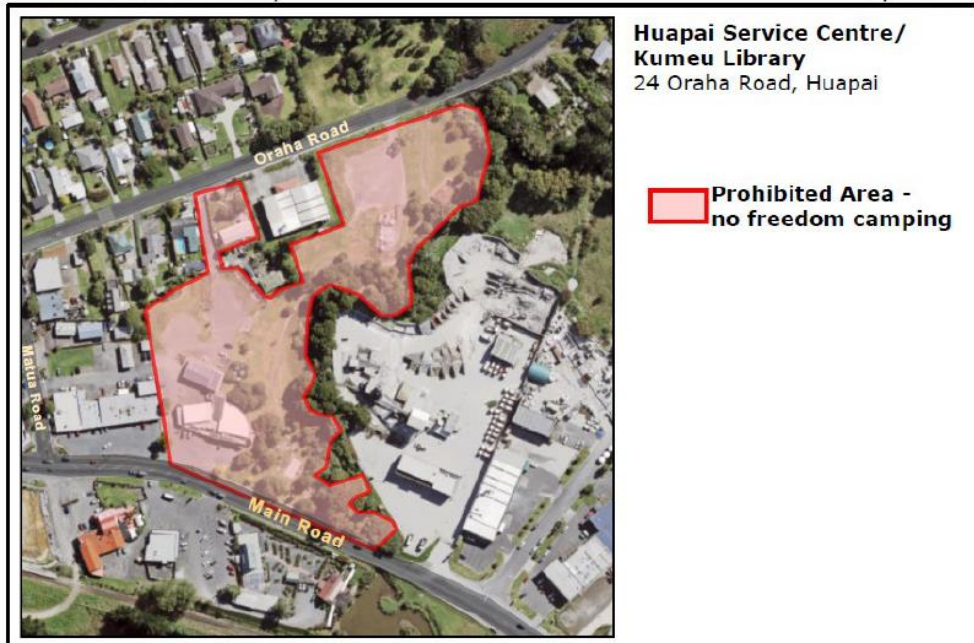
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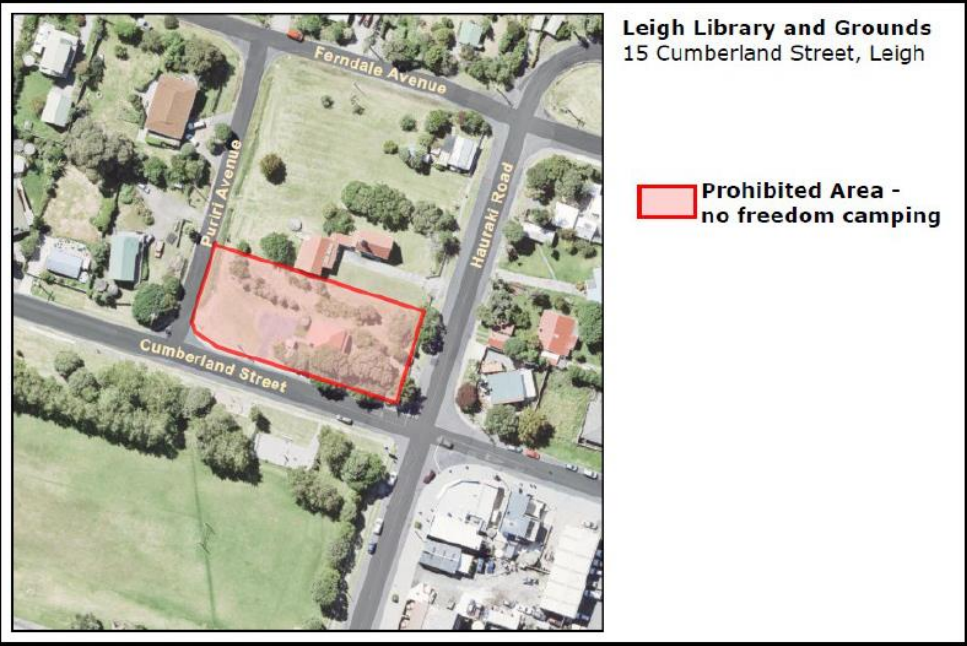


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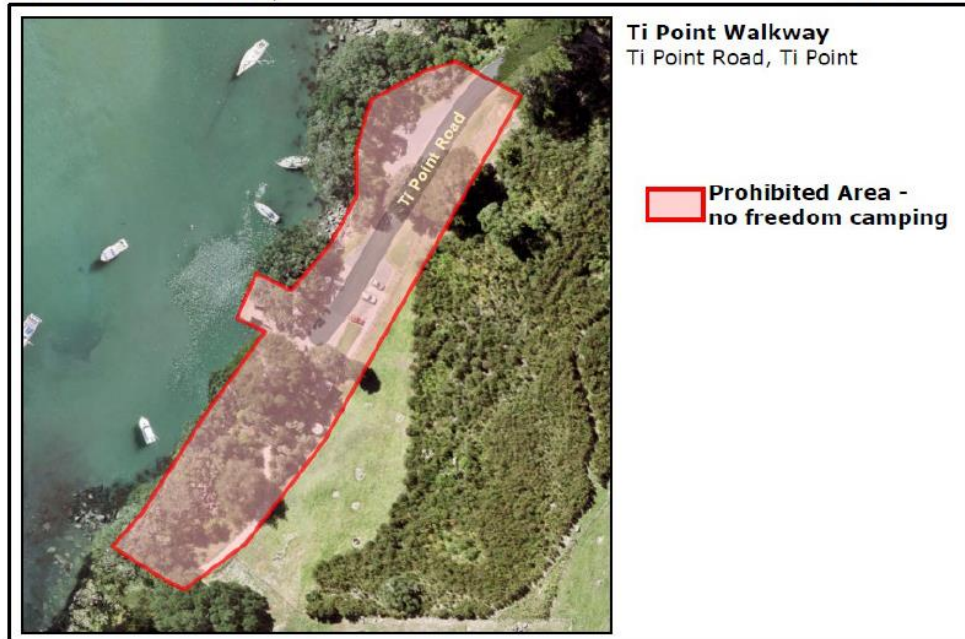


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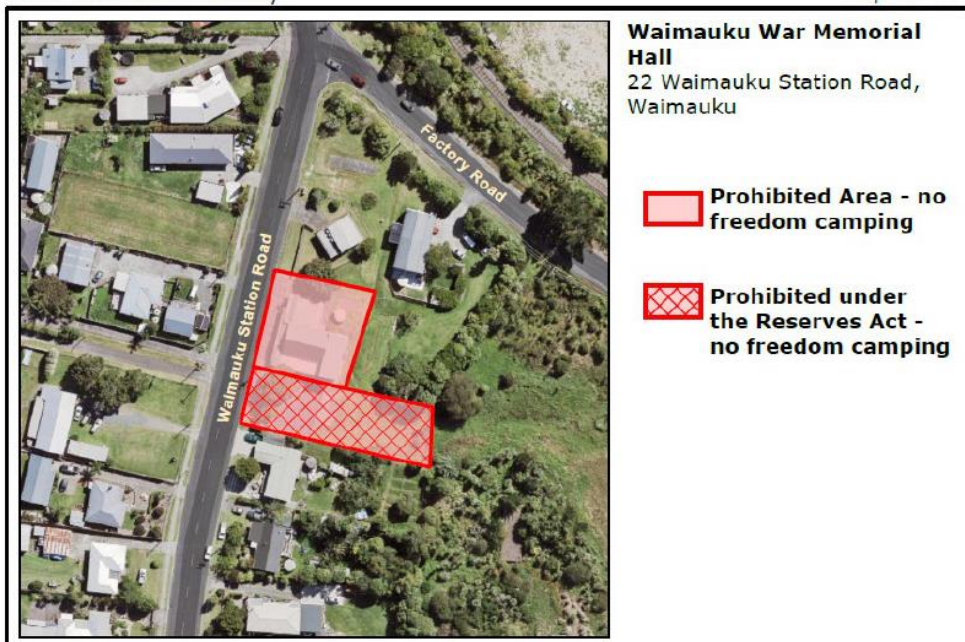
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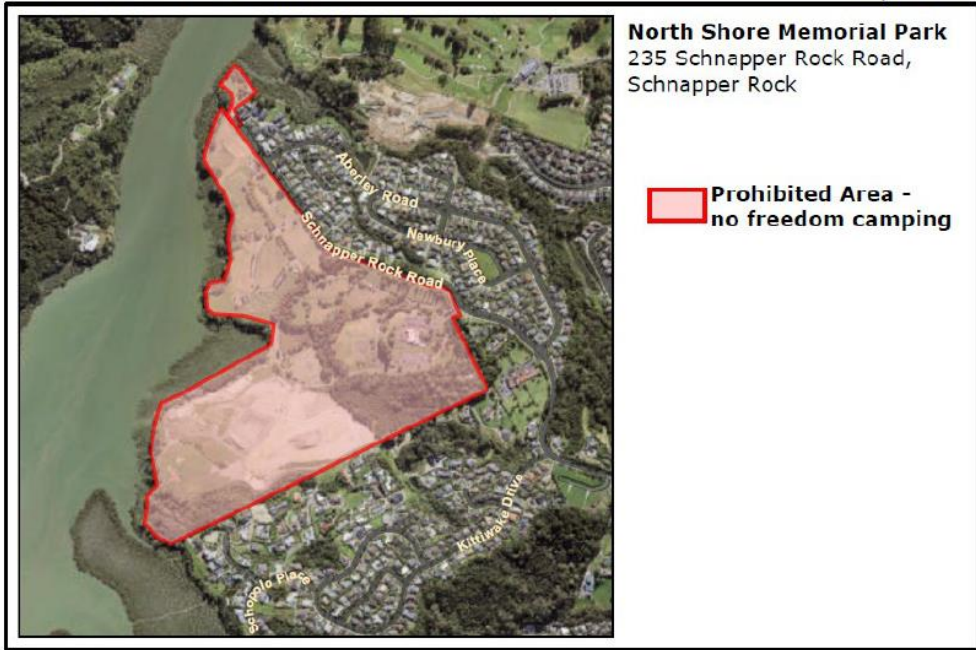


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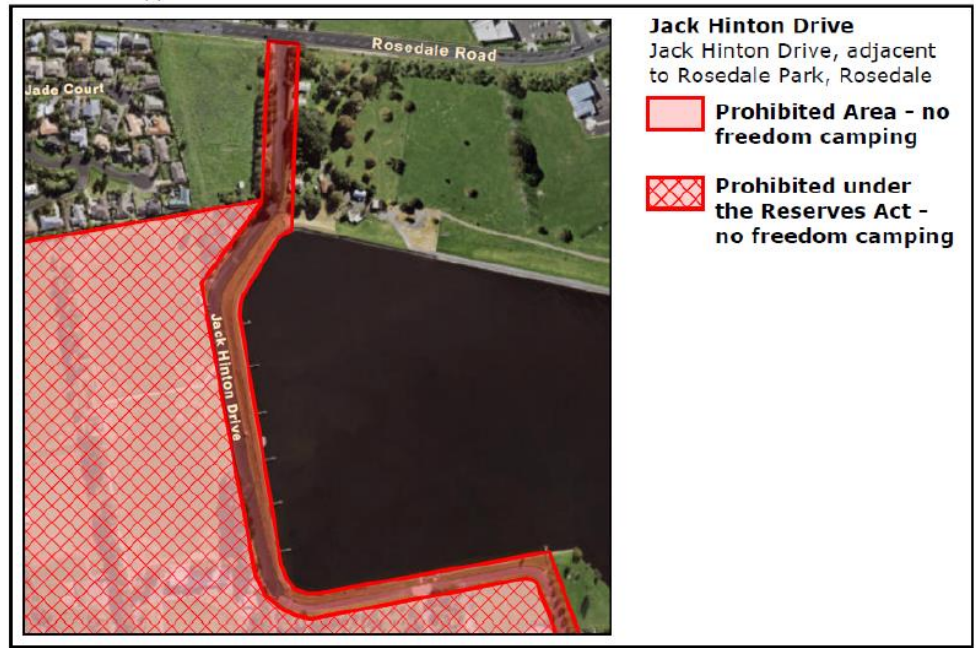
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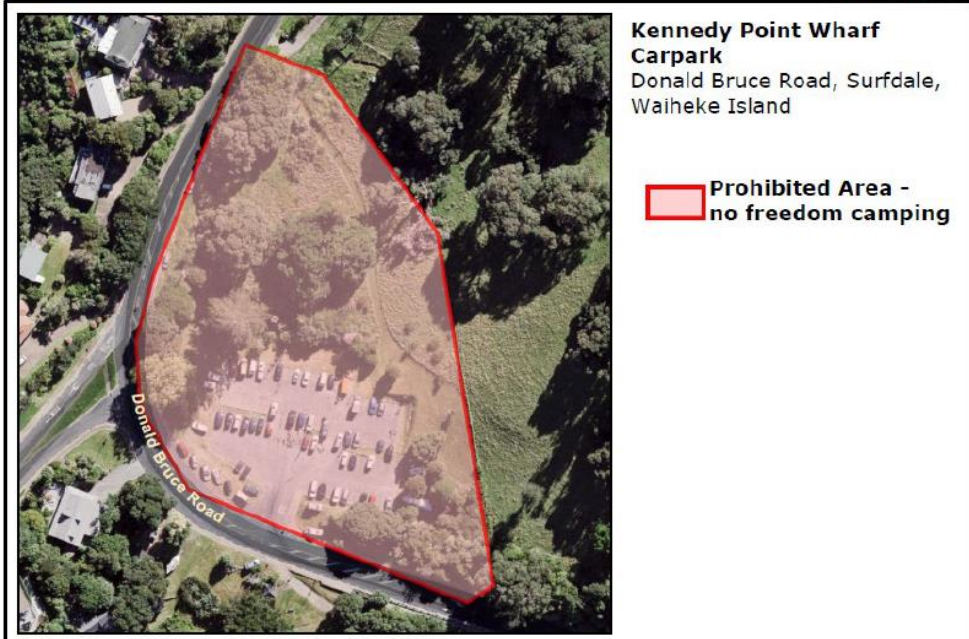


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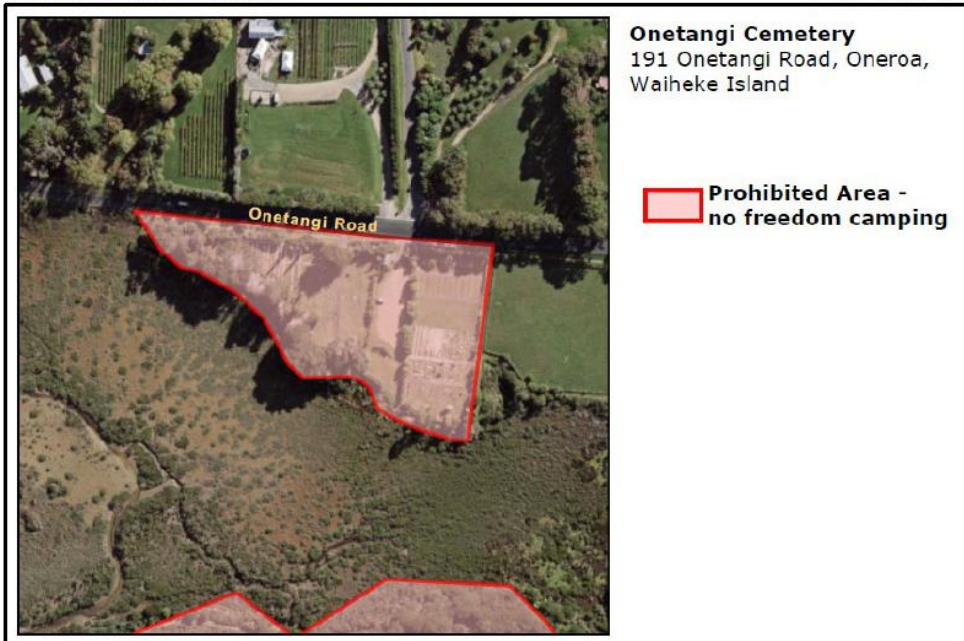
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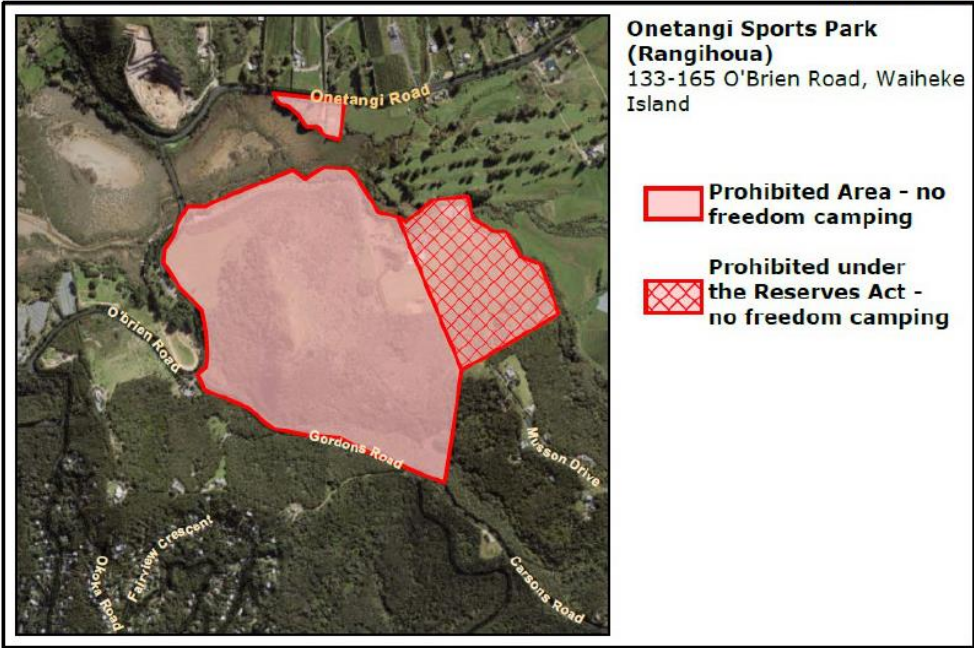


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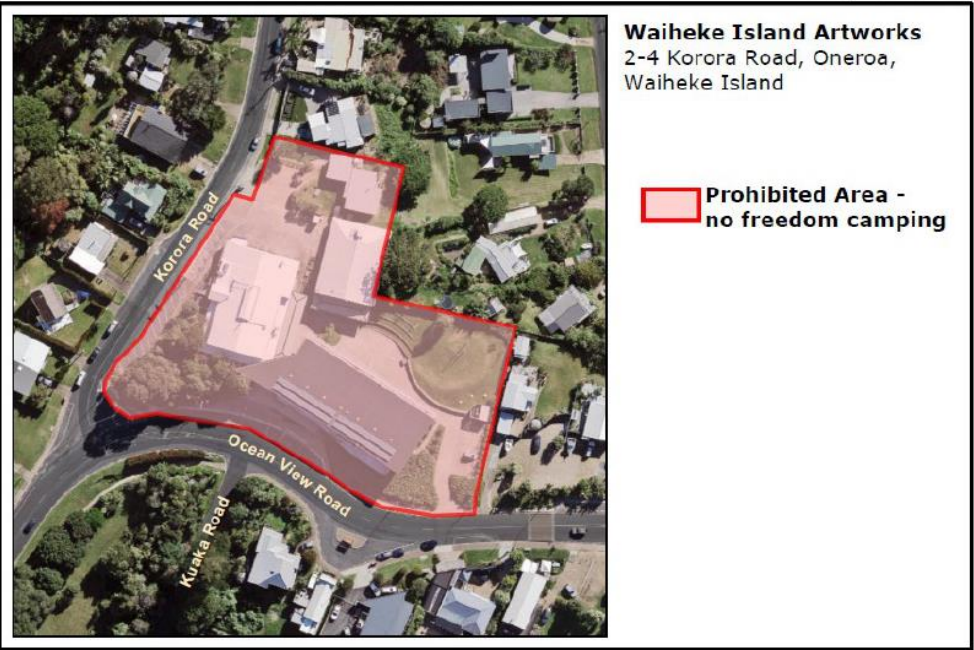
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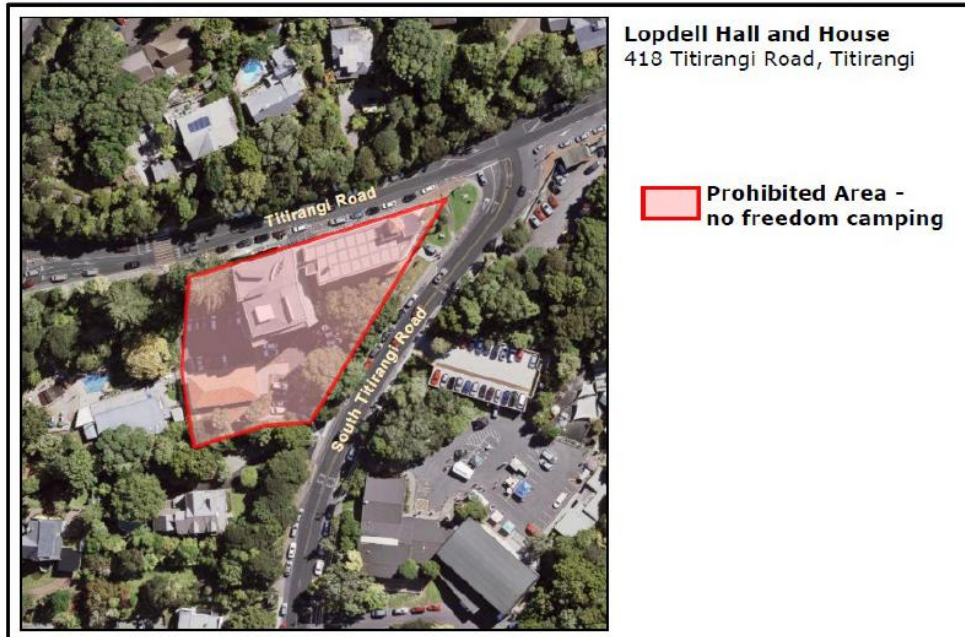
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Local Board Area: Waitākere Ranges

Map: WTK-P3



**Sandys Parade**  
Sandys Parade, Laingholm Bay


 Prohibited Area -  
no freedom camping

Local Board Area: Waitākere Ranges

Map: WTK-P4



**Karekare Reserve carpark**  
2 Karekare Road, Karekare

 Prohibited Area -  
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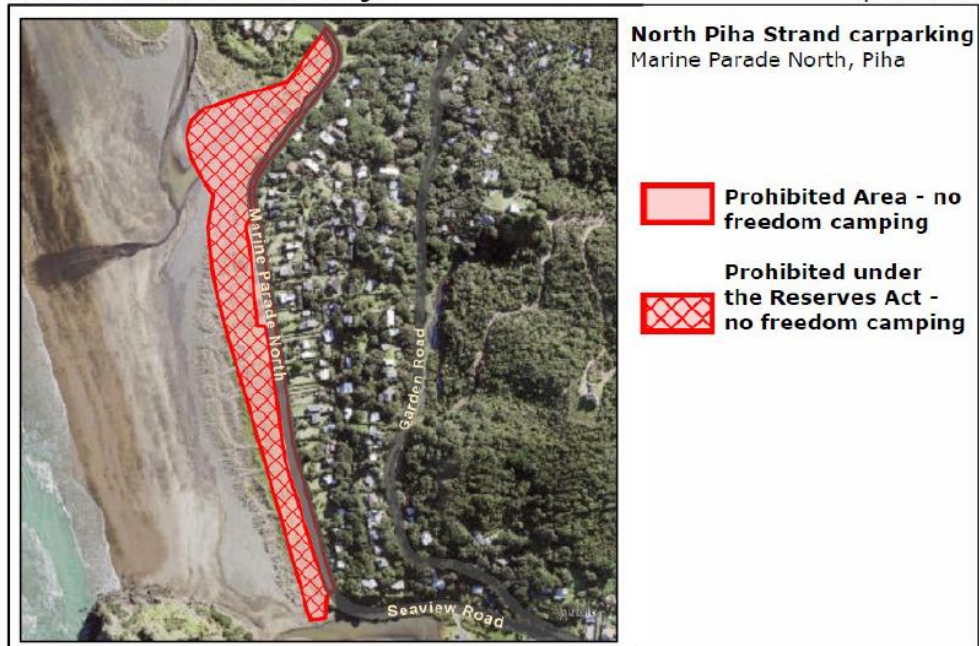
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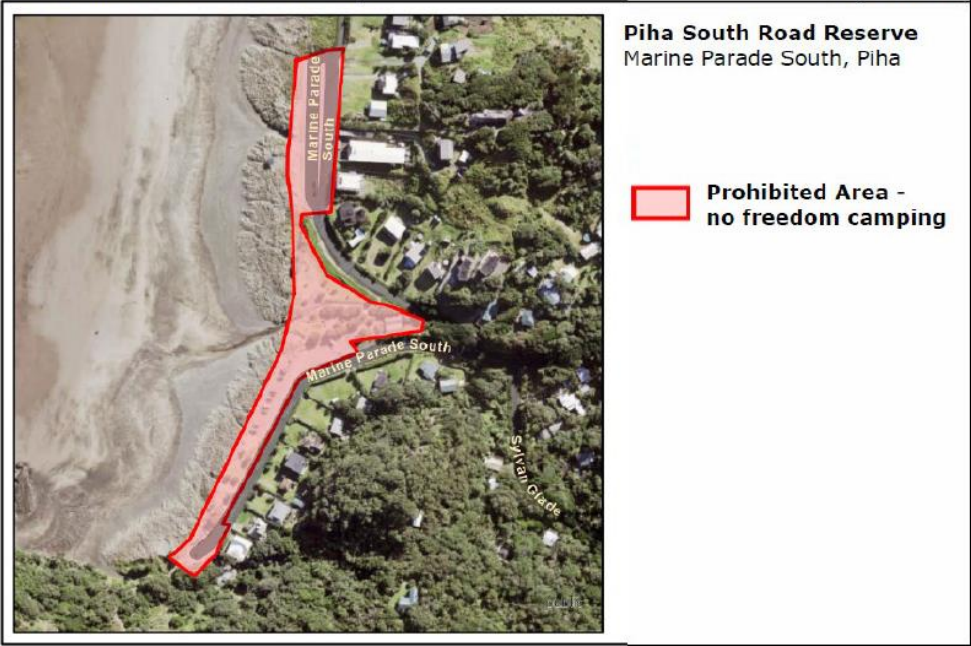


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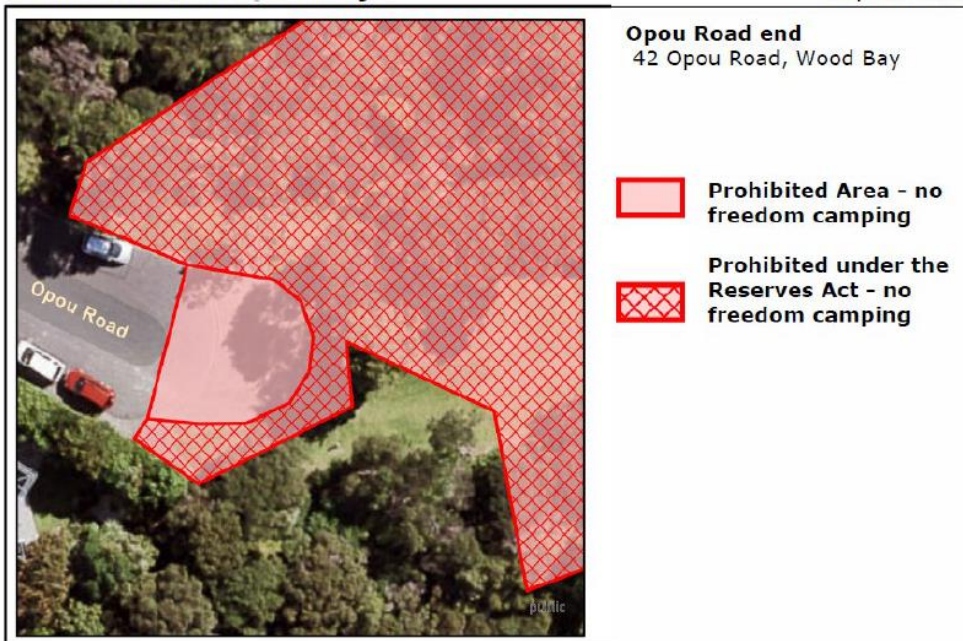


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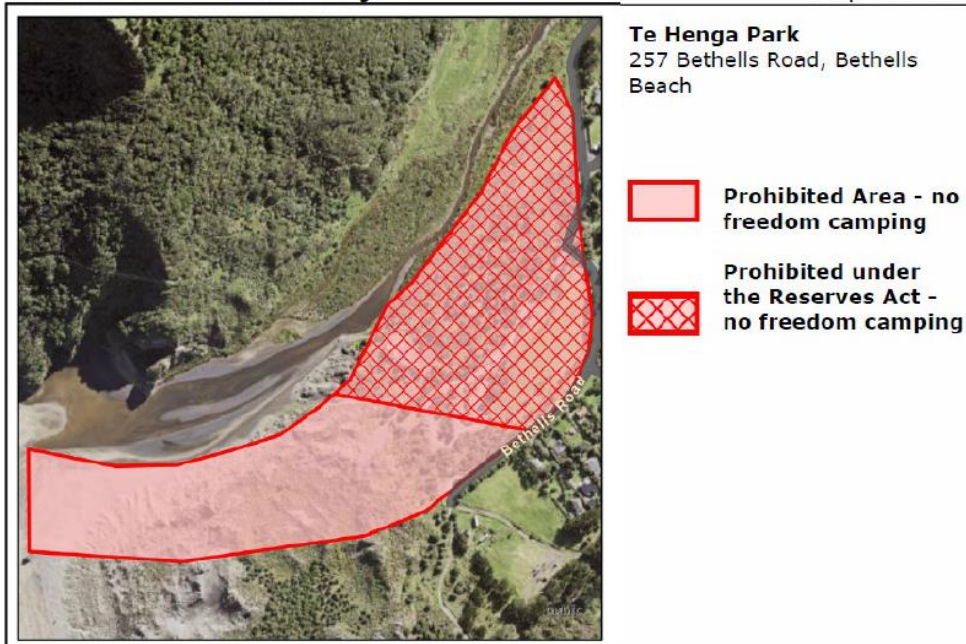
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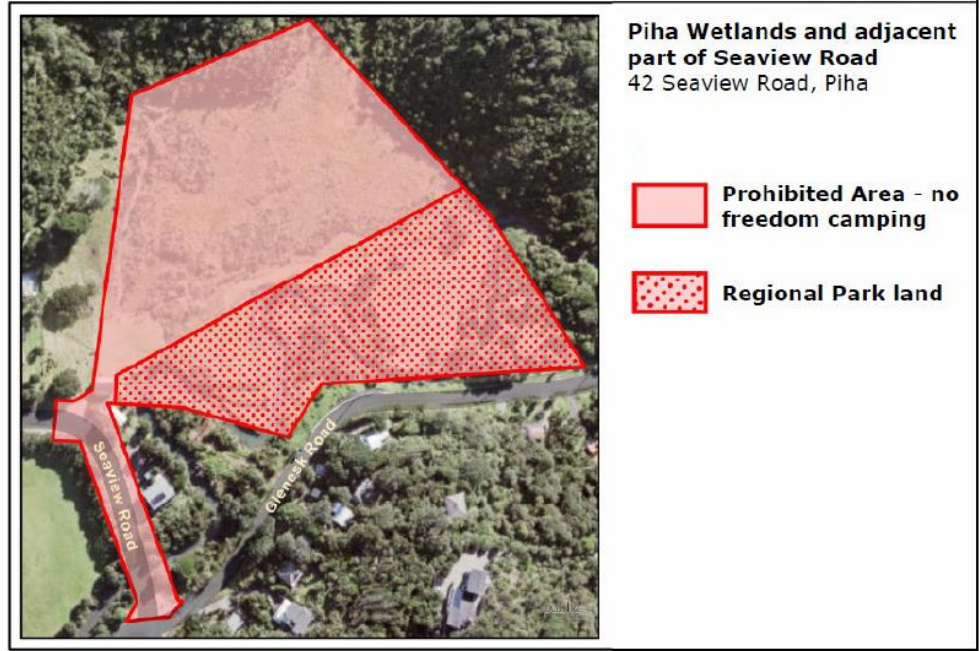


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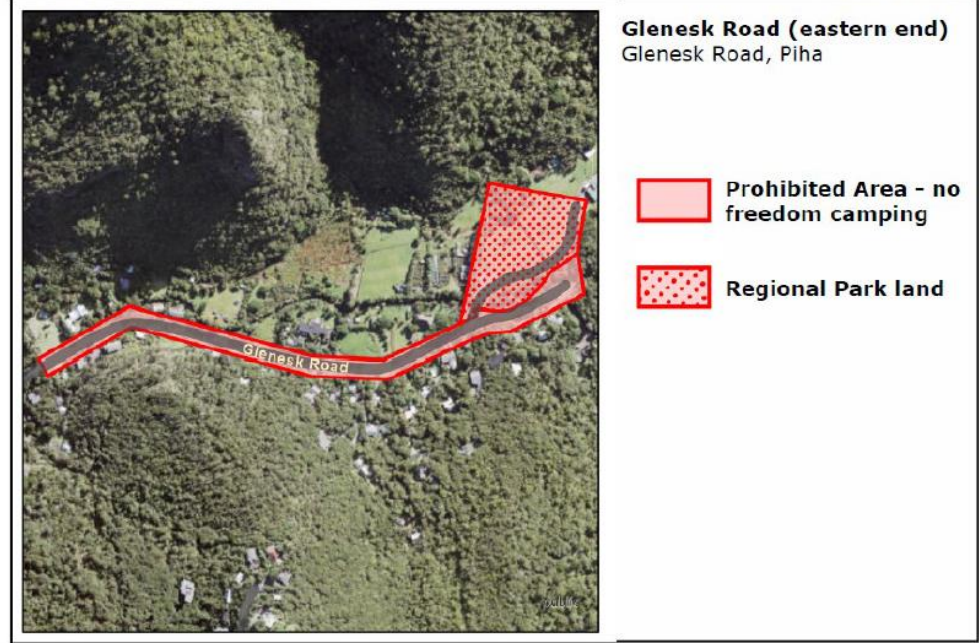
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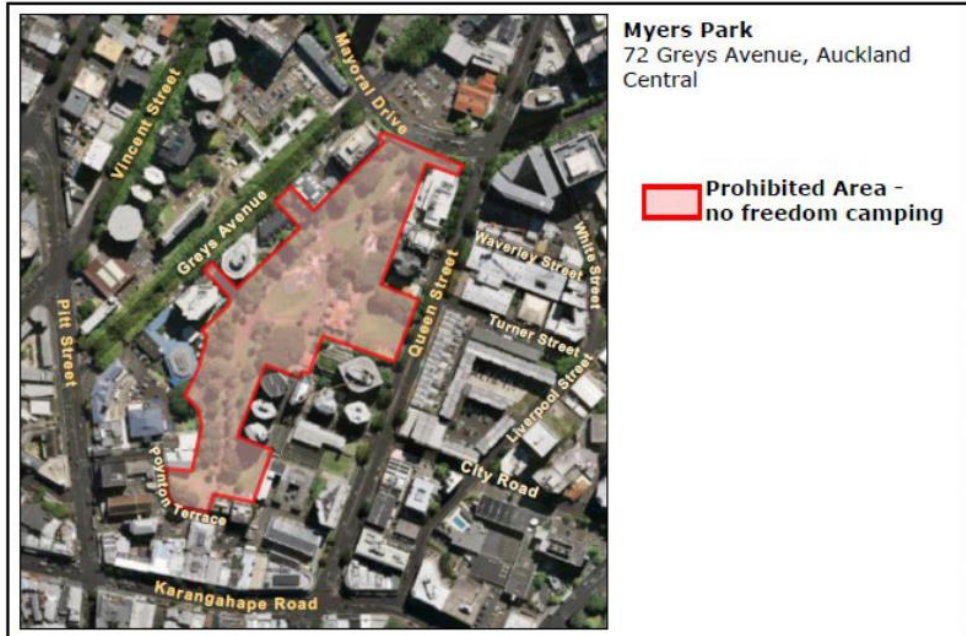
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Local Board Area: Waitematā

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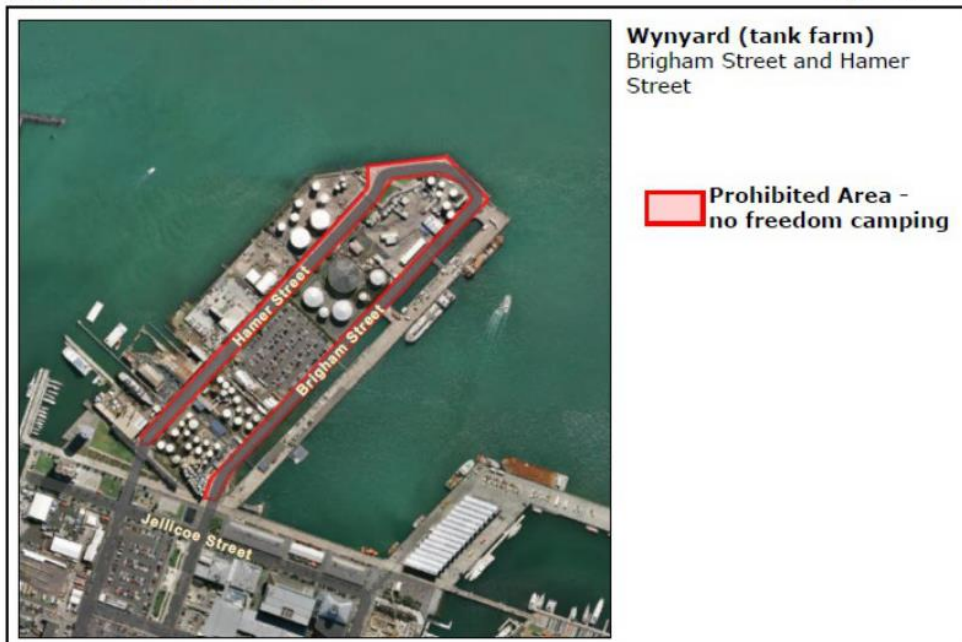
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Schedule 2: Designated areas where freedom camping is restricted

Local board	Location of restricted area	Area-specific restrictions	Map ref.
Franklin	<b>Waiuku Service Centre</b> 12 King Street, Waiuku	A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	FR-R1
	<b>Recreation and Parking (Colson Lane)</b> Colson Lane, Maraetai	A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	FR-R2
	<b>Maraetai Dressing Sheds Reserve</b> Maraetai Coast Road, Maraetai	A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	FR-R3
Hibiscus & Bays	<b>Gulf Harbour Marina Hammerhead Reserve</b> 40 Gulf Harbour Drive, Gulf Harbour	A maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period	HB-R1



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Howick	<b>Barry Curtis Park – parking area off Chapel Road, St Pauls area</b> 63 Chapel Road, Flat Bush	A maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period	HW-R1
	<b>27 Moore Street Carparking</b> 27 Moore Street, Howick	A maximum of seven freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	HW-R2
	<b>20 – 24 Uxbridge Road Carparking</b> 20 – 24 Uxbridge Road, Howick	A maximum of seven freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	HW-R3
Maungakiekie e-Tāmaki	<b>Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga Foreshore)</b> Orpheus Drive, Onehunga	A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	MT-R1

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Papakura	<b>Roadside parking adjacent to Hingaia Reserve</b> Near 380 Hingaia Road, Hingaia	A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period	PPK-R1
Puketāpapa	<b>Margaret Griffen Park</b> 16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill	A maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	PKTPP-R1
Rodney	<b>Carpark at 8 Church Hill</b> Warkworth	A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	RD-R1
	<b>Parry Kauri Park</b> 32 Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth	A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period	RD-R2

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Rodney (cont'd)	<b>Port Albert Wharf Reserve carpark</b> Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert	A maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period	RD-R3
	<b>Whisper Cove (adjacent carpark on road reserve)</b> 70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach	A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period	RD-R4
	<b>Wellsford Community Centre Grounds</b> 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford	A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a four-week consecutive period	RD-R5
	<b>118 Rodney Street Carparking</b> 118 Rodney Street, Wellsford	A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	RD-R6

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Waitematā	<b>Cox's Bay Esplanade</b> West End Road, Herne Bay	A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	WTM-R1
	<b>Roadside Carpark opposite Western Springs Reserve</b> 820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn	A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	WTM-R2
Whau	<b>Carpark adjacent to Valonia Reserve</b> 35 Valonia Street, New Windsor	A maximum of four freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of one night; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and (5) stay a maximum of one night in a two-week consecutive period	WH-R1
	<b>Wingate Reserve</b> 43 Wingate Street, Avondale	A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area A person wishing to stay overnight must – (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times; (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable; (3) stay a maximum of two nights; (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the third day; and (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a two-week consecutive period	WH-R2



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Local Board Area: Franklin

Map: FR-R1



**Waiuku Service Centre**  
12 King Street, Waiuku

 **Restricted area**

 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**


A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

**A person wishing to stay overnight must –**


- (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;
- (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable;
- (3) stay a maximum of one night;
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Map: FR-R2



**Recreation and Parking (Colson Lane)**  
18 Carlton Crescent, Maraetai

 **Restricted area**

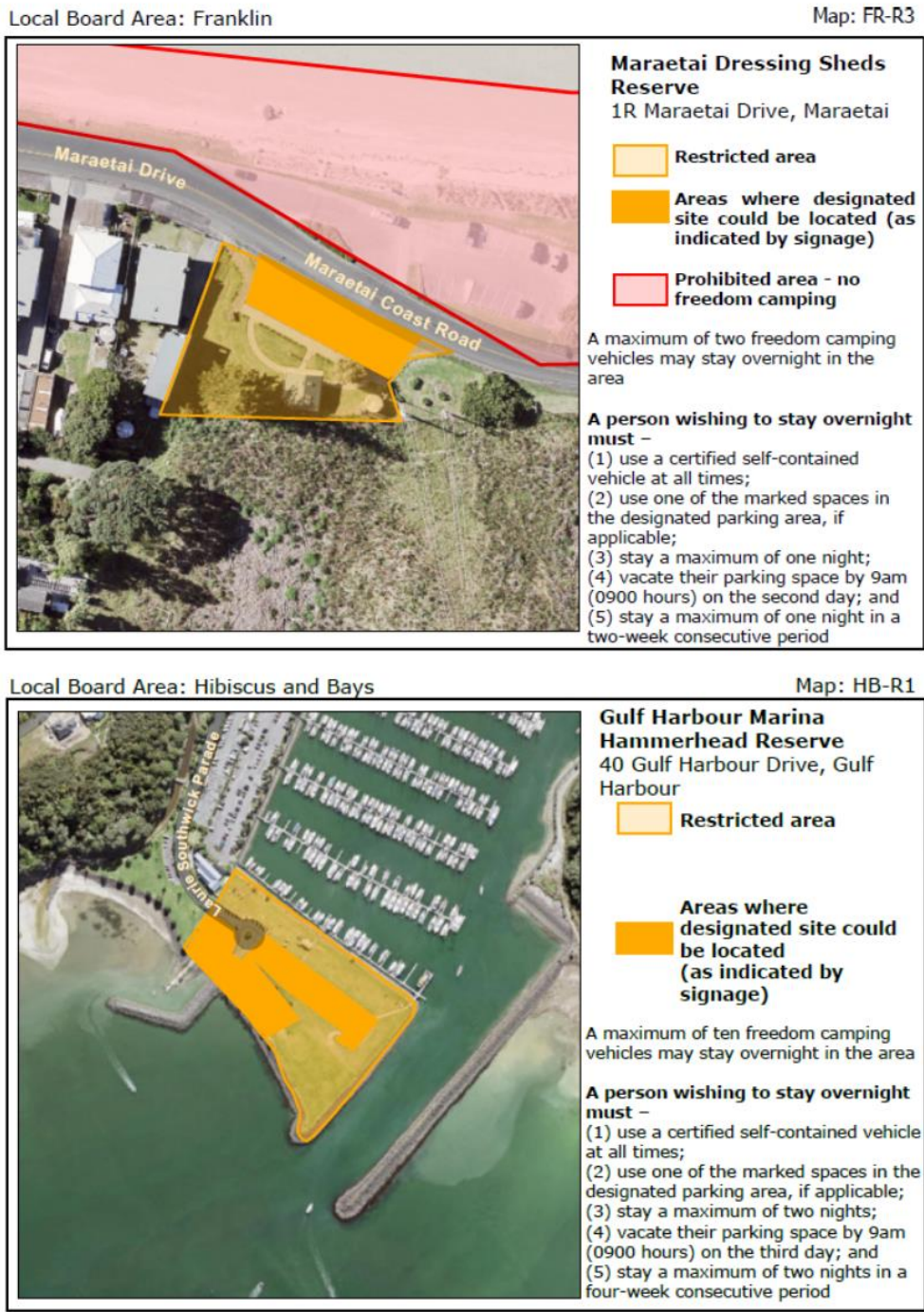
 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**

 **Prohibited under the Reserves Act - No Freedom Camping**

A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

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- (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable;
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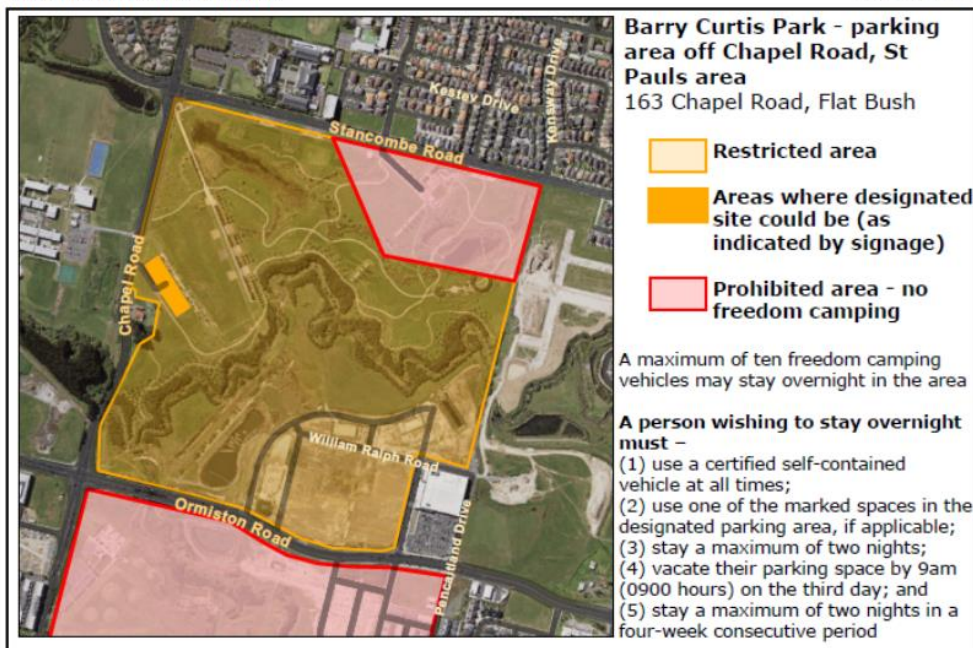


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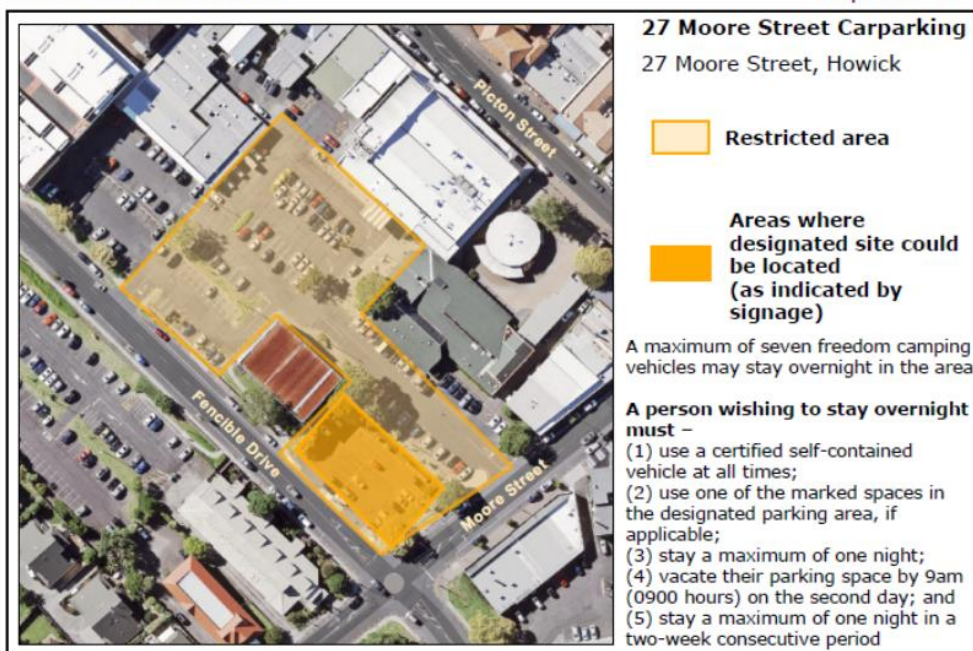
Local Board Area: Howick

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Local Board Area: Howick

Map: HW-R3



**20 - 24 Uxbridge Carparking**  
20 - 24 Uxbridge Road, Howick

 **Restricted area**

 **Area where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**


A maximum of seven freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

**A person wishing to stay overnight must –**


- (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;
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- (3) stay a maximum of one night;
- (4) vacate their parking space by 9am (0900 hours) on the second day; and
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Local Board Area: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Map: MT-R1



**Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga Foreshore)**  
Orpheus Drive, Onehunga

 **Restricted area**

 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**

A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

**A person wishing to stay overnight must –**

- (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;
- (2) use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area, if applicable;
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Local Board Area: Papakura

Map: PPK-R1



**Hingaia Reserve**  
Hingaia Road (near 380 Hingaia Road), Hingaia

 **Restricted area**

 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**


A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

**A person wishing to stay overnight must –**


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- (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a four-week consecutive period


Local Board Area: Puketāpapa


Map: PKTPP-R1



**Margaret Griffen Park**  
16-38 Griffen Park Road, Mount Roskill

 **Restricted area**

 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**

 **Prohibited under the Reserves Act - No Freedom Camping**

A maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

**A person wishing to stay overnight must –**

- (1) use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times;
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Local Board Area: Rodney

Map: RD-R1



**Carpark at 8 Church Hill**  
8 Church Hill, Warkworth

 Restricted area

 Areas where  
designated site could  
be located (as  
indicated by signage)

A maximum of two freedom camping  
vehicles may stay overnight in the area

- A person wishing to stay overnight  
must –**
- (1) use a certified self-contained  
vehicle at all times;
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the designated parking area, if  
applicable;
  - (3) stay a maximum of one night;
  - (4) vacate their parking space by 9am  
(0900 hours) on the second day; and
  - (5) stay a maximum of two nights in a  
two-week consecutive period


Local Board Area: Rodney

Map: RD-R2



**Parry Kauri Park**  
32 Tudor Collins Drive,  
Warkworth

 Restricted area

 Areas where  
designated site could  
be located (as  
indicated by signage)

A maximum of three freedom camping  
vehicles may stay overnight in the area

- A person wishing to stay overnight  
must –**
- (1) use a certified self-contained  
vehicle at all times;
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Local Board Area: Rodney

Map: RD-R3



**Port Albert Wharf Reserve Carpark**  
Adjacent to Wharf Road, Port Albert

 **Restricted area**

 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**


A maximum of ten freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

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Local Board Area: Rodney

Map: RD-R4



**Whisper Cove (adjacent parking on road reserve)**  
70 Kokihi Lane, Snells Beach

 **Restricted area**

 **Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)**

A maximum of two freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

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Local Board Area: Rodney

Map: RD-R5



**Wellsford Community Centre Grounds**  
1 Matheson Road, Wellsford

 Restricted area

 Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)


A maximum of five freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

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Local Board Area: Rodney

Map: RD-R6



**118 Rodney Street**  
118 Rodney Street, Wellsford

 Restricted area

 Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)

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Local Board Area: Waitematā

Map: WTM-R1



**Cox's Bay Esplanade**  
West End Road, Herne Bay

Restricted area

Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)

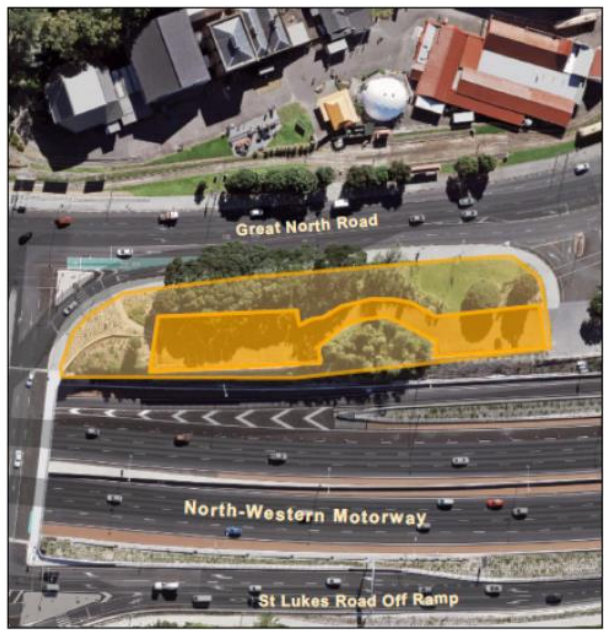
A maximum of three freedom camping vehicles may stay overnight in the area

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Local Board Area: Waitematā

Map: WTM-R2



**Western Springs Reserve**  
820 Great North Road, Grey Lynn

Restricted area

Areas where designated site could be located (as indicated by signage)

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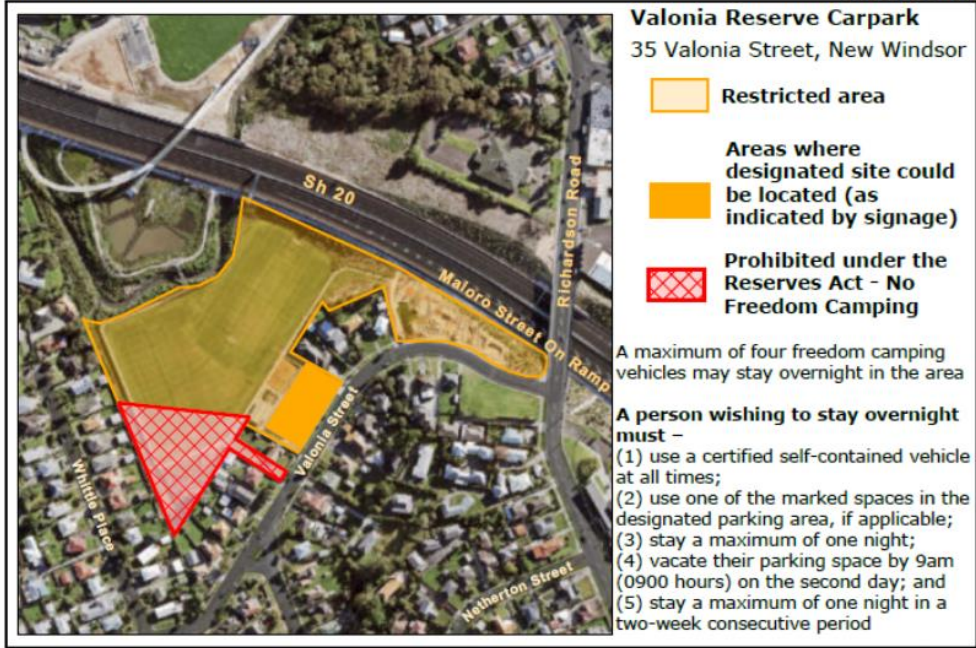
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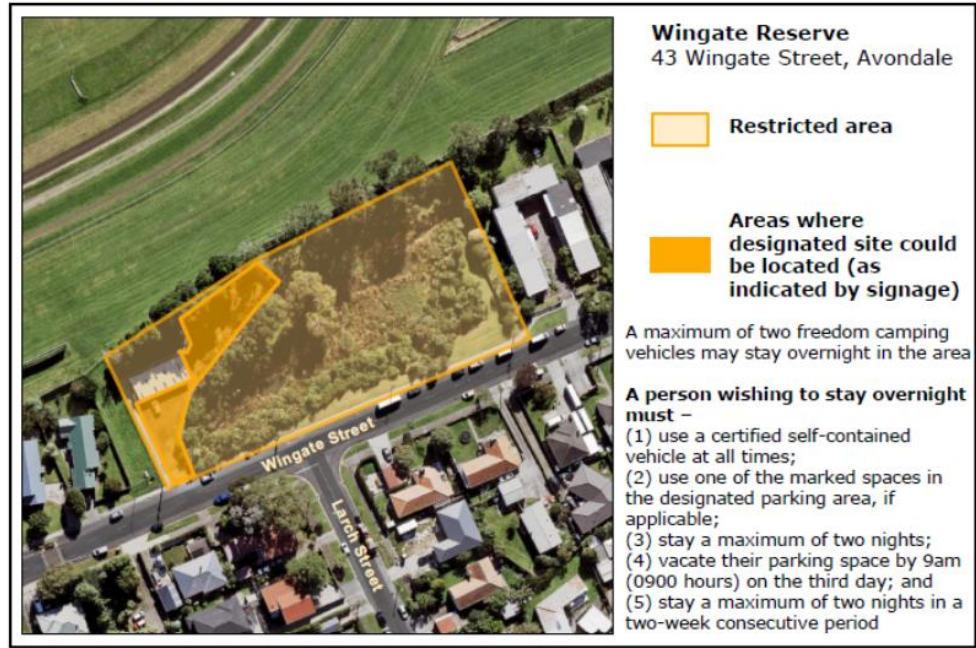
Local Board Area: Whau

Map: WH-R1



Local Board Area: Whau

Map: WH-R2





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Related information, Bylaw history	
Date	Description
01 November 2010	<b>Made</b> legacy bylaws about freedom camping <sup>1</sup> ( <a href="#">Section 63</a> Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010)
01 November 2010	<b>Commencement</b> of legacy bylaws about freedom camping ( <a href="#">Section 63</a> Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010)
08 July 2015	<b>Review</b> of legacy bylaws about freedom camping completed ( <a href="#">RBC/2015/23</a> )
08 July 2015	<b>Proposal</b> to confirm legacy bylaws about freedom camping ( <a href="#">RBC/2015/23</a> )
29 October 2015	<b>Confirmed</b> legacy bylaws about freedom camping ( <a href="#">GB/2015/112</a> ; <a href="#">GB/2021/19</a> )
10 August 2017	<b>Review</b> of legacy bylaws about freedom camping completed ( <a href="#">REG/2017/72</a> )
23 September 2021	<b>Proposal</b> to make a new bylaw about freedom camping in vehicles and to revoke legacy bylaws ( <a href="#">GB/2021/112</a> )
23 June 2022	<b>Made</b> the Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 ( <a href="#">GB/2022/##</a> )
[TBC]	<b>Public notice</b> of making of the Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022
1 September 2022	<b>Commencement</b> of the Auckland Council Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw 2022 ( <a href="#">GB/2022/##</a> ) and revocation of the legacy bylaws about freedom camping
<sup>1</sup> Legacy bylaws made: Auckland City Council Bylaws: Bylaw No.20 - Public Places 2008 (clauses 20.3.1 (g) and (v) and 20.8); Auckland Regional Council Parks Bylaw 2007 (clauses 6.1(b) and 8); Franklin District Council Public Places Bylaw 2007 (clause 5(5)(b) and the First Schedule); Manukau City Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Chapter 9 General Nuisance, Safety and Behaviour in Parks and Public Places (clause 4.1 (a) and (b)); North Shore City Council Bylaw 2000: Part 2 Public Places (clauses 2.3.1 (g) and (j)); Papakura District Council Public Places Bylaw 2008 (clauses 3.4(b) and 18.1); Rodney District Council General Bylaw 1998: Chapter 8 Public Places (clauses 6.1 (a) and (c), 7, and 8); Waitakere City Council Public Places Bylaw 2010 (clauses 6.1(i), 7.1(a), 17, 18, and 19).	
<b>Related information, next bylaw review</b> This Bylaw must be reviewed by 23 June 2027. If not reviewed by this date, the Bylaw will expire on 23 June 2029.	



Item 10

Attachment C



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