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Submission by Picton Smart & Connected

To the Marlborough District Council

Freedom Camping Marlborough Bylaw



Following our last submission of May 2016.

Our 3rd submission is as follows:

1. That it be agreed that only **certified self-contained vehicles** be permitted to Freedom Camp in Picton and wider Marlborough in designated sites.

- **Certified Self Contained** means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping, which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of its occupants for a minimum of three days without the need for external services or the discharging of waste and complies with New Zealand standard 5465:2001, as evidenced by the display of a self - contained warrant, issued under New Zealand standard self - containment of motor caravans and campervans NZS 5465:2001. Vehicles that are designed to be used safely for the purpose of human accommodation and camping, that are and made from non retardant materials that satisfy New Zealand safety standards with particular focus on any LPG gas on board being fitted by an authorised person and or meeting AS/NZS 5601.2: 2010 Gas installation standards.

2. **That all non self - contained vehicles** without the above described facilities on board, pay to camp in Marlborough at either D.O.C camping sites or at Commercial campgrounds and parks.

3. **That any vehicle found camping** outside of D.O.C sites or commercial camping facilities in Marlborough without certification as a certified self - contained camping vehicle be fined \$200.00.

4. **That it be agreed that Marlborough's townships become recognised NZMCA Campervan friendly towns** by offering designated freedom camping areas to NZMCA certified campervans in close proximity to shops and amenities. A maximum number of vehicles to be agreed per town and existing resource to be acknowledged.

As defined: To agree as a region that;

Freedom Camping: To camp in a self - contained vehicle to enjoy the freedom of New Zealand's landscape.

Free Camping: To camp in a non self - contained vehicle to enjoy the freedom from paying.

Important Considerations

1. Marlborough needs to be brilliant every day (to align with our regional tourism branding) and human waste and rubbish on our roadsides, beaches and in our forests is not brilliant nor good business for

Marlborough. It is deeply degrading to our tourist economy and negatively impacts, on our environment & reputation as a 'clean green' region in "Pure" New Zealand. It is inherently harmful to our regions tourism values and marketing efforts.

2. As mentioned in the opening of this submission, Certified Camping vehicles are designed for camping and use fire retardant interior materials and infrastructure. Cars, mini vans and other non - certified camping vehicles are not safe for camping, cooking with LPG and sleeping in and should not be used for this purpose in local authority designated sites. It should be noted that the Marlborough District Council, should not encourage this practice by supplying sites and facilities for non certified vehicles. Anyone camping in a car or other vehicle which is not designed for the purpose of camping, should do so at their own risk without encouragement from a local authority.
3. Marlborough like most other regions, has plentiful D.O.C camping sites and quality commercial campgrounds for campers to use and the MDC does not need to supply camping grounds with facilities free of charge.

The Purpose of these recommendations

1. To protect Marlborough's environment (to assist in offering a brilliant environment every day experience to visitors) to encourage all age groups of visitors, to use appropriate facilities and help to look after our regions environment.
2. To protect the interests of commercial business and support Marlborough's tourism economy.
3. To protect the health and safety of visitors to Marlborough.
4. To protect local authority areas / land.
5. To protect Marlborough's residents.
6. To offer high quality visitor / tourism experiences to visitors to Marlborough.
7. To offer a high level of social interaction and connection between our visitors and our Marlborough tourism ambassadors.

Other New Zealand regions

The following regions in New Zealand have now adopted self - contained only freedom camping policies through designed management, using a blend of the FCA 2011 and other acts such as the Reserves Act.

1. Auckland
2. Christchurch
3. Clutha District
4. Dunedin
5. Far North District
6. Grey District
7. Hauraki
8. Huranui
9. Mackenzie
10. Queenstown
11. Ruapehu District
12. Southland 80%
13. Tasman District

These districts have created bylaws using the FCA 2011, by using their right to apply restrictions under the act, using other acts that possess overriding qualities.

Next Steps...

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To liaise with the Marlborough District Council to agree a Freedom Camping Bylaw review.

NB: The Crow Tavern and The Picton RSA already supply NZMCA sites, so the numbers of sites supplied by these establishments, should be considered.

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