



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## **EXTRAORDINARY AGENDA**

### **WAITARA COMMUNITY BOARD**

**Tuesday 26 September 2017  
at 12noon**

### **Waitara Library & Service Centre**

Chairperson (Tiamana):	Mr	Andrew	Larsen (Chair)
Members (Mema):	Mr	Joe	Rauner (Deputy)
	Mr	Trevor	Dodunski
	Mr	Jonathan	Marshall
	Cr	Colin	Johnston

## **Community Boards**

### **Role of community boards (s52 Local Government Act 2002)**

- a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- b) consider and report on matters referred by the council and other matters of interest
- c) maintain an overview of services provided by the council within the community; and
- d) prepare an annual submission to the council for expenditure within the community;
- e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

### **Addressing the community board**

Members of the public have an opportunity to address a community board during the public forum section or as a deputation.

*A public forum section* of up to 30 minutes precedes all community board meetings. Each speaker during the public forum section of a meeting may speak for up to 10 minutes. In the case of a group a maximum of 20 minutes will be allowed.

A request to make a *deputation* should be made to the secretariat within two working days before the meeting. The chairperson will decide whether your deputation is accepted. The chairperson may approve a shorter notice period. No more than four members of a deputation may address a meeting. A limit of 10 minutes is placed on a speaker making a presentation. In the case of a group a maximum of 20 minutes will be allowed.

### **Purpose of Local Government**

The reports contained in this agenda address the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to decision making. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended option outlined in each report meets the purpose of local government and:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses;
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

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END

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

**APOLOGIES**

Cr Colin Johnston

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DEPUTATIONS**

None advised

**REPORTS**

**ITEMS FOR DECISION BY WAITARA COMMUNITY BOARD**

- 1 Submission to Freedom Camping Bylaw Review

END

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Item for Decision

**BOARD SUBMISSION TO FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW CONSULTATION**

**PURPOSE**

This report advises of the community board’s submission to the New Plymouth District Council’s Freedom Camping Bylaw Review. The board’s views have been collated from feedback received through discussion held with some affected Waitara residents and two community meetings held on 14 September 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That, having considered all matters raised in the submission, it be approved and submitted to the New Plymouth District Council’s Freedom Camping Bylaw Review.**

**SUBMISSION**

Andrew Larsen  
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Waitara Community Board  
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Do you wish to speak to the Council in support of your submission? **Yes - 15 mins**

- 1. Do you agree with the proposal to restrict freedom camping to self-contained vehicles only in the New Plymouth District? **No**
- 2. Do you agree with the Council’s proposal to restrict/prohibit freedom camping (self-contained) in the following areas (Waitara Area Only)?

Area	Do you agree with restrictions/prohibitions?	Comments
Battiscombe Terrace	No.	It is a popular area provision needs to be made to extend the car park to allow for more freedom campers and improve the current toilet and shower facilities. Also to look at spaces in Marine Park to allow for overflow campers. This area has had up to 19 vehicles there at peak and averages 9 – 12 per night during Dec/Jan (Local resident observations). None of the local residents that were canvassed were against freedom camping. Concern was expressed about toilet and shower facilities, although the Waitara Camp ground is within 200 m and toilets and showers can be used for a small fee.

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- 3. Are there any other areas that you think freedom camping (self-contained) should be prohibited or restricted from in New Plymouth District?
  
- 4. Do you think the Council should consider making provisions for people camping in non-self-contained vehicles / caravans / tents to be allowed to freedom camp in New Plymouth District?

**Yes – with restrictions. Any non-self-contained vehicles should only be allowed to camp within 100m of public toilet facilities and in designated areas.**

- 5. Do you have any suggestions of where the Council could consider setting up a non-self-contained freedom camping site in New Plymouth District? (This is likely to result in increased costs.)

**See answer to 4 above.**

- 6. Do you have any other comments on the proposed NPDC Freedom Camping Bylaw?

**We are the second best region in the world to visit (Lonely Planet 2017). We need to be accommodating to visitors. Today’s freedom camper could well be tomorrow’s executive who holiday with their family here.**

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**Report Details**

Prepared By:	Andrew Larsen, Chairman
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