

APPENDIX FIVE – CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL SITE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS TO SCV FREEDOM CAMPING, INCLUDING SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

Site	Do you agree with the proposal to restrict freedom camping to self-contained vehicles only in New Plymouth District?			Feedback on this site FOR allowing freedom camping	Feedback on this site for NOT allowing freedom camping	NPDC assessment of this site under section 11 of the FCA (to protect the area, the health and safety of people who may visit the area or to protect access to the area) and recommendation	Proposed set up and monitoring
	% agree	% disagree	% didn't answer				
Tongaporutu	20	39	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommend identifying a restricted area for self-contained vehicles, preferably in the area that is utilised today ○ Tongaporutu grassed areas should be permitted area for freedom camping. The effect of the ban at Tongaporutu will move campers to the west which is an area for day trippers. ○ Designate five spaces for campers at Tongaporutu – would be more user friendly. ○ The provided area at Tongaporutu is too small – provide as much space as possible for campers ○ Tongaporutu is never overcrowded. 	Ban from the whole Tongaporutu area – where are day trippers to park? Campground at Mokau, and campers present children from playing in these areas	<p>The existing Reserve Management Plan already controls SCV freedom camping stating: "Camping in self-contained vehicles will be permitted in areas set aside for car parking and must comply with all relevant bylaws and legislation."</p> <p>Therefore additional restrictions for SCV freedom camping are not considered appropriate or necessary.</p> <p>Recommendation: No additional restrictions proposed for self-contained freedom camping from the existing reserve management plan.</p>	<p>Two to four signs.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support freedom camping at Tongaporutu, but the toilet and rubbish facilities are inadequate. ○ Tongaporutu should have an honesty box system and proceeds to go towards maintenance of facilities within the Tongaporutu Reserve 			
Urenui Domain and Recreation Reserve	50	31	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is unlawful to prohibit freedom camping to protect the interests of nearby camping ground. Recommend removing the prohibition. ○ Ban too excessive and probably proposed to protect residents and campground patronage, rather than reasons provided in the FCA. ○ Designated carparks at Urenui Domain on the left between the road and the river before entering the developed area. 		<p>The use of the reserve is managed through the existing reserve management plan. Therefore additional restrictions for SCV freedom camping are not considered appropriate or necessary at this point in time.</p> <p>Recommendation: No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping other than the requirements of the existing reserve management plan in relation to the Urenui camp ground.</p>	No regular inspections proposed.
Onaero	44	36	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs better rubbish disposal facilities. ○ The prohibited area should cover the whole domain right down to the river / beach. 		<p>The use of the reserve is managed through the existing reserve management plan. Therefore additional restrictions for SCV freedom camping are not considered</p>	No regular inspections proposed.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ it is unlawful to prohibit freedom camping in order to protect the interests of a nearby camping ground. Recommend removing the prohibition for this area. ○ The area cannot be governed under the freedom camping bylaw if the land is managed by Onaero Bay camping ground 		<p>appropriate or necessary at this point in time.</p> <p>Recommend - No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping other than the requirements of the existing reserve management plan in relation to the Onaero camp ground.</p> <p>The area of sealed parking space next to SH45 is road reserve and therefore not under Council control under the FCA.</p>	
Battiscombe Terrace carpark	51	32	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need a bigger carpark just for freedom campers. ○ Should be overnight parking area between 6pm and 9am. ○ More designated camper spaces in off peak season. ○ Support for Battiscombe Terrace restrictions in particular, one submitter commented that campers would go to the toilet in flaxes in full view of houses, and that there was only one outdoor shower and a lot of rubbish left in the drain as well. 		<p>Busy area with high community use by walkers, coastal users etc. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area during peak summer period.</p> <p>Recommend – Restrict self-contained freedom camping to four specified parks from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p>	<p>One sign, and painted site (carpark X4) identification.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision for all users (campers and community) 			
Waiwhakaiho Beach	33	49	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prohibition (area is away from residents and doesn't impact on anyone else's enjoyment) Identify restricted areas for self-contained camping Move carparks to near the bridge. Increase parking site numbers Need 14 parks for self-contained and non-self-contained Put in three additional carparks near river mouth. Dedicated parking spaces Increase the number of parks at Rotomanu to five. Waiwhakaiho always orderly and no rubbish Prohibited area should include the Rotos jump park carparks Allow for non-self-contained campers by Lake Rotomanu toilets. 	Waiwhakaiho - Prohibit from the designated carparks – campers often park parallel, taking up two to three parking spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These spaces are for friends and family time. Parking is already tight in these areas, without having vans camping there. 	<p>Very busy area with Coastal Walkway, surfers, whitebaiting, lake users and local community. Have been issues with overcrowding and campers parking parallel across multiple parking spaces. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area during peak summer period.</p> <p>Recommend –</p> <p>Waiwhakaiho: Restrict self-contained freedom camping to six specified parks from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p> <p>Lake Rotomanu: no restrictions for self-contained freedom camping.</p>	
Lake Rotomanu	37	43	20				<p>Waiwhakaiho:</p> <p>Two to four signs, and painted site (carpark X8) identification</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March for Waiwhakaiho and Lake Rotomanu.</p>
Fitzroy Beach carpark	56	24	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited area should include carparks in front of the campground office One of two patrolled beaches in New Plymouth 		<p>Very busy as one of New Plymouth District's main recreation and patrolled beaches during summer (playground, surfclub, boardriders, swimming pool).</p>	<p>One to two signs.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week</p>

				so freedom camping needs to be permitted		<p>Tight corners / access ways to the area. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area during peak summer period.</p> <p>Recommend – Prohibit all self-contained freedom camping from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p>	December to March.
East End Beach carpark	47	35	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need spaces for both self-contained and non-self-contained here ○ Overnight parking between 6pm and 9am, plus several designated parks (for daytime use) ○ Grass area by skate park could be developed for freedom camping ○ A designated area for campervan parking during the day would be good at East End ○ Remove south western area from prohibited area. ○ One of two patrolled beaches in New Plymouth so freedom camping needs to be permitted 		<p>Area accessed by surf club members, skate rink, skate park and Paris Plage Café. Very busy area in summer as one of New Plymouth District's main recreation and patrolled beaches. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area during peak summer period.</p> <p>Recommend – Prohibit all self-contained freedom camping from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p>	<p>Two to four signs.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>
Buller Street carpark	50	29	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An ideal area for designated parking spaces 		<p>Site locked overnight. Very popular and highly utilised area</p>	No regular inspections

				<p>(daytime), plus overnight parking for campers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could limit freedom camping to between 6pm and 9am ○ At least three designated parks here 		<p>with access to walkway, children's play area. Small area for large vehicles to park in and may cause some hazard when reversing.</p> <p>Recommend – No additional restrictions proposed for self-contained freedom camping from the existing reserve management plan, noting that the carpark gate is locked overnight from 8.30pm to 6.00am.</p>	<p>proposed as carpark locked at night.</p>
Kawarua Park	37	45	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restrict to three carparks ○ Designate parks for self-contained and non-self contained at Kawarua (five to eight each) ○ Increase parking for campers overnight ○ Kawarua always orderly ○ Parks for campervans aren't big enough 	<p>Prohibit from the designated carparks – campers often park parallel, taking up two to three parking spaces</p>	<p>Area has a lot of foot and vehicle traffic with popular Kawarua Playground, TEAC Aquatic centre, squash club and coastal walkway therefore increasing the health and safety risk of the area – large numbers using the area particularly during summer. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area.</p> <p>Recommend – Restrict self-contained freedom camping to fifteen specified parks.</p>	<p>Two signs, and painted site (carpark X15) identification.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>
Belt Road	62	18	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 		<p>Is a popular site for community with access to the Coastal Walkway and surf breaks.</p>	<p>No regular inspections proposed.</p>

						<p>Limited number of parking spaces.</p> <p>Recommend – No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping.</p>	
Back Beach	42	39	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow for more freedom campers at Back Beach ○ Parking spaces at Back Beach are precious in summer (especially on good days) ○ Prohibit all camping at Back Beach. ○ Allow overnight freedom camping (not designated to few spaces) ○ Allow non-self-contained camping at middle carpark 	<p>Restrict / prohibit at back beach – is a car park, not for campers deck chairs, clothes lines etc.</p>	<p>Very popular area for community year round, but particularly during summer months. Bottom carpark tight access and very busy year round. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area for bottom car park, and top and middle during peak summer period.</p> <p>Back Beach Top carpark recommend – Restrict self-contained freedom camping to two specified parks from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p> <p>Back Beach Middle Carpark recommend – Restrict self-contained freedom camping to three specified parks from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained</p>	<p>Three signs, and painted site (carpark X6) identification.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>

						freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October. Back Beach Bottom Carpark recommend – Prohibit all self-contained freedom camping.	
Corbett Park	32	50	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should allow self-contained camping for special events through an application to Council. ○ Allow freedom camping here. ○ Designate three to four parks here ○ Allow overnight freedom camping ○ Allow self-contained camping here ○ Remove prohibition / identify restricted areas for self-contained camping ○ Is well away from houses and a large parking area to allow freedom camping 		<p>Popular location in summer months and high volume of traffic through the area. Cricked played at adjoining field in summer. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area during peak summer period.</p> <p>Recommend – Restrict self-contained freedom camping from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p>	<p>One sign.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>
Oakura Beach front	59	26	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completely unsuitable for freedom campers, local residents often complain about them taking up the parking spaces for long periods and restricting their views. ○ Carpark is suitable for some designated parks – not blocking views 	Prohibit / restrict from the public carpark at Oakura Beach adjacent to shearer reserve.	<p>Very popular beach in summer with large numbers of people as one of New Plymouth District's main recreation and patrolled beaches. Protection recommended to protect community access to the area during peak summer period.</p>	<p>Two to three signs.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prohibition / identify restricted areas for self-contained camping Allow self-contained vehicles in the carpark outside of peak summer period. 		<p>Recommend – Prohibit all self-contained freedom camping from 1 November to 30 April. No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping from 1 May to 31 October.</p>	
Ahu Ahu Road	39	44	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahu Ahu ground is too uneven and not a large enough area for freedom campers. Ahu Ahu is away from beachfront houses, so allow camping here. Allow freedom camping here – could consider limiting numbers, or limiting to small vehicles, or tents. Weld Road is an excellent area for freedom camping carparks. Allow self-contained camping here 		<p>Long elongated area spanning approximately 650m. Area is busy during summer, is an uneven terrain with a turning bay at the southern end of the reserve. The use of the reserve is managed through the existing reserve management plan. Therefore additional restrictions for SCV freedom camping are not considered appropriate or necessary at this point in time.</p> <p>Recommend – No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping.</p>	<p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>
Weld Road	35	47	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prohibition / identify restricted areas for self-contained camping 		<p>Highly popular and busy site during summer / whitebaiting. The use of the reserve is managed through the existing reserve management plan. Therefore additional restrictions for SCV freedom camping are not considered appropriate or necessary at this point in time.</p>	<p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>

						Recommend – No restrictions to self-contained freedom camping.	
Fort St. George / Tataraimaka Reserve	37	41	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The reserve is narrow and careful parking required, but self-contained vehicles should be able to stay here. ○ Allow self-contained camping here. ○ Such a large area, surely space for some parks ○ Consider a limit on numbers here. ○ Upgrade the area to accommodate freedom campers. ○ Remove prohibition / identify restricted areas for self-contained camping 	Prohibit or restrict from Greenwood Road, Tataraimaka Pa, area to the Katikara river	<p>Dune protection area and often moveable sand which is dangerous to vehicles (coastal hazard zone), vehicles have been pulled from the area in the past. Tataraimaka Pa site. Protection recommended to protect the area.</p> <p>Recommend – Prohibit self-contained freedom camping.</p>	<p>One sign.</p> <p>Inspection three times per week December to March.</p>
Lake Mangamahoe	41	39	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designated sites should be provided. ○ Remove prohibition / identify restricted areas for self-contained camping ○ Permit camping at southern side of access point, gates being locked provides a sense of security. 		<p>NPDC water supply, therefore, highly important to preserve this area, keep it clean. Gates locked each night.</p> <p>Recommend – No additional restrictions proposed for self-contained freedom camping from the existing reserve management plan noting that the car park gate is locked overnight from 8.30pm to 6.00am.</p>	<p>No regular inspections proposed as carpark locked at night.</p>

Mangorei Road / Pouakai Hut walk entrance	46	29	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of freedom campers at Mangorei Road has been increasing, human faecal matter and rubbish are an issue at this site, along with music / noise, which negates the residents' reasons for moving to this area. Concern about the Mangorei Road Carpark and toilets and that will further increase camping numbers in the area (concern is with non-self-contained) 		<p>Entry way to a highly valued and increasingly popular walk in Egmont National Park with limited parking and turn around space. Access is via a narrow 100km road. Protection recommended to protect the area, and access to the area.</p> <p>Recommend - Prohibit self-contained freedom camping.</p>	<p>One sign.</p> <p>No regular inspections proposed.</p>
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