



A G E N D A

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Council Chambers

**29 November 2018
commencing at 5.30 pm**

His Worship the Mayor R.B. Smith
Deputy Mayors Cr H.M. Lash and Cr L.J. Martin
Crs D.L. Carruthers, Gray Eatwell, D.M.J. Havill ONZM,
J.A. Neale, G.L. Olson, D.C. Routhan
Kw. Francois Tumahai, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae
Kw. Tim Rochford, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL,
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA
ON THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM**

COUNCIL VISION

We work with the people of Westland to grow and protect our communities,
our economy and our unique natural environment.

Purpose:

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is:

- (a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action, by and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) To 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.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES AND INTEREST REGISTER

1.1 Apologies & Leave of Absence

Apologies:

G.L. Olson

Kw. Francois Tumahai, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae (potentially)

1.2 Interest Register

2. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR TO
TRANSITION BOARD OF ONE DISTRICT PLAN

The Transition Board will comprise of the Mayor of Westland District and one other elected member.

3. WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018
– HEAR AND CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS

(Pages 4-163)

Report



DATE: 29 November 2018
TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Acting Regulatory Services Manager

ADOPTION OF FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of the Freedom Camping Bylaw, following consideration of submissions received under the Special Consultative Procedure as per Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 1.2 This issue arises from concern that, under the Freedom Camping Act 2011, the Council has no regulatory powers in relation to freedom camping without a bylaw. The Council's previous Freedom Camping Bylaw 2012 was revoked in 2013.
- 1.3 Council seeks to meet its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 and the achievement of the District Vision adopted by Council as part of the Long Term Plan 2018-28. These are stated on Page 2 of this agenda.
- 1.4 This report concludes by recommending that Council adopt the attached bylaw.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Freedom Camping Act 2011 ('the Act') defines 'freedom camp' as follows:

"to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 m of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 m of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, using 1 or more of the following:

- (a) a tent or other temporary structure;*
- (b) a caravan;*
- (c) a car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle."*

- 2.2 The Act states that freedom camping *“does not include the following activities:*
(a) temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle;
(b) recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions;
(c) resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.”
- 2.3 The Act permits freedom camping in any local authority area (i.e. land controlled by the local Council rather than private entities or central government), unless it is restricted or prohibited by a local bylaw or any other enactment.
- 2.4 According to Section 11 (2) of the Act, a local authority can only make a bylaw restricting or prohibiting freedom camping *“if it is satisfied that:*
(a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:
(i) to protect the area;
(ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area;
(iii) to protect access to the area; and
(b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and
(c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.”
- 2.5 The above requirements mean that Council cannot simply ban or restrict freedom camping across its entire district or parts of its district, without justification. Competition with existing accommodation providers is not a permissible reason.
- 2.6 Council’s previous Freedom Camping Bylaw 2012, enacted in November 2012, prohibited freedom camping from all Council public reserves, as well as all public land and roads within 18 townships / settlements and 1km from their boundaries. Enforcement powers were given to several members of the community in South Westland.
- 2.7 The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) brought a claim against the Bylaw to the High Court in January 2013, on the grounds that the prohibitions were too far-reaching and unjustified. In September 2013 Council repealed the Bylaw, retaining a Freedom Camping Policy as an educational (but unenforceable) document.
- 2.8 In the past five years, there have been some complaints by the public that freedom camping is occurring in inappropriate locations within Westland District. Some of these locations are under the control of the New Zealand Transport Agency (e.g. state highways) or Department of Conservation, while others are under Council control and could be prohibited or restricted with an

appropriate bylaw. Other complaints have been received that freedom campers, primarily those using non-self-contained vehicles, are disposing of their waste inappropriately.

- 2.9 At its 11 October 2018 meeting, the Council approved a Statement of Proposal for a Special Consultative Procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, allowing for a submission period on the proposed bylaw.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Statement of Proposal was advertised in the Hokitika Guardian and on the Council's website, and in the Westland Matters newsletter. The consultation period ran from Monday 15 October through Friday 16 November 2018.
- 3.2 Sixty four submissions were received which related to the Statement of Proposal.
- 3.3 Eleven submitters wished to be heard.
- 3.4 After a scheduled hearing on 29 November 2018 of submitters who wish to be heard and made themselves available, the Council will formally receive all submissions, deliberate, and give instructions to staff to prepare final versions of the bylaw in line with their decisions on each submission.

4 OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Council has already deliberated and make decisions on the submissions, at its meeting of 29 November 2018. The options now are around whether to adopt the bylaw subject to amendments being made accordingly.
- 4.2 Today's options are essentially as follows:
- Option One: Adopt the bylaw subject to the Council direction that staff are to amend the Bylaw according to decisions made through consideration of submissions.
 - Option Two: Adopt the bylaw as drafted with no amendments.
 - Option Three: Do not adopt the bylaw.

5 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 5.1 Under the guidance of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, the decision to be made today is considered to be of medium significance. It deals with a number of regulatory issues throughout the District, most of which potentially have an impact on many of the District's residents and businesses. In some cases, the changes proposed are minor, and in other cases they are more substantial.
- 5.2 District-wide consultation has occurred through the Special Consultative Procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act. The submission period ran from 15 October through 16 November 2018.
- 5.3 The Statement of Proposal inviting submissions was advertised in the Hokitika Guardian, in the Westland Matters electronic newsletter, on the Council website, and through circulation to business and community groups and associations.
- 5.4 Submission forms, and the proposed bylaw, were made available on the Council website and at Council offices.
- 5.5 Sixty four submissions were received, and any submitter who wished to be heard had an opportunity to be heard at the hearing held 29 November 2018 prior to the extraordinary Council meeting held to consider the adoption of the bylaw.
- 5.6 After the decision to approve, there is a legislative requirement to place a public notice in a local newspaper advising of the Council's decision to adopt the bylaw, and to make this document available at Council's office and on its website.

6 ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS (INCLUDING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS)

General options

- 6.1 The general options above have been assessed as follows:
 - Option One: Adopt the bylaw subject to the Council direction that staff are to amend the Bylaw according to decisions made through consideration of submissions.
 - Option Two: Adopt the bylaw as drafted with no amendments.
 - Option Three: Do not adopt the bylaw

Financial Implications

- 6.2 The direct costs to Council of having a bylaw are likely to be minor. The initial costs of staff to undertake compliance and enforcement will be aided by Government Tourism Infrastructure Funding. It is likely that eventually these positions will become self-funding through infringements associated with the compliance and enforcement.
- 6.3 In addition, the financial costs to the Council and the community of having inadequate bylaw controls would likely outweigh the direct costs of having appropriate bylaws, as negative outcomes could include more human waste and rubbish in inappropriate locations.

7 PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS

- 7.1 The preferred option is Option One, adopting the bylaw subject to the Council direction that staff are to amend the Bylaw according to decisions made through consideration of submissions.
- 7.2 This option is recommended because it allows the bylaw to reflect legislation, to reflect best practice in local government where appropriate, to incorporate amendments for clarity. It also incorporates further amendments based on Council's consideration of submissions received in response to the Statement of Proposal.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- A) **THAT** Council receive and consider the submissions
- B) **THAT** after deliberations Council instruct staff to amend the Freedom Camping Bylaw as determined.
- C) **THAT** the amended Freedom Camping Bylaw be adopted.
- D) **THAT** the decision of Council be made publicly available.

Fiona Scadden

Acting Regulatory Services Manager

Attachments:

- Appendix 1 - Freedom Camping Bylaw
- Appendix 1a – Maps of Proposed Prohibited Areas
- Appendix 2 - Submission summary (Submitters wishing to be heard)
- Appendix 2a – Submissions (Submitters wishing to be heard)
- Appendix 3 – Submission summary (Submitters not being heard)
- Appendix 3a – Submissions (Submitters not being heard)



WESTLAND DISTRICT FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018

1. EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Westland District Council makes this Bylaw under section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. This Bylaw should therefore be read alongside the Freedom Camping Act.

This Bylaw should also be read in conjunction with the Westland District Council's Freedom Camping Policy.

2. TITLE

This Bylaw is the Westland District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018.

3. PROCEDURE AND COMMENCEMENT

The initial resolution adopting a statement of proposal for this Bylaw was passed by the Westland District Council at an extraordinary meeting of the Council held on [date] and, following consideration of submissions received during the special consultative procedure, this Bylaw was made by a resolution at a subsequent meeting of the Council on [date].

The Bylaw comes into force on the day after its final approval [date].

4. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:

Act means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Camping ground has the meaning given in section 5(3) of the Act.

Council means Westland District Council.

District means the district of the Council.

Freedom camp has the meaning in section 5(1) and (2) of the Act.

Local authority area has the meaning in section 6 of the Act.

Prohibited area means an area identified in Schedule 1: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping in which freedom camping is prohibited.

Restricted area means an area identified in Schedule 2: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping in which freedom camping is permitted subject to restrictions.

5. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is to control freedom camping in the Westland District in order 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.

6. LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS WHERE FREEDOM CAMPING PERMITTED

Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the Westland District unless it is restricted or prohibited in an area:

- (a) in accordance with this Bylaw; or
- (b) under any other enactment.

7. PROHIBITED AREAS AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE 1

- (1) A person must not freedom camp in any prohibited area identified in Schedule 1: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), a person may freedom camp in any prohibited area if he or she has obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 9(1), and complies with any conditions on the consent.

8. RESTRICTED AREAS AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE 2

- (1) A person may freedom camp in any restricted area identified in Schedule 2: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping, but must comply with the restrictions listed below and any additional restrictions listed for that area in Schedule 2:
 - (a) Freedom camping is limited to "Certified Self-Contained Vehicles" in accordance with NZS 5465:2001; and
 - (b) Freedom camping at any one location or within 500m of the same location is limited to no more than two consecutive nights, and no more than 10 nights per 30-day period.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), a person may freedom camp in any restricted area if he or she has obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 9(1), and complies with any conditions on the consent.

9. PRIOR CONSENT FROM COUNCIL

- (1) The Council may grant consent to a person to freedom camp in a prohibited area or a restricted area, with or without conditions.
- (2) Consent must be applied for in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council at least two weeks in advance of the date planned for freedom camping in the prohibited area or restricted area.

10. OFFENCES

- (1) As specified by section 20(1) of the Act, every person commits an offence who –
 - (a) freedom camps in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw that applies to the area; or
 - (b) makes preparations to freedom camp in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw that applies to the area.
- (2) Any person who has obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 9(1), and who complies with any conditions on the consent, is not acting in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw.

11. PENALTIES

As specified by section 23(1) of the Act, every person who commits an offence pursuant to section 20(1)(a) and (c) of the Act is liable to a fee of \$200.

12. RELATIONSHIP OF BYLAW WITH THE NGAI TAHU CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT 1998

This Bylaw does not limit or affect the rights in relation to nohoanga entitlements under the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.

THE COMMON SEAL of the WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
was affixed in the presence of:

Mayor

Chief Executive

SCHEDULE 1: PROHIBITED AREAS FOR FREEDOM CAMPING

Location	Reason(s)
Legal road opposite 6440 Otira Highway, adjacent to Otira Hotel	Protection (kiwi habitat) and safety (link to railway sidings and rail corridor, natural hazards including flooding and landslips)
Serpentine Road and beach, Kumara Junction	Access and safety (narrow road and prone to coastal inundation)
One Mile Line Road, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Three Mile Beach Access Road, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Richards Drive west of Revell St, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Unnamed road between 243 and 245 Revell St, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Tudor Street beach access west of Revell St, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Hampden Street beach access west of Revell St, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Stafford Street west of Revell St, Hokitika	Access (high demand for locals and visitors)
Entirety of Beach Street, Hokitika	Access (high demand for locals and visitors)
Gibson Quay west of Beach Street, Hokitika	Access (high demand for locals and visitors)
Sunset Point, Hokitika	Access (high demand for locals and visitors)
South Spit Road, Hokitika	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Shanghai Road beach access west of SH 6, Ruatapu	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Paiere Road, Ruatapu	Access and safety (narrow road, part of West Coast Wilderness Trail)
Butlers Road beach access west of SH6, Ruatapu	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Ross Cemetery	Protection, access and safety (culturally sensitive site, with narrow, steep access road)

Location	Reason(s)
Ross Beach Road, Ross	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)
Forks-Okarito Road and all of Okarito village except the Domain	Protection, access and safety (Environmentally sensitive site (kiwi habitat), with narrow access road)
Waiho Flat Road, Franz Josef	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road, and flood risk)
Docherty Creek Road, Franz Josef, past any Council-provided responsible camping facility	Access and safety (narrow, uneven road, and flood risk)
Hunts Beach Road, Jacobs River	Protection, access and safety (culturally sensitive site, with narrow access road)
All beach access roads off Haast-Jackson Bay Road, between Haast Beach and Hannah's Clearing, including all roads in Okuru	Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)
Entirety of Haast-Jackson Bay Road between Neils Beach and Jackson Bay Wharf	Safety (narrow road with rockfall risk)

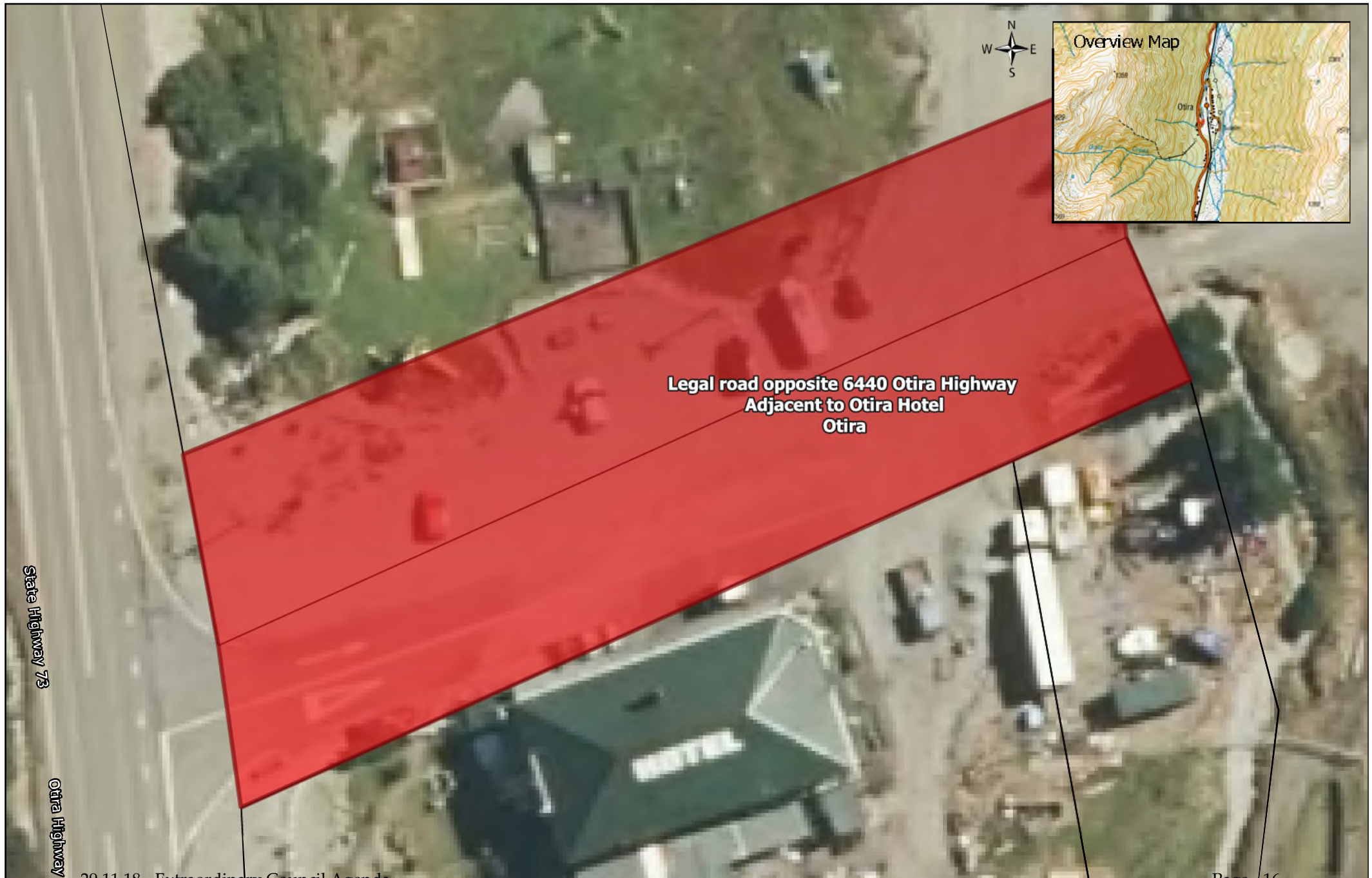
Refer to Appendix A for maps of the prohibited areas.

SCHEDULE 2: RESTRICTED AREAS FOR FREEDOM CAMPING

The entire district is subject to the restrictions listed in Section 8 of this bylaw, in order to protect public health and to preserve access by limiting the potential for permanent or semi-permanent occupation by any one vehicle in any particular location.

Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Legal road opposite 6440 Otira Highway, Adjacent to Otira Hotel, Otira
Reason: Access and safety



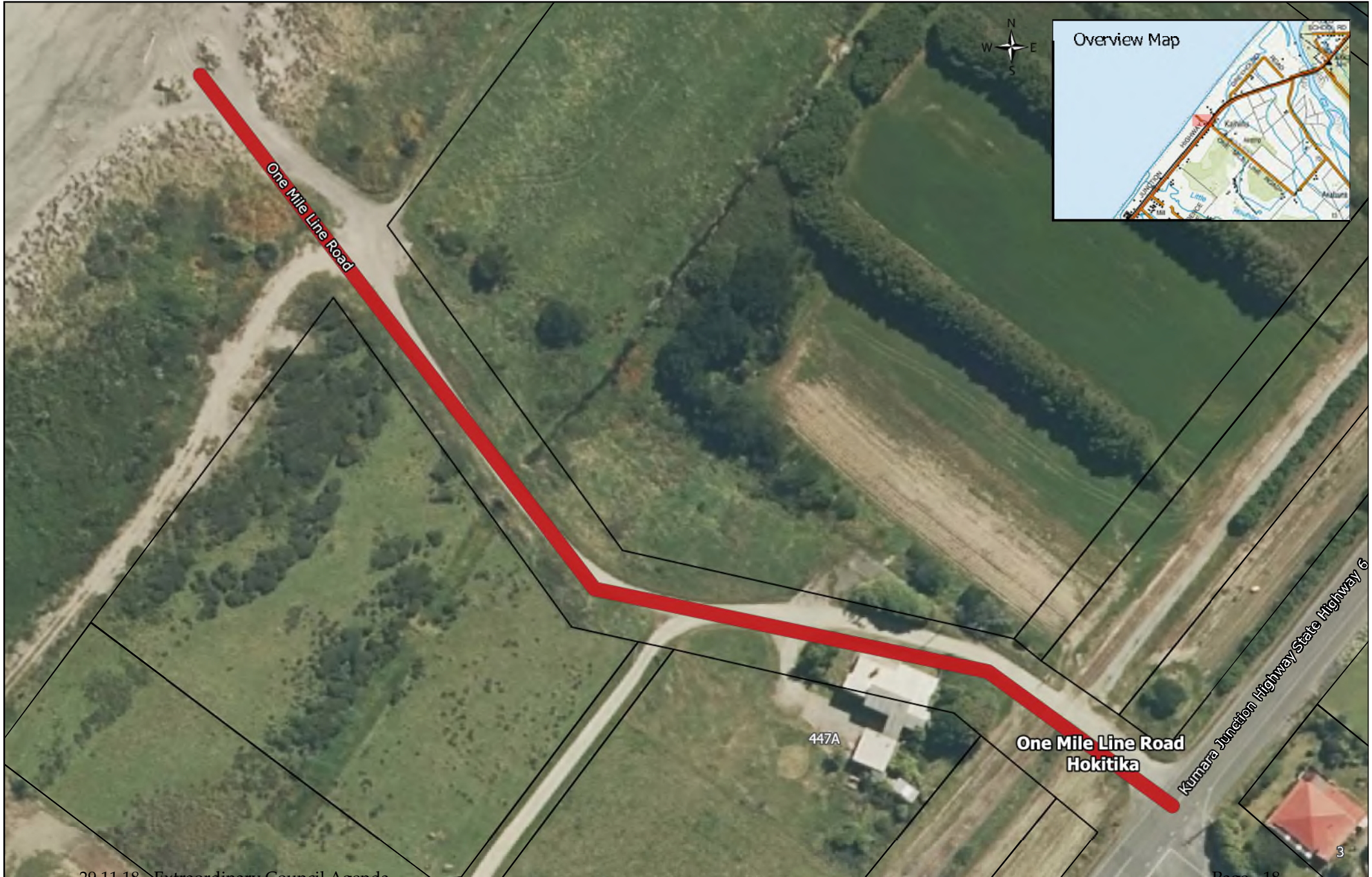
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Serpentine Road and beach, Kumara Junction
Reason: Access and safety (narrow road and prone to coastal inundation)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

One Mile Line Road, Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Three Mile Beach Access, Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Richards Drive (west of Revell St), Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



**Richards Drive (west of Revell St)
Hokitika**

Overview Map

Hokitika



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Beach Access (unnamed), Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Tudor St Beach Access, Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Hampden Street Beach Access, Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Stafford Street Beach Access
Reason: Access (high demand for locals and visitors)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Entirety of Beach Street, Hokitika
Reason: Access (high demand for locals and visitors)



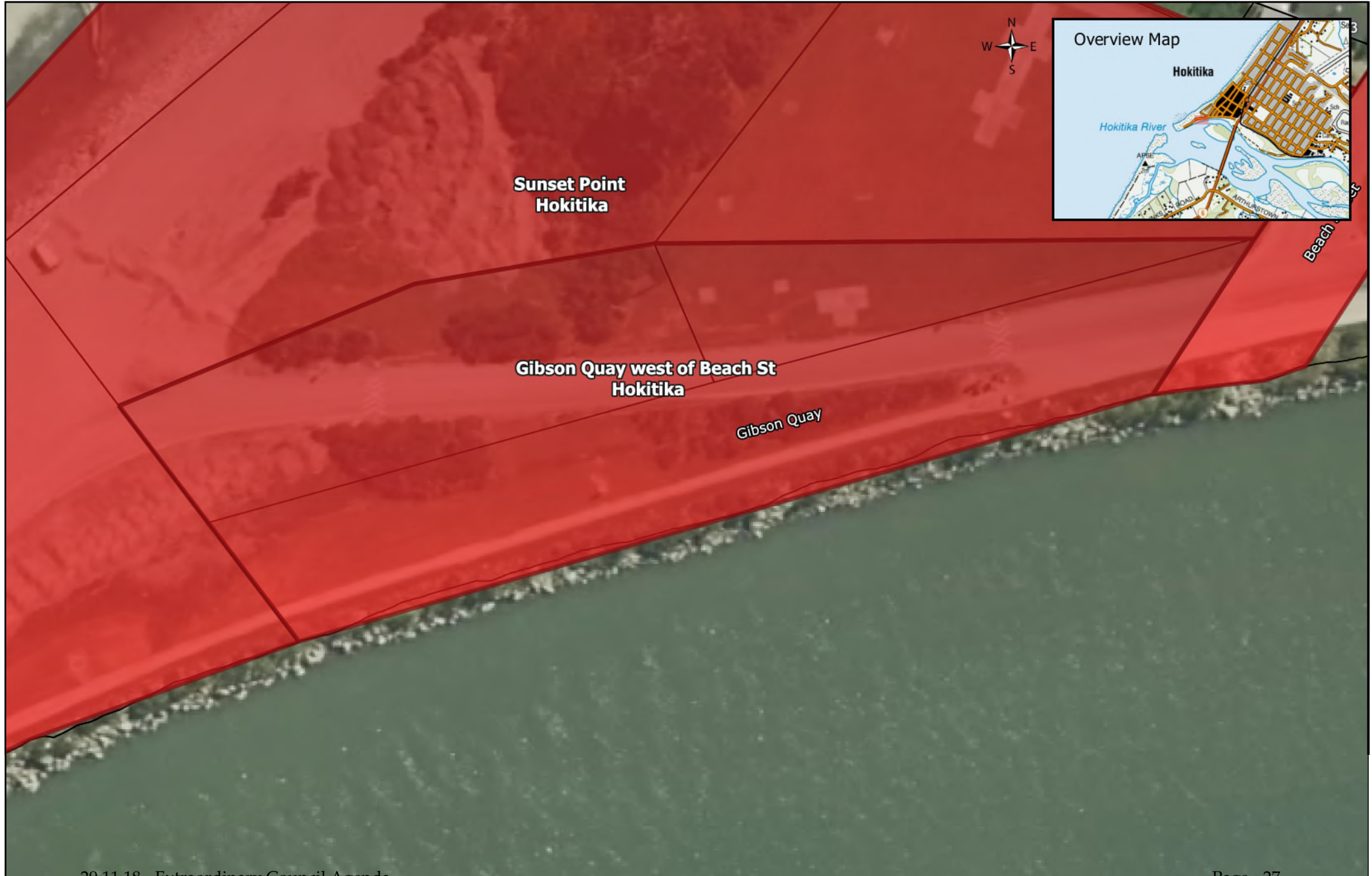
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Sunset Point, Hokitika
Reason: Access (high demand for locals and visitors)



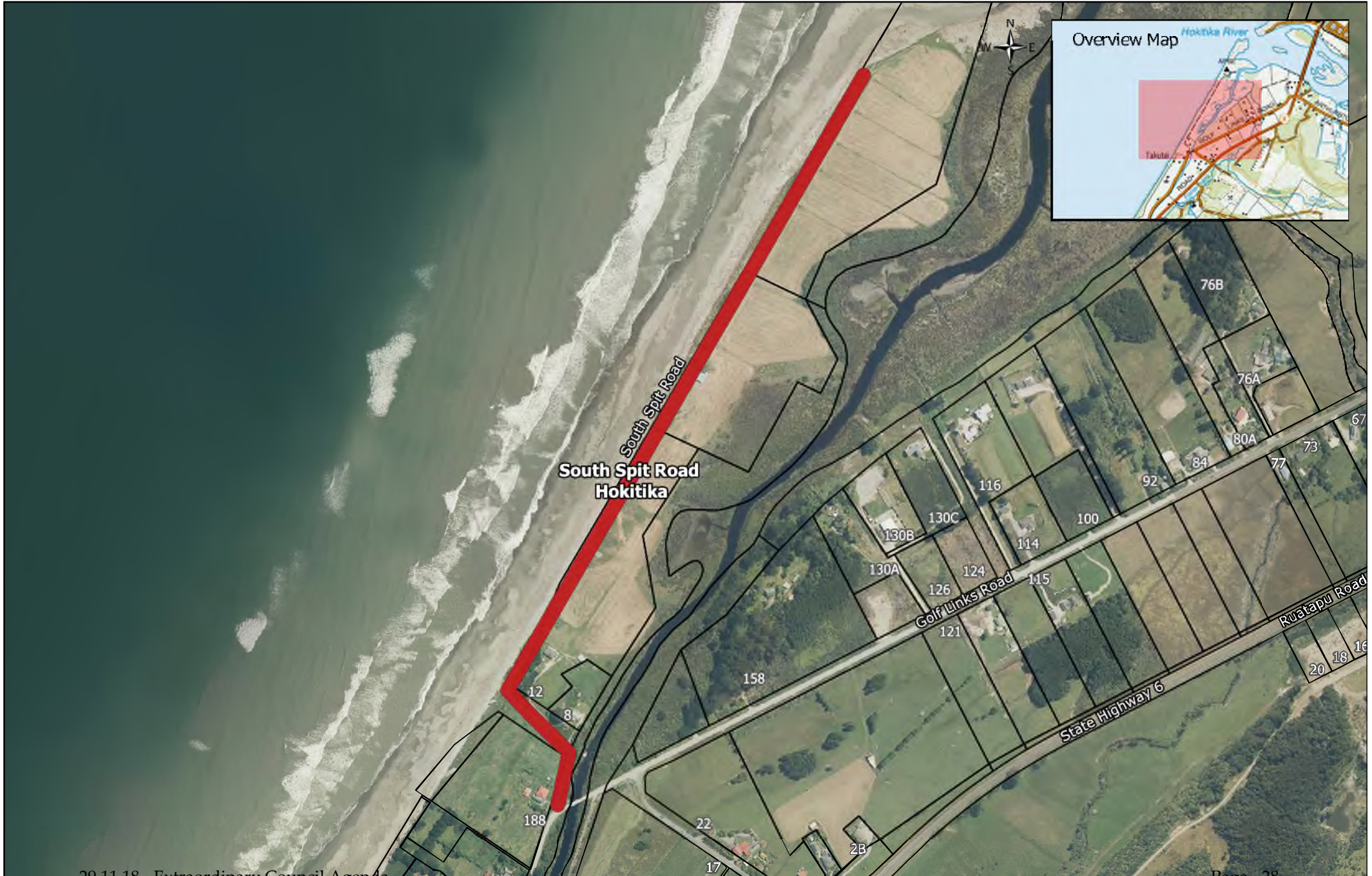
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Gibson Quay west of Beach St, Hokitika
Reason: Access (high demand for locals and visitors)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

South Spit Road, Hokitika
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



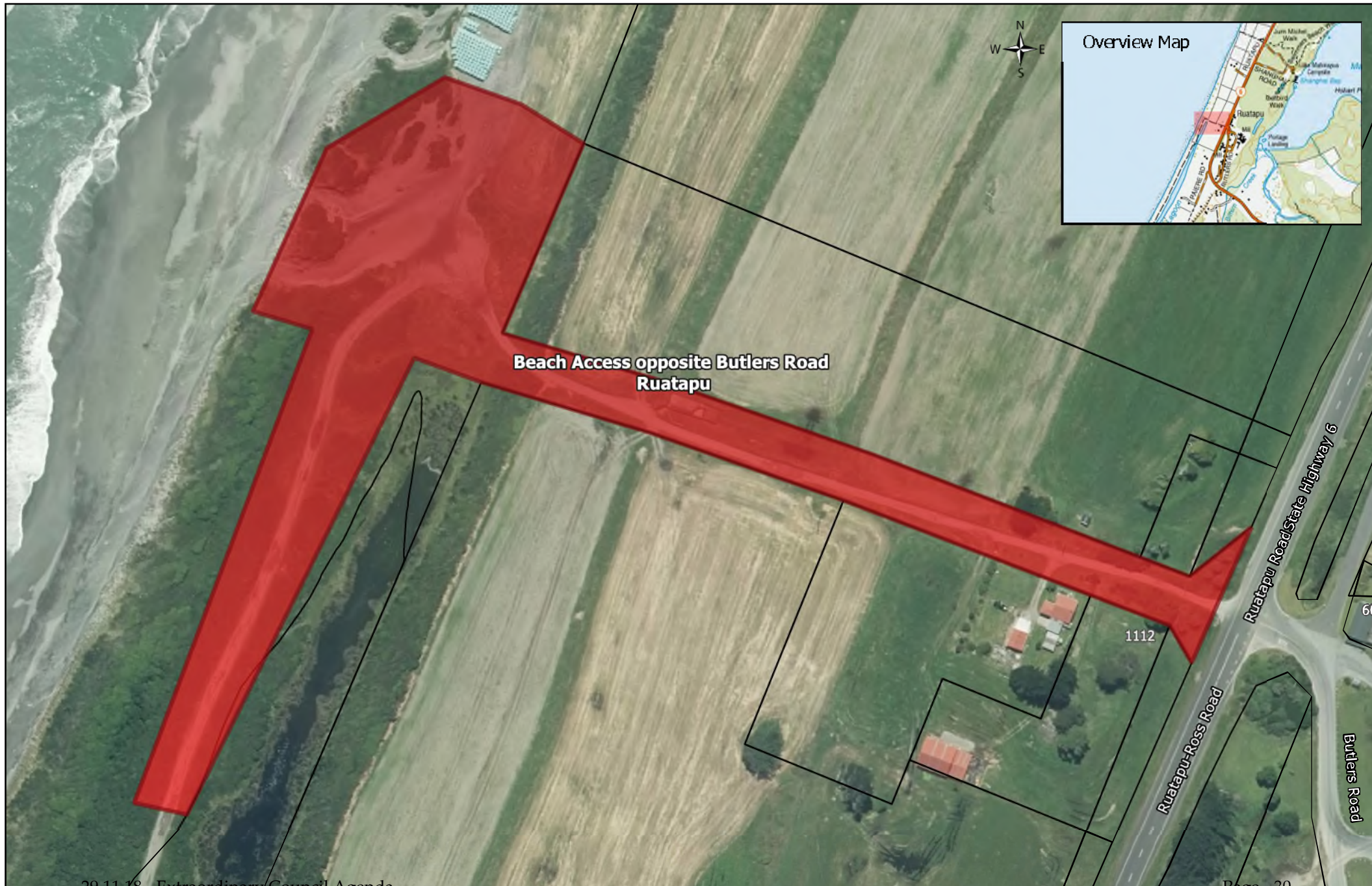
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Beach Access adjacent to Mahinapua Hotel, Ruatapu
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Beach Access opposite Butlers Road, Ruatapu
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Paiere Road, Ruatapu
Reason: Access and safety (narrow road, part of West Coast Wilderness Trail)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Ross Cemetery, Ross
Reason: Protection, access and safety (culturally sensitive site, with narrow, steep access road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Ross Beach Road, Ross
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

All of Okarito Village (except the domain), Okarito
Reason: Protection, access and safety (Environmentally sensitive site (kiwi habitat), with narrow access road)



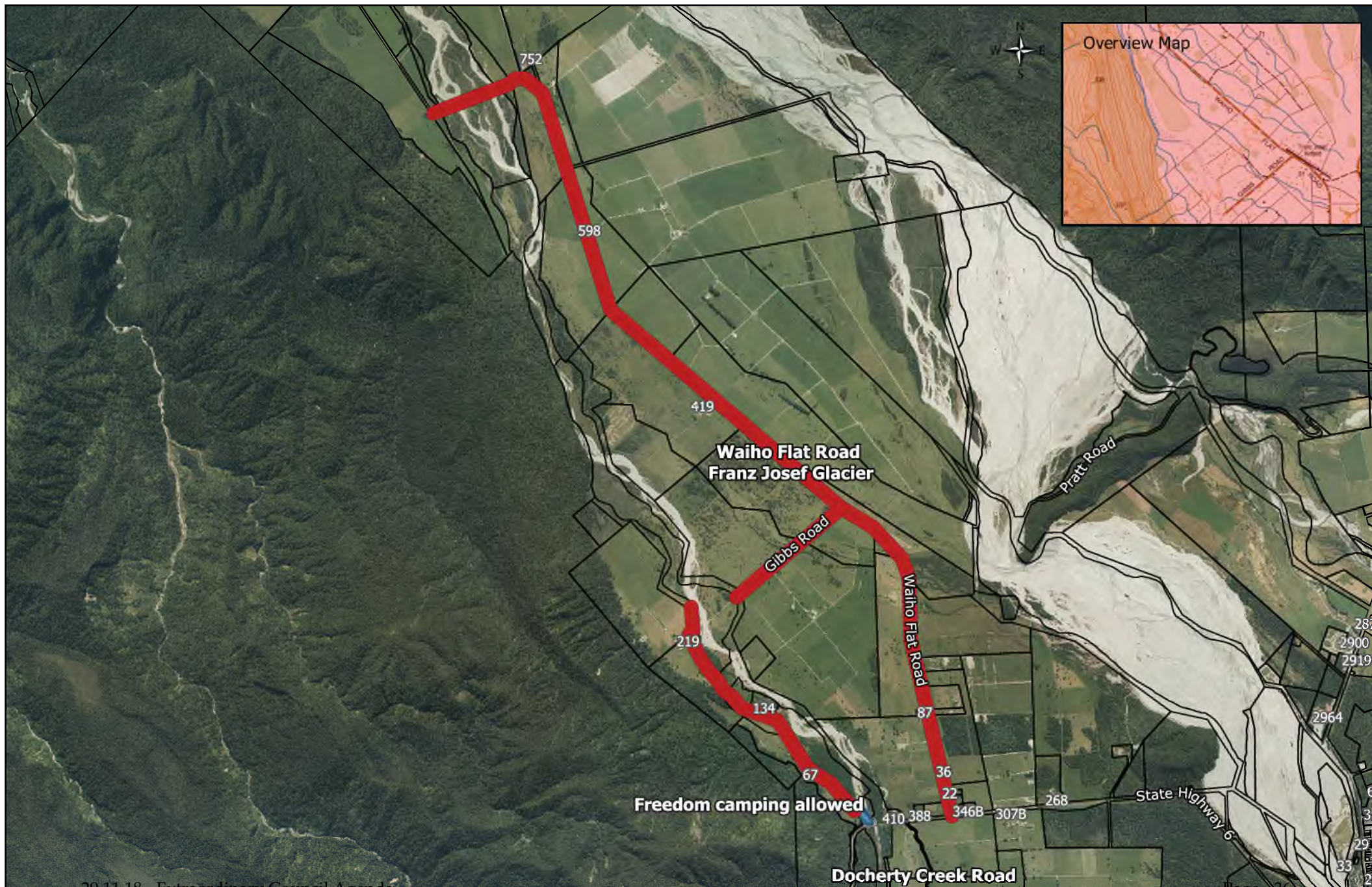
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Forks-Okarito Road, Okarito
Reason: Protection, access and safety (Environmentally sensitive site (kiwi habitat), with narrow access road)



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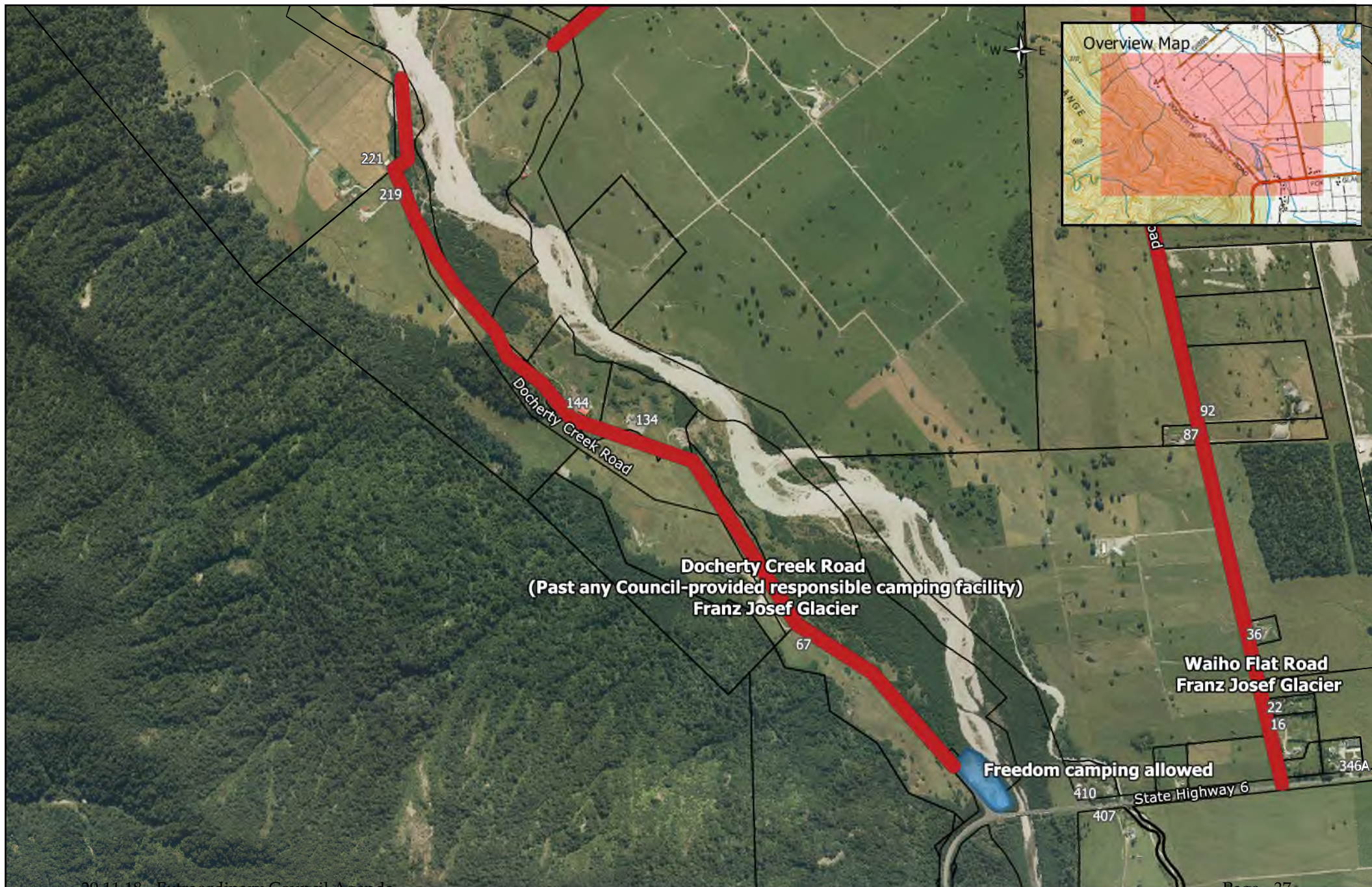
Waiho Flat Road, Franz Josef Glacier
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road, and flood risk)



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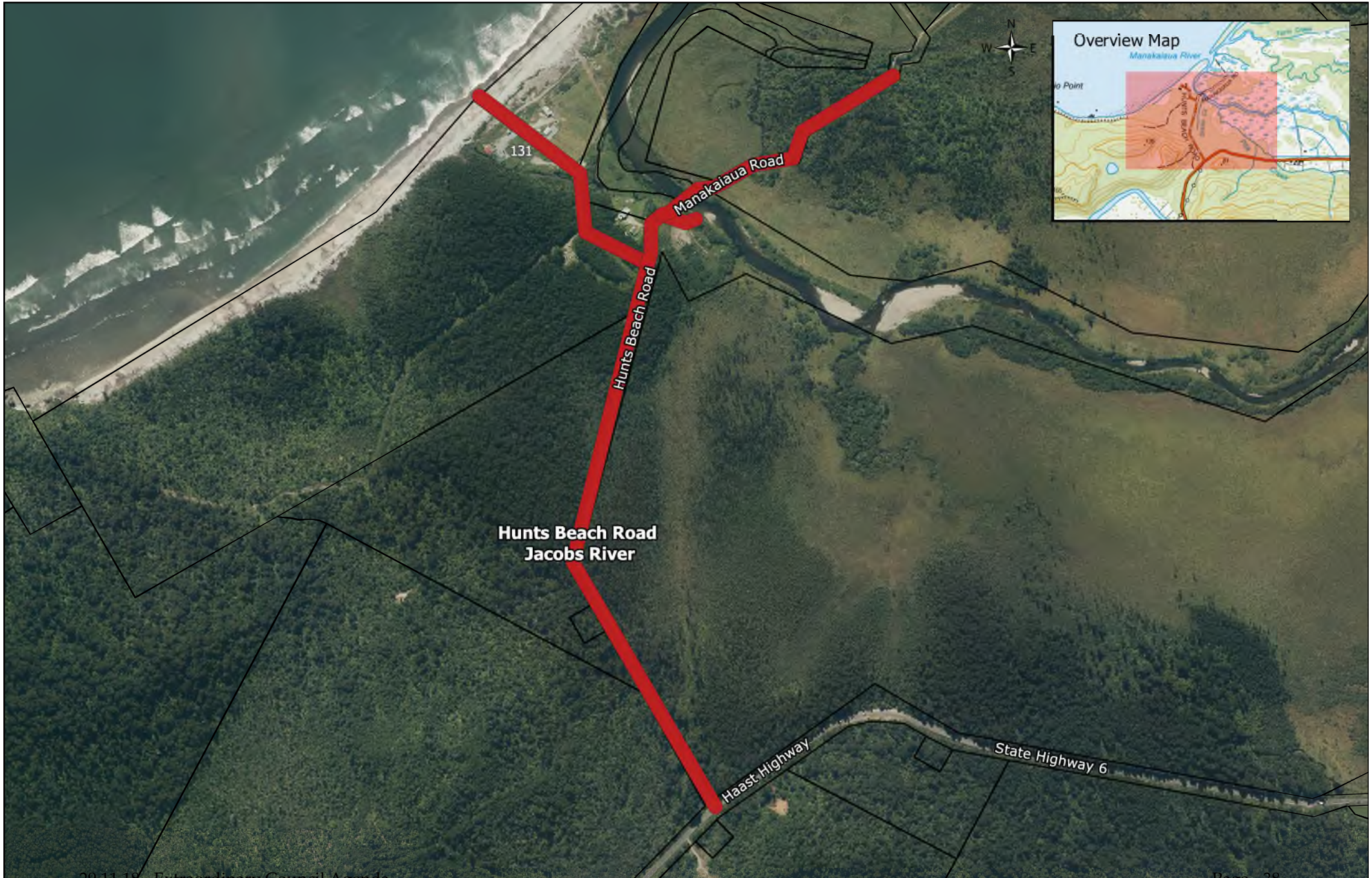
Docherty Creek Road, (Past any Council-provided responsible camping facility), Franz Josef Glacier

Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven road, and flood risk)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Hunts Beach Road, Jacobs River
Reason: Protection, access and safety (culturally sensitive site, with narrow access road)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Beach Access, Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



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Beach Access, Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Okuru (All Roads), Jackson Bay
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



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Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

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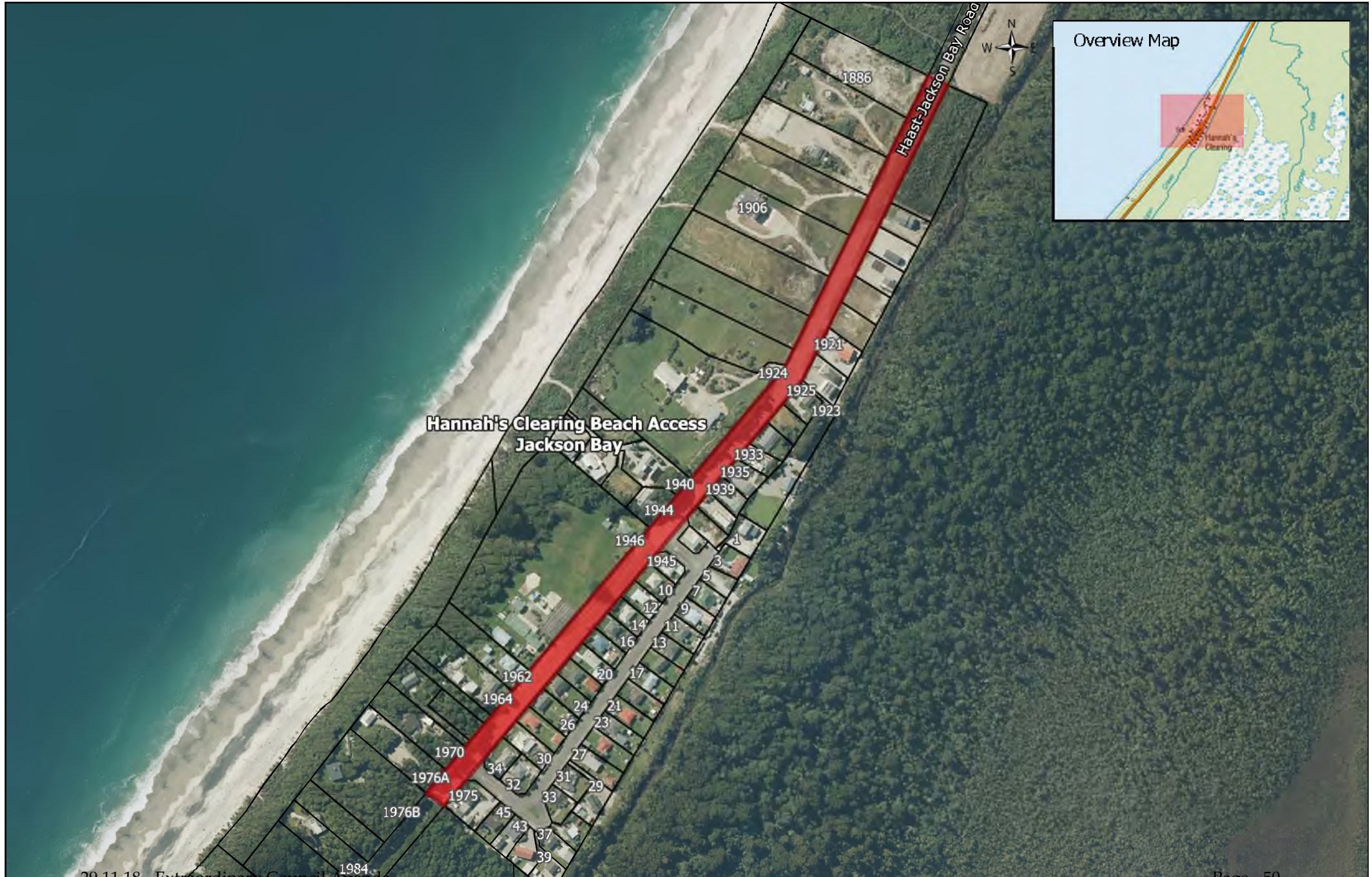
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Beach Access, Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Hannah's Clearing Beach Access, Jackson Bay
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



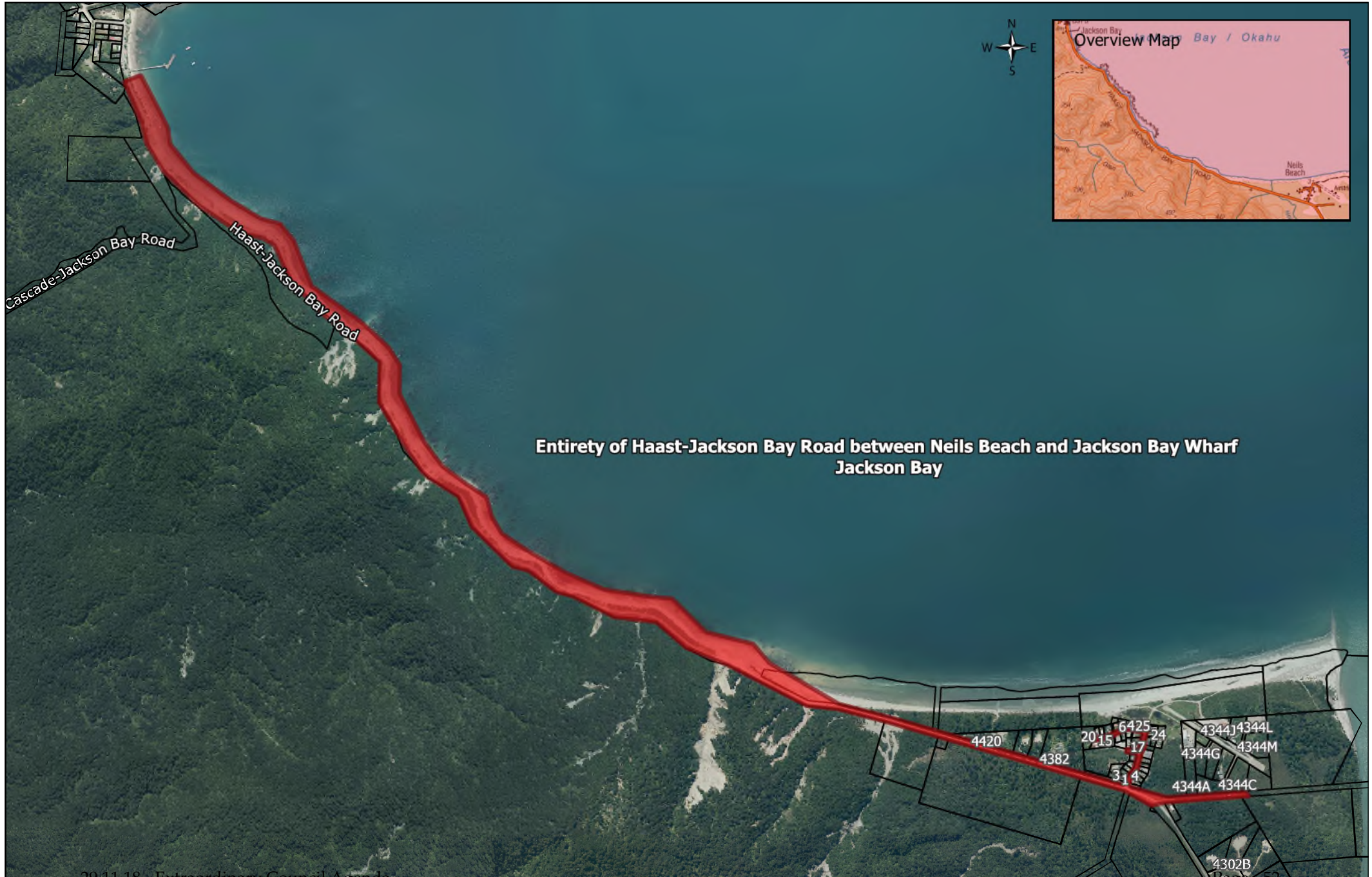
Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Beach Access, Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Reason: Access and safety (narrow, uneven roads)



Proposed Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping Westland District

Entirety of Haast-Jackson Bay Road between Neils Beach and Jackson Bay Wharf, Jackson Bay
Reason: Safety (narrow road with rockfall risk)



Persons wishing to be heard before Council 29th of November, 2018

1	22/10/18	03 755 4985 taandpa@xtra.co.nz	Trevor LISTER 50 Aylmer St, Ross	Nil	Oppose	Legality of bylaw and enforcement action.	Yes, in person
2	03/11/18	0211914115 tuhua333@gmail.com	Terry & Sandra BEATSON 1/26 Ridge Road, Waiake Auckland	Lake Kaniere Reserve/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Support	Area Administered by D.O.C	Yes, Spokesperson for the Lake Kaniere Bach Owners Association
3	03/11/18	0211914115 tuhua333@gmail.com	Terry & Sandra BEATSON 1/26 Ridge Road, Waiake Auckland	Lake Kaniere Reserve/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Support	Area Administered by D.O.C	Yes, Spokesperson for the Lake Kaniere Bach Owners Association
4	15/11/18	jim.trish.barnes@icloud.com	Jim & Trish BARNES	Concern over agreed areas in the CDB or self-contained campers	Not Stated	Areas agreed on, Tip Head, Beach Street, Land behind old fire station	Yes(via email)
5	15/11/18	037520212 021652933 franzjosefcd@xtra.co.nz	Craig RANKIN P.O.B (Chairman, Franz Josef Community Council)	Re opening of the proposed Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	Yes
6	15/11/18	021618802 charlieinross@gmail.com	Charlie Mc BEATH 25 Stewart Street Ross	Consideration for the Ross recreation reserve to be included as a responsible freedom camping site	Support	Consideration for a six month trial	Yes
7	15/11/18	0275283962 Loganskinner1@gmail.com	Logan SKINNER	Proposal does not meet camping ground act regulations	Oppose	(Note freedom camping exemptions to Act)	Yes
8	16/11/18	0272985648 james@nzmca.org.nz	James IMLACH National Policy and Planning Manager NZMCA	Recommends: Having clearly defined self- contained vehicle.	Support	Consideration Clearly define self- contained vehicle.	Yes , via video link

Persons wishing to be heard before Council 29th of November, 2018

				Designating restricted sites within prohibited areas for self- contained (Previously Agreed) Ensure restrictions apply only to areas owned and administered by TA		Amending Schedule 1 Amending Schedule 2 Additional sites as agreed	
9	16/11/18	0274367222 brucehokitika@gmail.com	Bruce WATSON Claudia LANDIS	Concerns related to south spit	Support	Request amendment to wording of Schedule 1 Wording on signage	Yes (also joint case)
10	16/11/18	03 7557666 Thompie99@yahoo.com	Jason THOMPSON 15 Beach Street Hokitika	Concern of number for area and how described. Lack of public toilets compounding issues. Determination and enforcement of self-contained vehicles.	Oppose	Ability of Council to enforce issues related to non self -contained freedom campers. Consideration 24hr toilets.	

Submissions of persons wishing to be heard before Council on the 29th of November, 2018; Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

1	22/10/18	03 755 4985 taandpa@xtra.co.nz	Trevor LISTER 50 Aylmer St, Ross	Nil	Oppose	Legality of bylaw and enforcement action.	Yes, in person
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Submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Monday, October 22, 2018 - 15:20

Submitted values are:

Name: Trevor Lister
 Organisation (if applicable):
 Postal address: 50 Aylmer St, Ross
 Email: taandpa@xtra.co.nz
 Phone Number: 755 4985
 Submission: I oppose the proposal
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Opening Remarks:

We all know what we want from Freedom Camping. The trouble is that what we want is not necessarily available to us in law. Right now this will not be fixed by by-laws. The problems of freedom camping go much deeper, as many confusing and contradictory Acts of Parliament impinge somewhere or other on freedom camping (see Annex A). All need to be met. Much still needs to be done before a secure by-law can be introduced.

Up until 2011 Councils said where freedom camping was allowed and under what circumstances. This arrangement was turned upside down by a realisation dawned, while preparing a set of updating regulations, that it was not consistent with New Zealand Human Rights legislation. This allows that no-one can be denied access to, or ejected from, a public space that they have a right to be on. The intended quick fix of the old old regulations was replaced by a new Act of Parliament specifically covering freedom camping.

Under this Act Councils can no longer say where freedom camping can not be done, only where it can't. The Act recognises that people are entitled to access, and to use, specific bits of land controlled by a local authority for the purpose of camping. If health and safety problems exist on any bit of that space then Councils may prohibit camping on it, or allow camping subject to conditions. Camping may also be prohibited by other legislation but Council camping by-laws must be consistent with New Zealand human rights legislation.

This creates a minefield for Councils, as any by-law that seeks to deny some people access to a public space, while allowing others to use it, cannot escape being inconsistent with the human rights legislation. This is the issue that tripped up the 2013 by-law, when the NZMCA pointed out that parts of it were inconsistent New Zealand human rights legislation. The barrier that ankle tapped the 2013 by-law remains. This submission looks at how it affects the 2018 proposal.

The proposal is essentially a redraft of the 2013 one, incorporating what the NZMCA sought at that time, but still containing the other in-consistencies of the earlier document. As it stands a challenge to it can be expected. As a ratepayer I see no good news in that possibility. Best to get it right now.

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 Camping on Reserves:

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The Reserves Act prohibits any temporary or permanent accommodation on Council Reserves so Freedom camping is already widely prohibited on many bits of Council controlled land, and no extra by-laws are needed to to control camping on reserves.

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Access Roads:

The proposal describes the physical condition of the access roads leading to its proposed banned freedom camping sites. I find this strange. A banned camping area my be identified by reference to the formed road passing through it, but banning freedom camping on the road itself makes no sense. With luck the road identifications refer to the entire road reserve, and not just the formed road itself. No by-law is necessary on a road reserve as the Reserves Act provisions apply here as well.

What is left is any bits of Council controlled land within 200 metres of the road. On these sites a prohibitory by-law may be necessary, but not because of the narrowness, steepness or bumpiness of a road. A road is a road and there are many reasons for using it, most of them disconnected from freedom camping. If the narrow, steep and bumpy road is a health and safety hazard then it should be closed to all traffic, not just freedom campers. I would read "access" in the Act as meaning the much smaller track that leads from the formed road into the site itself. It is the dangers or vulnerabilities presented by the sites, and these access tracks, that need to be taken into account when deciding whether or not the site is suitable for freedom camping. The condition of the formed road to it is irrelevant to ranking the site.

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The The Concessionary Proposal:

A local authority cannot set aside sites for freedom camping. The Freedom Camping Act has already done that by establishing freedom camping as an activity available as of right on specified local authority controlled land.

Any given site is either suitable for freedom camping, suitable with conditions attached, or unsuitable under any circumstances.

The Council cannot pick and chose who does or does not get to camp on a given site. There is no power in the Act that grants a discretionary power to allow some campers access to a site, while denying it to others. If the Council determines that camping must be prohibited on a given site then no-one may camp on it under any circumstances.

The health, safety, and potential damage vulnerabilities that led to the ban do not disappear when some-one writes to the Council. If the vulnerabilities have been addressed then the Council must remove that site from their banned sites list. If they have been ameliorated to the extent that camping can be allowed subject to conditions then camping under those conditions must be made available to all. No application to camp is necessary.

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Self Containment:

A New Zealand Standard for self containment of wastes in caravans and motor caravans has been in place since 1990. It predates the Freedom Camping Act and was used as a condition of camping under the old regime. Its purpose statement clarifies that compliance with it is not compulsory, but that it might provide access to camping sites that would otherwise be denied. This was true up to 2011, but Parliament declined to endorse a special status for it when considering the Freedom Camping Act. The official advice on this matter was "Vehicles are only as environmentally friendly as the people who inhabit them".

The standard was born into a different world from the one laid out in the Act. When set against the Act it is lacking in scope and outmoded in its technical details. What was inconvenient under the old

arrangements is discriminatory under the Act. The Act must determine what should be in the standard, not the other way round. The standard needs to be up-dated and brought into line with current motor vehicle registration law, as well as the Freedom Camping Act, before it can be used as a secure basis for a by-law.

(see Annex B)

The officials declared in 2011 that self containment was a matter for the local authorities, Councils could decide the level of containment, if any, on any given site. This is disingenuous. The officials also advised that campers can only be ejected from a site for offenses against the Act, and that offending against a by-law is not the same as offending against the Act. No matter what level of self containment a Council decides on, its enforcement officers can only eject a camper from a camp site if they have been caught in the act of littering, depositing offensive material or damaging the site. A suspicion that they might do so is no cause for ejection. That has interesting implications for a fine against a by-law in limbo. If a camper cannot be ejected from a site, how can they be fined for remaining there?

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The 2 Day Stay:

Moving on every two days gives opportunity to empty camper waste holding tanks on a regular basis. The problem is that time stay bans cannot guarantee that that will happen. The only way to ensure empty tanks is to inspect for them when the vehicle first appears on each and every freedom camping site.

This is plainly impractical.

Any motor vehicle at all is a potential freedom camping shelter. Enforcement of an “x” day stay regime, whether that be by days on site or days per month, entails real time tracking of every vehicle passing through the WDC District and every freedom camping site on every day. Forget it!

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Annex A: The Scaffolding For Freedom Camping.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 is unusual in that it leans upon, and is affected by, many other Acts of Parliament. Those pertinent to this submission are listed below.

The Bill of Rights Act 1990. (Section 18 – Freedom of movement).

Everyone lawfully in New Zealand has the right of freedom of movement and residence in New Zealand.

The Human Rights Act 1993. (Section 134 Offenses – paraphrased) It is an offense to refuse access to, or use of, a place or space which members of the public are allowed to enter or use. It is also an offense to refuse access to facilities in such a place which are available to members of the public, or to require any person to leave or cease to use that place or facilities.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (Section 5 Interpretation) Freedom Camping is camping on land controlled by Local Authorities within 200

metres of a motor vehicle accessible area or a formed road in a tent, caravan, car, campervan, housetruck or other motor vehicle.

2011 Departmental Advice to the Select Committee considering the Freedom Camping Bill:

There is no need to provide a definition of “camping” as it has a natural meaning of “staying for a short time in temporary structures in outdoor or remote locations”.

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The Land Transport Act 1998 (Section 1 Interpretation) "Road" is any place to which the public has access, whether of right or not.

The Reserves Act 1977 (Section 44 Unauthorised Use of Reserves) No person shall use a reserve (or any building, caravan, tent, or structure situated therein) for the purpose of permanent or temporary personal accommodation.

Motor Vehicle Register Attributes. Table 2.2.1 Vehicle Type Codes and Definitions.

The Interpretation Act 1999 (Section 5 Ascertaining Meaning of Legislation)

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Annex B: An Analysis of the Self Containment Standard.

The standard is limited in a general sense as it was created as a voluntary document with the stated purpose of facilitating camping on sites that did not have sewage facilities. Whether viewed as a voluntary or a required document it has no power on a site with a toilet. The on-site toilet provides coverage for the Act's offense that no-one shall deposit obnoxious or dangerous material while freedom camping.

The only legitimate descriptions for motor vehicles in New Zealand law are those contained in the Motor Vehicle Register. The motor registration term for what the standard describes as "motor caravan" is "self propelled caravan." There are no "motor caravans" on the New Zealand vehicle register. The MCA may adopt any description it likes for its members vehicles, but the Freedom Camping Act must defer to the motor registration descriptions.

The standard is limited in the specific sense as it applies only to "caravans" and "motor caravans". The Act covers any motor vehicle at all, but the standard provides no authority to inspect, certify or reject those other vehicles. The distinction is important as the register sets a lower threshold for when a vehicle passes from being a "goods vehicle" to also being a "self propelled caravan" and therefore whether it does, or does not, fall within the ambit of the standard. (The registration definition for "self propelled caravan" is a goods vehicle permanently fitted with at least one sleeping berth and a table).

The Act applies to any motor vehicle from a moped onwards, right up to a large truck with a sleeping berth. All are recognised as shelters within which people may freedom camp, but most cannot be assessed against the self contained standard as, by definition, they are not covered by it. An insistence on obtaining a self contained certificate as a prerequisite for camping in these vehicles is akin to a Monty Python sketch where a suitor must first complete an impossible task before claiming their fair lady.

There are any number of ways that small cars or motorcycles, with a bit of assistance from a tent or a trailer, could satisfy the litter and deposit of obnoxious materials cautions of the Act to the level demanded by the current self containment standard, and yet still be denied access to a camping site for lack of certification. The standard needs to be called in and modernised before it can serve as a pre-condition of camping.

Even then the value of a self containment certificate is questionable. A self containment certificate informs us on the state of the vehicle as presented for its certification inspection, but it tells nothing about its state when it trundles onto a camping site. A certified self contained vehicle with its containment tanks full is indistinguishable from a non self contained one. In

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2011 the officials cautioned that this created a unique vulnerability – the risk of on site discharge of a large volume of human waste. The advice that “vehicles are only as environmentally friendly as the people who inhabit them” is true. A self containment certificate gives no guarantee that an offense against the Act will not occur.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: Yes If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:

No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

2	03/11/18	0211914115 tuhua333@gmail.com	Terry & Sandra BEATSON 1/26 Ridge Road, Waiake Auckland	Lake Kaniere Reserve/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Support	Area Administered	Yes, Spokesperson for the Lake Kaniere Bach Owners Association
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Submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Saturday, November 3, 2018 - 16:22

Submitted values are:

Name: Terry and Sandra BEATSON

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Phone Number: 021 191 4225

Submission: I support the proposal

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I wish to make a submission that the freedom camping restrictions in Westland INCLUDE the Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve including the Lake Kaniere foreshore and surrounding streams .

I am a home owner at Lake Kaniere and for the past 8 years I spend a significant amount of time cleaning up rubbish, consisting of used toilet paper , female sanitary products ,, baby wipes (non degradable) and other refuse associated with persons camping on the foreshore without restrictions.

I keep what I would regard as a keen vigil on the foreshore at Hans Bay and at Rose Creek and I am constantly amazed at the amount of filth , in the form of the aforementioned that is left around the place.

In 2016 this was brought to the publics attention via the newspaper as several areas used by indiscriminate campers was trashed by broken bottles, left over food , and other trash.

This in itself is bad enough , however, Lake Kaniere is a special case in point as its water is clean and pure and is a priceless natural asset , not just of the West Coast , but the whole of NZ.

Freedom camping is irresponsible and encourages a slack attitude towards meaningful care of the environment.

No one in North America or Europe is OK with it and one does not come across it .

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Lake Kaniere is a gem in the West Coast region and freedom camping , in my observation, is a despoiler of this environment.

Please consider this submission and include the Lake Kaniere area as a freedom camping NO GO AREA>

I also otherwise support the restrictions as per the Council plans and hope freedom camping is banned on the West Coast Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: Yes If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: Yes Specify the party: Lake Kaniere Bach Owners association Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

3	10/11/18	03750083 info@haastbeach.nz	Nicola JOHNSTON P.O.Box6 HAAST	Proposed HAAST beach gravel Pit	Oppose	Concern lack of compliance officers Proximity to submitters property	Yes, Audio/Visual link
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Submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 09:42

Submitted values are:

Name: Nicola Johnston

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HAAST 7844

Email: info@haastbeach.nz

Phone Number: 03 7500803

Submission: I oppose the proposal

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While I agree in principle to have some areas set aside for self contained freedom campers the proposal as put forward by the WDC suggests a completely underpowered staff to administer it. There needs to be a paid person in each region to ensure that rubbish and services such as toilets are properly maintained. One person for South Westland is woefully inadequate and unrealistic. I would be more supportive if this proposal was to be overseen by DOC as they are currently doing a great job managing the camp sites they administer (Paringa and Pleasant Flat).

The Haast Beach gravel pit has been suggested as a possible site. My reluctance to support this is based on the sites proximity to a business providing unpowered camp sites about 3km away and its proximity to my own premises as I will be the 'complaints department' when the facilities are not properly maintained.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: Yes If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: Yes

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4	15/11/18	jim.trish.barnes@icloud.com	Jim & Trish BARNES	Concern over agreed areas in the CBD or self-contained campers	Not Stated	Areas agreed on, Tip Head, Beach Street, Land behind old fire station	Yes
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From: Jim Trish Barnes <jim.trish.barnes@icloud.com>

Date: 15 November 2018 at 9:01:30 AM NZDT

To: mayor@westlanddc.govt.nz, David Carruthers <d.carruthers@xtra.co.nz>

Subject: Enquiry from Council Website Self Contained Motor Home Parking.

Bruce & David,

Bruce I am just following up on my discussion with you beginning of our white bait season, regarding self contained over night parking in the CBD area of Hokitika.

Some back ground info,

When James Imlach from NZMCA was visiting Hokitika late 2016 for Resource Consent requirements for our park South Side we had discussions with Jim Ebinho, and we took the opportunity to discuss the Motor home friendly town application.

One of the requirements of being a Motor home friendly town was that the public provide some parking areas in the CBD of the town so users can stay for one night if say visiting restaurants or going to the movies.

any way, Myself, Jim Ebinho, and James Imlach "the three Jim's", at Jim Ebinho's request did did a drive around Jim showed us parks along Hokitika river saying that these areas could be used, the area at the Tip head under development developed some of it to be made into parks, we then drove up Beach street and he showed us areas on beach street in front of hotel and the area being developed on the north end of Beach Street He said that the area in front of the hotel could be used and was being used, the land north end could be developed, then he showed us the parking area behind the old fire Brigade and the vacant section one street in from beach street where an old hall had been puled down be hind Dulcies take aways, saying that they could be used. Making some Restricted over night self contained parking areas.

How ever i note, now in the proposed Parking Plan that all these area's are Prohibited No camping areas, my under standing is that this is not in keeping with the requirement of being a motor home friendly town.

I hope you can do some thing that will ensure our people of Hokitika can continue to reap the benefits of being a proud Motor home friendly town ensuring the MH public in self contained Motor Homes can have some free over night parking in the CBD of Hokitika when dining out or going to the late night movies.

I would like you also to consider this for Haast and Franz Josef as both the small towns with very little effort cold also become Motor home friendly with out costing the rate payer very much. It would be great having a motor home friendly town both ends of our long district and maybe one in

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the middle.

Thanks for your time

Jim Barnes Concerned rate payer and NZMCA member.

5	15/11/18	037520212 021652933 franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz	Craig RANKIN P.O.B (Chairman, Franz Josef Community Council)	Re opening of the proposed Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	Yes
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Submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Thursday, November 15, 2018 - 11:27

Submitted values are:

Name: Craig Rankin

Organisation (if applicable): Franz Josef Community Council Postal address:
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Franz Josef 7856

Email: franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz

Phone Number: 7520212

Submission: I oppose the proposal

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Dear Westland District Council staff and Councillors

In response to the proposed Freedom camping bylaw, the Franz Josef Community Council would like to make the following comments:

1. The community strongly oppose the proposed council site at Docherty's creek which will create problems that do not currently exist. These have been discussed at length at the recent meeting which we are grateful for the CEO and council staff attending. At the most recent and all past community meetings, the vast majority of the community have strongly opposed the reopening of the site that was closed by council due to the huge number of vans parking at the site and the inability to effectively control the extensive negative effects.

2. Due to the far higher than normal volumes of both tourists and freedom campers who choose to stop and take photos or camp in the Glacier Country scenic roadside spots we believe in the interest of public health (people coming into contact with human faeces and general rubbish left by freedom campers) we believe freedom camping should be banned between Whataroa and Bruce Bay including Okarito and all other side roads. Due to the volume of people involved in scenic "hot spots" we believe this particular part of South Westland poses a greater risk to human health than other areas and so freedom camping should be completely banned. Note this area is also blessed with many private and DOC camp sites.

Specific examples include but are not limited to:

- Due to the narrow streets, the need for large buses to turn regularly and general heavy summer traffic volumes Freedom Camping should be banded between Oasis Motel and the Waiho River (including side streets such as Cron street)– an easily defined area encompassing central Franz Josef and the areas of greatest traffic volume.

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- Due to the limited parking / turning space and high summer use by boat owners Freedom Camping should be banned at Jetty Bay, Southern end of Lake Mapourika.
 - Due to the sensitive environmental nature and risks of human waste entering Lake Mapourika (used for swimming and water sports) if within Council power we wish to see Freedom camping along the entire length of Lake Mapourika.
3. We would like to see council efforts focused on enforcement and education, with regular patrols in the evening by council officers.
 4. Several members of the local community have expressed a willingness to work for the council on a volunteer basis to help educate and enforce any bylaw if a percentage of the fine went back to the local community.
 5. We would like some of these funds spent on rubbish bins and collection in town and from the sides of the state highway and scenic spots frequented by freedom campers

Should you wish to clarify any of these points please feel free to call myself on 0211652933.

Craig Rankin
Community Council Chairman
On behalf of the Franz Josef Community.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: Yes If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: Yes Specify the party: Franz Inc Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

6	15/11/18	021618802 charlieinross@gmail.com	Charlie Mc BEATH 25 Stewart Street Ross	Consideration for the Ross recreation reserve to be included as a responsible freedom camping site	Support	Consideration for a six month trial	Yes
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Submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Thursday, November 15, 2018 - 19:45

Name: Charlie McBeath
Organisation (if applicable):
Postal address: 25 Stewart Street
Email: charlieinross@gmail.com
Phone Number: 021618802
Submission: I support the proposal
Type submission here: The east end of the Ross Recreation Reserve should be considered as a designated Freedom Camping area for the trial period of six months as originally put to the Ross Community by the Westland District Council. Historically the east end was a camping area when Ross was a Borough Council.

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: Yes If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

7	15/11/18	0275283962 Loganskinner1@gmail.com	Logan SKINNER	Proposal does not meet camping ground act regulations	Oppose	(Note freedom camping exemptions to Act)	Yes
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I strongly oppose WDC opening freedom camping sites which do not meet the camping ground act regulations in opposition to local businesses. Westland is blessed with many low cost DOC sites. I strongly disagree with the bogus research, the vast majority of users of Freedom camp sites do not contribute significant economically to the district - I have worked with these people daily for several years. Let's focus on providing clean toilets and other facilities to higher value tourists that add value to the district.

Council has significantly underestimated the use a site such as Docherty creek will get and will never be able to manage it effectively. Prior to any facilities being added up to 70 vans were using the site. With facilities at the site council should expect far more vans - close to a full time employee will be needed at this site alone.

There are many privately owned campervan parks in the district where people have invested hard earned money. Council will be using tax payers money to subsidise competition to these sites (and low value tourists holidays).

Council should focus on education and enforcement. The local communities will often be willing to issue tickets if the community gets a share of the revenue.

People sleeping and leaving rubbish and worse in our most scenic sites lowers the value of our tourism product and detracts from higher value tourists experience- who wants to see toilet paper everywhere.

People sleeping in town and using gardens and the footpath to cook, wash dishes and worse is not the view high end tourists want.

Many Large buses need to turn in the narrow streets of Franz Josef- large campervans create difficulties for traffic flows in Franz Josef and similar towns.

Human waste in our most scenic spots creates health risks to tourists and locals alike.

Regards

Logan Skinner

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8	16/11/18	0272985648 james@nzmca.org.nz	James IMLACH National Policy and Planning Manager NZMCA	Recommends: Having clearly defined self-contained vehicle. Designating restricted sites within prohibited areas for self-contained (Previously Agreed) Ensure restrictions apply only to areas owned and administered by TA	Support	Consideration Clearly define self-contained vehicle. Amending Schedule 1 Amending Schedule 2 Additional sites as agreed	Yes , via video link
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16 November 2018

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SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018

Introduction

1. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Westland District Council's proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 (the bylaw). We wish to speak to this submission (preferably by videoconference if the facility is available).
2. Over 85,000 individual New Zealanders are current financial members of the NZMCA and share a passion for exploring our country at leisure in their certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. Most NZMCA members are hybrid campers frequently alternating between commercial campgrounds, DOC campsites, NZMCA Parks and freedom camping areas.
3. The majority of NZMCA members are retirees and baby-boomers who uphold the principles of Tikanga (respecting local etiquette) and Kaitiakitanga (protecting our environment) when visiting local places. The West Coast is a popular holiday destination for members and their families. They enjoy experiencing a variety of West Coast events, activities and attractions while camping overnight in towns like Hokitika (an official Motorhome Friendly Town).
4. Close to 1,000 individual members call the West Coast home and many enjoy freedom camping with their families in their own backyard. Therefore, the proposal will have a significant impact on the ability for thousands of New Zealanders and West Coast residents alike who enjoy freedom camping responsibly within the Westland District.
5. The NZMCA is a strong advocate for responsible camping in certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. We support local bylaws and policies that uphold the permissive premise of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the FCA) and, if deemed necessary, restrict freedom camping to certified self-contained vehicles only (as the bylaw proposes).

Summary and key recommendations

6. The NZMCA supports the main thrust of the bylaw, including the proposed restrictions.
7. The NZMCA recommends:
 - a. Clearly defining 'certified self-contained vehicle' taking guidance from the Model Freedom Camping Bylaw;
 - b. Amending Schedule 1 and designating restricted sites within prohibited areas for those travelling in certified self-contained vehicles; and
 - c. Amending Schedule 2 to ensure the restrictions apply only to local authority areas as required by the FCA (the current wording implies the bylaw also applies to land outside the council's jurisdiction).

General comments

8. In preparing this submission we have read the statement of proposal and freedom camping report included in the Extraordinary Council Meeting agenda dated 11 October 2018 (the report).
9. We commend the council for proposing a bylaw in line with the FCA's bylaw-making requirements, while recognising the issues that may / may not be taken into consideration. For example, the council acknowledges in the report that it cannot restrict or prohibit freedom camping without justification and that perceived competition with existing accommodation providers is not a valid reason to limit the areas where freedom camping can take place.
10. We also agree with the report's recommendation that a blanket prohibition on freedom camping in parks and reserves is unnecessary, and that a site-by-site approach should be taken. Proportionality is a fundamental condition of any freedom camping bylaw. Other local authorities, e.g. Whangarei and Tauranga City Council's, have taken advantage of their delegated powers under the Reserves Act 1977 to permit freedom camping on reserves in order to achieve greater consistency with their freedom camping bylaws.
11. We support the council's endeavor to achieve a consistent and permissive approach with the other West Coast districts. Maintaining a permissive approach towards (at least) certified self-contained vehicles will help maintain Hokitika's Motorhome Friendly Town status.

Schedule 1 – Prohibited Areas

12. While we respect the council's ability to prohibit freedom camping in specified local authority areas, we believe there is scope to relax the rules by restricting certified self-contained vehicles to designated sites within some prohibited areas.

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13. For example, freedom camping is prohibited throughout Beach Street, however we believe the council can afford to designate sites in amongst the prohibited area without compromising access for other recreational visitors to the area. This would strike a fairer balance between the range of visitors – including responsible campers, who enjoy using the parking area. Other local authority bylaws have followed a similar approach. Other councils have also adopted a flexible and dynamic approach to managing these restricted areas, allowing them to increase or decrease the designated areas (by council resolution only) according to seasonal demand.

14. Over a year ago, NZMCA representatives met with the Council's Group Manager overseeing freedom camping to identify sites within Hokitika that would be suitable for freedom camping in certified self-contained vehicles (identified sites include those that are now prohibited in the bylaw). The purpose of this exercise was to demonstrate to the NZMCA that there are plenty of suitable overnight parking options for certified self-contained vehicles within Hokitika. This, in turn, enabled the NZMCA to grant Hokitika Motorhome Friendly Town status.

15. We will elaborate on our suggestions to amending Schedule 1, including suitable areas where restricted camping could be considered, at the bylaw hearing.

Yours faithfully,
New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.



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9	16/11/18	0274367222 brucehokitika@gmail.com	Bruce WATSON Claudia LANDIS	Concerns related to south spit	Support
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**SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED
WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018**

This submission is a public document and the details provided will be available for viewing by members of the public.

Description of Proposal

Council provided public notice that a Statement of Proposal under Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, the Westland District Council proposes the Westland District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 is available. The public notice provides information about how the public can acquire information about the proposal and make a submission. More information about the proposal can be found on Council's website www.westlanddc.govt.nz.

The closing date for submissions is 16 November 2018

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**To be attached to the submission form from Bruce Watson and Claudia Landis
Submission on the Proposed WDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018**

Introduction

We live at 8 South Spit Rd and also own 12 South Spit Rd and hold the DOC lease over the conservation land and reserve paddocks on South Spit. The house at 12 South Spit is tenanted and the paddocks are subleased to Marty Von Ah.

We have used South Spit recreating and/or living there for 40 years since first settling in the Hokitika area. So we know the area and its users well.

Our Attitude to the proposal

We congratulate Council on the overall proposed bylaw as we think it achieves a reasonable balance, given the constraints of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

We generally support the Council’s proposed bylaw, especially for its provisions for the areas in and around Hokitika which we know best. We think the bylaw will enhance local peoples’ and discerning visitors’ enjoyment of the area. But there are some amendments we would like to see.

Our proposed amendments are specifically for the proposed South Spit prohibited area, but some of these also have more general application to other prohibited areas.

Proposed amendments

1. Wording of Schedule 1: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping

For South Spit Rd the current reasons are given as “Access and safety (narrow,

uneven road)”

We would like to see this wording amended to:

“Protection (penguin habitat), access, safety (narrow road and prone to coastal inundation)”

Reasons:

South Spit and the adjacent beach is an important public recreation area. It is used especially by South Side and Hokitika area residents but also by visitors who are interested in the same activities as the locals.

This is a high use area, including for the following activities:

Walking, running, dog exercising, horse riding, sea and river fishing, firewood gathering, picnicking and barbequing, bird watching, watching sunsets, sunrises, moon rises and aurora, swimming, surfing and bodyboarding, bike riding, quad biking, motorbiking, canoeing and more.

All these uses depend on the access to the beach using the maintained portion of South Spit Rd between Mahinapua Creek and the car park at the beach. Many people leave their cars at the car park and go by foot or other means north on the Spit, often as far as the Mahinapua estuary and and Hokitika River.

From the Mahinapua Ck bridge to the beach South Spit road is a narrow gravel road and north up the beach from the car park it is just a sand-surface four-wheel drive track where two wheel drive vehicles and vans get stuck on a regular basis. The car park is very narrow but access through it is required for vehicles moving further north up the rough track portion of South Spit Rd where it runs behind the narrow dune, or now on the beach itself in some places.

For the last few years the South Spit coastline has been subject to increasing serious coastal erosion. This threatens the car park and adjacent house, the rough driving track up the Spit, and the farm adjacent paddocks. At the carpark Council have put a bund to protect the park and adjacent land from flooding. This has restricted the width available for parking and the situation could continue to worsen. (In the WCRC Coast Plan South Spit is a Coastal Hazard Zone with removal of sand and gravel prohibited).

The car park and track north up the Spit is all subject to coastal inundation. Some of the track is now inundated on each big tide/big wave/lpw pressure system.

Most users use the area between dawn and dusk, but some also use it during darkness for uses like sea, trout and flounder fishing or family barbeques.

Several years ago, as campervans started to increase on the West Coast, vans started staying overnight at the South Spit car park and further north behind the dunes. With even 3 or 4 vans in the car park, access for locals' cars was blocked and often access to the track north was blocked. At times even 10 or so vans would attempt to use the area, and spill over back towards the bridge.

There are no toilet or other facilities on South Spit. Interestingly we have noticed over the years that some self-contained van people still defecate outside on the beach and in our paddocks if they can get away with it.

As problems started to increase Council provided us with a “No Camping - by order of WDC” sign which we have maintained. We have informally talked to people trying to freedom camp in the area, pointing out nearby alternatives like the DOC Mahinapua Campground and Links-View Holiday Park. 95% of the time people are happy to move on.

Little blue penguins nest along South Spit and use the car park to access their nests in scrub behind the road and on our properties. They survive because most people have either not arrived or have left when they move up and down the beach. Despite this we have found penguins killed by both dogs and vehicles over the years. Overnight stopping by freedom campers would make it very hard for the remaining population to survive.

2. Clarification of prohibited area of South Spit Rd

There is an ambiguity between the Schedule 1 Description “South Spit Road and the photo maps provided by Council with the bylaw.

The line on the photograph looks like just the formed road or track on South Spit, not the adjacent legal road where people actually stop and freedom camp. Also at the north end the

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prohibited area does not extend for the whole legal road line, potentially allowing freedom campers to argue they are stopping outside the prohibited area.

This could be solved by: changing the wording in the location column from "South Spit Rd" to "All legal road on South Spit" The map could be better drawn too. This should be extended to the legal road immediately south of the car park where there have been people trying to claim they can freedom camp in the paddock beside the beach. And north of where the line stops - to the end of the South Spit legal road.

3. Providing for future changes in prohibited areas

We have noticed increasing numbers of freedom campers stopping on the road side along Golf Links Rd. This area is not currently proposed as a prohibited area. It is likely when the bylaw is passed and policed that areas like Golf Links Rd will suffer from a spillover effect with increased camping.

So, it would be good to see the bylaw providing for additions to prohibited areas by Council passing a resolution and by public advertising.

4. Wording of signs for prohibited areas

Having observed the relative effectiveness of various signs over the years the one that has been most effective has been those that were used by Buller District Council. These read simply:

"No Overnight Stopping"

We submit Council should try signs with this wording. If "fine print" has to be added to reference the bylaw etc then this could be done in smaller type, for the sake of completeness and avoiding ambiguity.

5. Compliance

We have found most people freedom camping on South Spit say either they did not see the (very obvious) sign or claimed it looked like it applied to tent camping and not van camping. But when spoken to as mentioned above, 95% move on without hassle.

We would be happy to assist Council with compliance with the new bylaw in the South Spit area.

Bruce Watson and Claudia Landis

Note: photos illustrating some of our points will be emailed separately.

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Photos to illustrate Freedom Camping Bylaw Submission by Bruce Watson and Claudia Landis



South Spit car park is heavily used by locals and there is no room for freedom camping and access the the track north.



The erosion bund restricted access for parking already and may have to be increased in size in the near future

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Freedom campers already get stuck on the South Spit access track.



Coastal Inundation at the South Spit car park

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The South Spit access track is not a suitable site for freedom camping - here after recent inundation and coast erosion.



Penguins use South Spit car park during the hours of darkness for access to nesting sites.

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10	16/11/18	03 7557666 Thompie99@yahoo.com	Jason THOMPSON 15 Beach Street Hokitika	Concern of number for area and how described. Lack of public toilets compounding issues. Determination and enforcement of self-contained vehicles.	Oppose
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Submitted values are:

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15 Beach Street

Hokitika 7810

Email: thompie_99@yahoo.com

Phone Number: +6437557666

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

While I commend Westland District Council for following legal due process in regards to this proposal, I can not support it .

On reading the supplied documentation, it appears that council is paying lip service to concerned business owners , affected land owners and the public in general. In the past council has shown an ineffectiveness in both enforcement and following up on any infringements that have occurred. I doubt that if this proposal is adopted, that there will be improvements.

The proposed 'exclusion areas" within townships are too complicated for both residents and visitors alike. For example, the eight itemised exclusion zones within the Hokitika township could all be itemised as 'any area west of Revell Street from Richards Drive to Gibson Quay inclusive. This removes any grey areas for interpretation.

The concept of "Certified Self Contained Vehicle" can not be assumed just because a vehicle has a sticker attached. Many vehicles have fake stickers, or only contain a portalo. Most have no greywater containment or allow the greywater to flow through open drain valves. Many owners or hirers do not wish to deal with the contents and cleaning of the contained systems and I have caught many urinating and defecating next to their vehicle with an attached sticker. Some of the worst offenders are those sporting 'silver and red wing stickers' These people are free to do so because Hokitika has adopted a motorhome friendly status, which seems to give these people the opinion that they can do as they please.

The number of people who use the land that I have been obliged by council to maintain at my cost, as a 'public toilet', has increased. As the beachfront toilets are locked earlier than advertised, people are left with nowhere to go.

The 24 hour toilet has no advertising, so people can only locate it by chance.

On many occasions, including once last month I have been woken by one or more uninvited freedom campers in my house, looking for the toilet. If I happen to have locked my door I find excrement in my back yard along with toilet paper.

Encouraging freedom camping has major impacts on peoples safety and security.

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Council has encouraged these people and the subsequent environmental hazards including increased refuse.

On enquiring about the reasonings for no bins, I was advised council had removed them due to excessive use. I asked the mayor if it was beneath him to pick up rubbish from the beachfront and sunset point, his response was "you live there, you pick it up". Not counting the recyclables, I have filled 29

200 litre black bin liners. Oh yes, I have to pay to dispose of it, as council considers the refuse mine as I picked it up.

My recommendation is that council take account of all submissions and rewrite the policy and get further feedback before passing a bylaw which it has no intention enforcing.

I also suggest a freedom camping zone, which has appropriate sanitation and disposal infrastructure as in other districts Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

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Ref	Date Received	Contact	Submitter	Submission Location	For or Against	Considerations	Request Hearing
11	15/10/18	021 467042 therese.gibbens@tdda.com	Therese GIBBENS 17 Karoro Place, Greymouth	Lake Kaniere/ Hans Bay	Neutral	Area Administered by D.O.C	No
12	15/10/18	03 3515906 frank.carol.stewart@gmail.com	Frank STEWART 15 Makora Street, Christchurch	Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve / Sunny Bight	Oppose	Area Administered by D.O.C	No
13	16/10/18	0276962089 kfevans@live .com	Karen EVANS	Lake Kaniere/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Support	Area Administered by D.O.C	No
14	16/10/18	0272887620 brent@chattertonbuilders.co.nz	Brent & Claire CHATTERTON	Lake Kaniere Reserve/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Support	Area Administered by D.O.C	No
15	16/10/18	0272310117 treverkendrick@kinect.co.nz	Trevor & Barbara KENDRICK	Lake Kaniere Reserve/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Oppose	Area Administered by D.O.C	No
16	18/10/18	03 755 7820 drew.howat@icloud.com	Drew HOWAT P.O.Box 135. Hokitika, 7842	Lake Kaniere Reserve/ Hans Bay/ Sunny Bight/Dorothy Falls	Support	Area Administered by D.O.C	No
17	21/10/18	037500098 ratray@xtra.co.nz	Raylene BLACK P.O.Box 85 Haast	Hannahs Clearing. Haast	Oppose	Concern area not big enough to meet sanitary needs. Also camping fires	No
18	23/10/18	petercw@tinopai.net	Peter WILLIAMS	Nil	Oppose	2 day stay	No, wish or submission to be read out
19	23/10/18	0275312586 hornby455@gmail.com	Joanne CLARK 203 Waikawa Rd Picton	Nil	Oppose	Right to camp anywhere in non-self-contained	No

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20	25/10/18	0221775405 linstajas@hotmail.com	Linda BUGLASS	All nominated areas	Support	Concern Sunset point Enforcement and Campers Dogs	No
21	5/11/18	chairperson@okarito.org.nz	Aaron Smith	Okarito domain is not Council Land is it D.O.C reserve Should read; Forks-Okarito Road and all of Okarito village	Support	Doesn't need to be excluded in the ban.	No ,amendment required
22	7/11/18	037556602 g.l.robinson@xtra.co.nz	Glen and Linda ROBINSON Flowery Creek Farms Ltd 759 Kumara Junction Highway, Arapura RD2	Beach Access road north of Flowery Creek be included as a prohibited area	Support	Consideration for Flowery Creek Beach Access to be a Prohibited area	No
23	10/11/18	03 7510892 paringamonk@farmside.co.nz	Brenda MONK Lake Paringa Postal Centre	Inclusion of Bruce Bay and Paringa River apart from designated areas with facilities	Support	Human waste being left by campers	No
24	12/11/18	0274836280 mccann.art@xtra.co.nz	Frank McCANN 4 Richards Drive Hokitika	Inclusion of beach access north town belt , Richard Drive	Support	Concern beach access missed off exclusion list as all other beach access on Revell St, included	No
25	12/11/18	Vicki and Brent Whittington <vibrent02@gmail.com>	Vicki and Brent WHITTINGTON (local police officer)	Reopening of Docherty freedom camping site. Total ban of Freedom Camping in glacier country region	Oppose	Site will be overwhelmed by human waste and rubbish. Safety concerns narrow streets	No
26	12/11/18	03 7554047 handisideskay@gmail.com	Bill & Kay HANDISIDES 33 Sale Street, Hokitika	General support with Inclusion of adjacent lake area at the end of the Ross rugby grounds	Support	Consideration for inclusion of area to be designated as a responsible freedom camping site	No
27	12/11/18	0277510877 astrod@xtra.co.nz	Lynda WELFORD CMB 127 Bruce Bay	Consideration of Bruce Bay as a prohibited site	Support	Concern for person using the area due to sea erosion, flooding.	No

28	12/11/18	0272552033 gm@ffhl.co.nz	Michael NOLAN P.O. Box 48 Franz Josef 7856	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
29	13/11/18	0272535211 adminmgr@helicopter.co.nz	Jo REID P.O. Box 45 Franz Josef 7856	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
30	13/11/18	march73rt@yahoo.com.au	Rosemary SKINNER	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
31	14/11/18	386021230@qq.com	Phunsi PENG	Ban freedom camping , glacier country	Oppose	Nil given	No
32	14/11/18	hokichikka@protonmail.com	Merryn BYLISS 52 Pine Tree Road, Hokitika	Reconsideration to the banning of non-self-contained campers. Focus on responsible camping behaviour.	Support	Concern over practical enforcement and cost to ratepayer	No
33	14/11/18	0272101478 Scenichotelgroup.co.nz	Richard BUNGEROTH 3 Wallace Street, Franz Josef 7886	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
34	14/11/18	yisleingomez@gmail.com	Yislein GOMEZ	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
35	15/11/18	037554193	Biddy MANERA 45 Tramway St Ross	Proposed Ross Domain and Grimmond Memorial Ave		Areas to be prohibited sites for freedom camping	No
36	15/11/18	maitlands@xtra.co.nz	Steve and Kath MAITLAND 23 Saint Street, Ross	Ban all freedom camping	Oppose	All areas to be prohibited sites for freedom camping,	No

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37	15/11/18	03 7520501 alexandert@scenichotels.co.nz	Alexander TSCHAMPEL Scenic Hotel Franz Josef	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	specifically Ross Domian Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
38	15/11/18	gibbholdings@xtra.co.nz	Grant GIBB Franz Josef	Reopening of Docherty Creek freedom camping site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
39	15/11/18	037500890 bob@haast.co.nz	Bob CANNELL 1964 Jackson Bay Haast	Extra rubbish containers	Support	Suggest Large rock to block road access off	No
40	15/11/18	pelwellsutton@fastmail.fm	Paul ELWELL-SUTTON	Sufficient services, easy to find locations online. Cost to administer covered by Central Government	Support	Daily disposal of waste from designated sites. Charge camper \$5 for services.	No
41	15/11/18	0272904036 dogfathernz@gmail.com	Brian COLUMBE KJN 1459 R.D Hokitika, 7882	Support proposal and restriction from certain sensitive areas .Oppose that there has to be an alternative place and not areas provide in all prohibited areas	Oppose	To develop areas for self- contained vehicles in proposed prohibited areas	No
42	15/11/18	Celina.lin@coteouest.co.nz	Celina LIN Punts Grove Motel Franz Josef	Re opening of the proposed Docherty's site.	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
43	15/11/18	0276618024 admin@top10Greymouth	Mat and Steph LEVIEN Greymouth and Franz Josef TOP 10, Holiday Park	Re opening of the proposed Docherty's site.	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
44	15/11/18	Anna.Dennehy@gslh.co.nz	Anna DENNEHY Franz Josef	Re opening of the proposed Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No

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45	15/11/18	021 742 763 Oscar@rainforestretreat.co.nz	Oscar Morgan 46 Cron St, Franz Josef 7886	Re opening of the proposed Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
46	15/11/18	kiaratinirauphilps@yahoo.co.nz	Kiara TINIRAU-PHILPS	Re opening of proposed Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
47	15/11/18	021486664 mark@rainforest.nz	Mark NICHOLSON 46 Cron Street, Franz Josef 7886	Attached seven letter by nearby residence same submission re opening of Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
48	16/11/18	Adam.haugh@hotmail	Adam HAUGH	Don't include Docherty site Franz Josef	Support	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
49	16/11/18	03 7520072 stay@ribbonwood.net.nz	Jonathan CROFTON	Re opening of Docherty site Franz Josef	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
50	16/11/18	03 7520236 Rebecca.Sharp@franzjosefglacier.com Ngaitahutourism	Rebecca Sharp P.O.Box 7856	Re opening of Docherty site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
51	16/11/18	Harhariica42@gmail.com	Hari Hari Community Association	Request that freedom camping ban be extended to include	Support	Area surrounding Community Centre, public toilet area in Hari Hari	No
52	16/11/18	03 7500102 rswv@xtra.co.nz	Robyn HOGLAUND 20 Pauareka Road, HAAST	Issues related to non-self-contained freedom camping	Oppose	Ability of council to effectively police freedom camping and cost to the ratepayer	No
53	16/11/18	mauryn@xtra.co.nz	Mauayne CANNELL P.O.Box 41 HAAST	Need to limit area where freedom camping allowed	Support	Do not support Hannahs Clearing Site and	No

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54	16/11/18	037520244 info@franzhire.co.nz	Ian and Kathy HARTSHORNE 14 Donavan Drive Franz Josef	Re opening of Docherty site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
55	16/11/18	03 7520600 lisa@wildkiwi.co.nz	Lisa STEVENSON P.O. Box 20 Franz Josef	Re opening of Docherty site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
56	16/11/18	0274573470 Sarahhickson@live.com	Sarah HICKSON P.O.Box 41, Fox Glacier 7859	Believe non-self- contained vehicles should be prohibited	Support	Nil	No
57	16/11/18	0275513011 julesmtns@gmail.com	Julie ROWE 8 Seddon Street, Kumara	Concern no prohibited freedom camping sites in Kumara. (environmental protection reasons)	Oppose	Included Kapitia Reservoir, Taramakau River at the William Steward Bridge and Kumara Cemetery included.	No
58	16/11/18	krisrowe@kinect.co.nz	Kris ROWE	Concern no prohibited freedom camping sites in Kumara. (environmental protection reasons)	Oppose	Include Kumara Township	No
59	16/11/18	0211652933 craig@glenfer.co.nz	Craig Rankin P.O.Box 102 Franz Josef	Re opening of Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
60	16/11/18	0120244 0868 bensturgess@hotmail.com	Benjamin STURGESS 16 Richards Drive Hokitika	Detrimental effect on area and to align with other areas designated as prohibited form Freedom camping	Support	Inclusion of beach access off Richards drive as with other Revell street beach access	No
61	16/11/18	0212048562 Loopy.morgan@gmail.com	Louise & Lez MORGAN 239E Keogan Road	Would like to see stricter control over the amount of	Support		No

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61	16/11/18	03 7557666 Thompie99@yahoo.com	Hokitika Jason THOMPSON 15 Beach Street Hokitika	nights available for Freedom Camping Concern of number for area and how described. Lack of public toilets compounding issues. Determination and enforcement of self- contained vehicles.	Oppose	Ability of Council to enforce issues related to non self-contained freedom campers. Consideration 24hr toilets.	No
62	16/11/18	03 7520299 stay@hollyhomestead.co.nz	Gerard & Beradine OUDEMANS P.O.Box 35 Franz Josef Glacier	Re opening of Docherty's site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No
63	16/11/18	021866743	Keven GEARRY 340 Ruatapu Road Hokitika	Oppose all freedom camping	Oppose	Consideration to ban all freedom camping	No
64	17/11/18	Haller.tim@gmail.com	Waiho Stables Docherty Creek Road	Re opening of Docherty site	Oppose	Concern to the number of campers will overwhelm the facilities	No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Monday, 15 October 2018 3:43 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Monday, October 15, 2018 - 15:42

Submitted values are:

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Submission: I am neutral to the proposal Type submission here: It is very important that you add Lake Kaniere to the proposed banned areas. We have a bach there and it is disgusting the mess, including toilet paper, that freedom campers leave behind. Given there is a perfectly good DOC camping ground available with toilets, there is no reason for freedom campers to camp anywhere near the lake or foreshore at Hans Bay or Sunny Bight. Children running around playing, enjoying a picnic and swimming etc should not have to come across human faeces and rubbish. This is totally unacceptable. You must add Lake Kaniere to the list of banned areas.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Monday, 15 October 2018 7:48 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Monday, October 15, 2018 - 19:47

Submitted values are:

Name: Frank Stewart

Organisation (if applicable): Member of Sunny Bights Residents Association Postal address: 15 Makora Street, Christchurch 8041

Email: frank.carol.stewart@gmail.com

Phone Number: 03 3515906

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

Parts of the year I reside at 62A Sunny Bight Road Lake Kaniere.

I propose that the following areas be added to Schedule 1:

"Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve and Sunny Bight Beach and its associated parking areas,"

The area is a significant boat launching, swimming and picnic area. There is a need to protect the area for parking and use by residents of Lake Kaniere and Hokitika, including the parking of towing vehicles and boat trailers.

Already locals users such as myself have been frustrated by people blocking access to the boat ramp and the necessary parking and maneuvering areas.

There is also a need to protect the area from the depositing of waste of many kinds. In Summer the limited number of rubbish bins are already overflowing.

There are public toilets at Sunny Bight, but not along the road to Hans Bay.

There is an existing problem with freedom camping in the area, but it is not appropriate to address this by explicitly permitting it. This only makes the problem worse. A public camping ground already exists at Hans Bay, Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No



SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018

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Description of Proposal

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The closing date for submissions is 16 November 2018

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Name:	Karen Evans
Organisation (if applicable):	
Preferred contact details <i>(i.e. your postal address, or your email:</i>	kfevans@live.com
Phone No.	027 696 2089
Signature	

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My submission is:

I support the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

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- To protect the water supply of Westland Milk Products

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(use separate paper if necessary)

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2. <i>If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing? <i>If yes, please specify your requirements.</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED
WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018

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Description of Proposal

Council provided public notice that a Statement of Proposal under Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, the Westland District Council proposes the Westland District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 is available. The public notice provides information about how the public can acquire information about the proposal and make a submission. More information about the proposal can be found on Council's website www.westlanddc.govt.nz.

The closing date for submissions is 16 November 2018

<i>Send or Deliver to:</i>	<i>Email to:</i>
Westland District Council	consult@westlanddc.govt.nz
Private Bag 704	OR:
36 Weld Street	<i>Complete a submission online at:</i>
Hokitika	www.westlanddc.govt.nz

Name:	Brent & Claire Chatterton
Organisation (if applicable):	
Preferred contact details <i>(i.e. your postal address, or your email:</i>	brent@chattertonbuilders.co.nz
Phone No.	027 2887620
Signature	

N.B. Your signature is not required if submitting by electronic means.

1. Please use one form for each submission.
Extra forms are available from the Council Office and online www.westlanddc.govt.nz.
2. Indicate your attitude to the proposal.
i.e. I support/oppose/ are neutral to the application.
3. Make your submission.
State clearly and in summary the nature of your submission. Give reasons.
4. State any amendments you wish to have made.
Give details.
5. State whether or not you wish to be heard by the Council at a hearing.
6. State if you would be willing to present a joint case, or you require a language interpreter, or if you would like the Council to consider audio or audio-visual presentation options.

I support / oppose / am neutral to the proposal (circle one)

My submission is:

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Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, 16 October 2018 11:10 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - 11:10

Submitted values are:

Name: Trevor and Barbara Kendrick

Organisation (if applicable): WDC Ratepayer Postal address:

59 Nelson Creek Road, RD 1

Greymouth

Email: trevorkendrick@kinect.co.nz

Phone Number: +64272310117

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

We own a property at 199 Hans Bay Road, Lake Kaniere. We propose that the following areas be added to Schedule 1:

Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve, Sunny Bight Beach and Hans Bay Beach and their respective recreational areas. These areas are significant family areas for swimming, boating and general picnic activities.

These areas are looked after generally by DOC and the expectations of DOC around rubbish disposal is difficult to administer currently and would only become more difficult with the addition of freedom camping.

DOC have a very good and well looked after camping area at Hans Bay and any persons wishing to camp overnight in the lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve and surrounding areas should be confined to this purpose built site with its adjoining toilet and rubbish collection facility.

There is an expectation of council for property owners in the area to respect council bylaws around maintaining their properties and generally looking after the area as interested parties in the well being of the reserve.

Council should respect the service to the general well being of the area being carried out by property owners at this time Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 18 October 2018 9:39 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Thursday, October 18, 2018 - 09:38

Submitted values are:

Name: Drew Howat

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

P O Box 135

Hokitika 7842

Email: drew.howat@icloud.com

Phone Number: 03 755 7820

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: I note that no mention is made of freedom camping at Lake Kaniere. This large body of potable water is priceless. It supplies Hokitika residents with their drinking water, another large user is Westland Milk products. Freedom Camping is prevalent at various lake-side locations and the introduction of harmful pathogens into this water is inevitable. To prevent a Giardia breakout for example, human waste must be buried no closer than 50m from the Lake edge, and this precaution is almost never followed.

DoC has an excellent camping ground at Hans Bay and it is my suggestion that all camping within the Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve be confined to this camp ground.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Sunday, 21 October 2018 2:02 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Sunday, October 21, 2018 - 14:02

Submitted values are:

Name: Raylene Black
Organisation (if applicable):
Postal address:
PO Box 85,
Haast
Email: ratray@xtra.co.nz
Phone Number: 037500098

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

i oppose this proposal, because it is too close to Hannahs Clearing..

The Facilities the council are preposing are not adequate enough to cope with the sanitary needs of this proposal. Also the fire risk is maxamin as we get long fine spells and the bush gets very dry....and we all no Freedom campers cannot resist a campfire!!!!!!!!.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, 23 October 2018 3:19 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - 15:19

Submitted values are:

Name: Peter Williams
 Organisation (if applicable):
 Postal address: 51 rawhiti ave., Matamata
 Email: petercw@tinopai.net
 Phone Number:

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

Over the past 9 years of Motorhoming around NZ I have found an erosion of freedom camping rights to NZders from council's wanting to corral camping tourists of all sorts into small controlled spaces and not understanding that this is not what Motorhome people travel around NZ for. NZ is for all NZders to see and those that chose to do this by csc Motorhoming are being penalized by the council by council bundling all travelers into one category.

Once we used to be able to freedom camp in open spaces for several days But now it's 2 nights here and 2 nights there, this didn't take into account that the weather may not be suitable to travel in not the fact that after traveling all day to get there you have only a day to enjoy it.

If council's can't see the damage they are doing to NZders rights to freedom camp then they are near sighed as Motorhome will choose to f go to places where freedom camping is not limited to 2 nights.

Council's who want the tourist dollar from traveling NZders need to look at how they treat these csc travelers because slowly but surely they will lose them to places that appreciate the amount of money that is spent by these people and the longer they stay in the area the bigger that dollar spend is.

Small Town find it hard enough to capture this money but with the council helping with better acceptance of longer staying areas in scenic parts of their district them the town's will grow and the district will prosper.

So in closing I would ask that council's dump the 2 night stay for longer stay times in rural areas of scenic beauty and leave the 2 nights to inner Sunday suburban zones. I for one don't want to travel 100kms to stay at a place that only allows one day to enjoy, I'll go elsewhere.

Council's need to reconsider how they see freedom camping, a right to camp NZ.

If possible this can be read aloud at the meeting. Thank you.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, 23 October 2018 8:16 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - 20:15

Submitted values are:

Name: Joanne Clark

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: 203 Waikawa Rd Picton

Email: hornby455@gmail.com

Phone Number: 0275312586

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

Freedom camping is about families and public being able to put tents up to enjoy our environment.

It is not about rich people in self contained vehicles deciding to exclude any others who do not fit into there criteria.

Nzmca has their own agendas; they are not looking good out for the average responsible kiwi or traveller who cares for our environment .

We need facilities and Roaming supervision to give strong fines to those who damage our environment; not excluding those who can not afford to belong to discount club.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 25 October 2018 4:19 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Thursday, October 25, 2018 - 16:18

Submitted values are:

Name: LINDA BUGLASS

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: 64 Kaniere Road

Email: linstajas@hotmail.com

Phone Number: 0221775405

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: We need to ensure that all camper vans are banned from camping at all the nominated areas in the bylaw. This needs to be enforced.

People live down at Sunset Point for weeks on end. With their dogs defecating all over. We as locals need to have access for fishing and recreation and at the height of summer, you can't even find a spot to park.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Aaron Smith <chairperson@okarito.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 5 November 2018 10:43 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Cc: Derek Blight; Simon Bastion
Subject: Freedom Camping Bylaw

Good Evening.

We've been discussing the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw, and it's been noted that the Okarito domain isn't Council land; it's DOC reserve, so doesn't need to be excluded in the ban. It can simply read:

Forks-Okarito Road and all of Okarito village.

If you need any more information please let me know.

Kind Regards,

Aaron

Okarito Community Association
P.O Box 144, Franz Josef Glacier 7856



Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Wednesday, 7 November 2018 9:51 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 - 21:51

Submitted values are:

Name: Glenn and Linda Robinson

Organisation (if applicable): Flowery Creek Farms Ltd Postal address:

759 Kumara Junction Highway

Arahura RD2

Email: g.l.robinson@xtra.co.nz

Phone Number: 037556602

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: We support the proposed bylaw but would ask that the beach access road north of Flowery Creek be included as a prohibited area.

Under the proposed bylaw the majority of beach access roads from Hokitika to Serpentine will be prohibited for freedom camping and this has the potential to increase the numbers who use the Flowery Creek/Awatuna access. It is already common for people to camp in the area and dispose of their waste inappropriately. This access road runs through our dairy farm which means there are a number of health and safety issues. The road itself is uneven and covered in sand at the beach end. It is common for vehicles to drive out onto the beach itself and get stuck, as well as park over gateways used for stock and machinery. This road is used as a race for our animals and tourists are often unsure how to deal with stock. In mating season there is the danger of having bulls running with the cows. There are potential biosecurity risks in having our animals exposed to human waste, particularly with overseas tourists. We also have to deal with people leaving gates open and as our farm borders the state highway there is always a huge risk with animals getting onto the road.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Saturday, 10 November 2018 1:54 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 13:53

Submitted values are:

Name: Brenda Monk

Organisation (if applicable): Individual Postal address:

Counter Delivery

Lake Paringa Postal Centre

Lake Paringa, 7834

Email: paringamonk@farmside.co.nz

Phone Number: 03 751 0892

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: I support the proposal BUT I believe that the list of prohibited areas should include Bruce Bay and Paringa River (apart from designated areas with facilities). - The reason being that, I, personally have experienced finding human faeces on many occasions in areas that freedom campers frequent. This is an endangerment to the health and safety and personal enjoyment of the area for both locals and visitors alike.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Monday, 12 November 2018 6:30 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Monday, November 12, 2018 - 18:29

Submitted values are:

Name: Frank McCann

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: 4 Richards Drive, Hokitika

Email: mccann.art@xtra.co.nz

Phone Number: 0274836280

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: Please ensure the public beach access located on the northern end of the town off Richards Drive is included . Freedom campers in this area would create a health and safety issue for the public using this beach access . The vehicle movements alone would be a hazard for pedestrians

not to mention the issue of waste disposal. People wanting to stay at this location are well catered for with the adjacent Shining Star motels.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Vicki and Brent Whittington <vibrent02@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 12 November 2018 8:39 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom camping

Dear WDC councillors and staff

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Regards

Fiona Scadden

From: Vicki Whittington <management@glacierheliport.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 October 2018 2:15 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Cc: Stee thra-farno
Subject: Fwd: Public notices re Freedom Camping consultation

Forwarded as requested by Steven Holmes
 134 Docherty Creek Road.

Please address any response directly to Steven.
 Thanks

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From: "Stee thra-farno" <stee3farno@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 15, 2018 at 7:49 PM +1300
Subject: Re: Fwd: Public notices re Freedom Camping consultation
To: "Vicki Whittington" <management@glacierheliport.co.nz>

I am unable to work or live in Franz Josef because my neighbors have been granted complete control over the conservation land and road reserve surrounding Land ,which contain assets that rightfully belong to the waiho sawmills of which intrests i purchased . these have been damaged.my name has been ruined in this community and my family and self have been threatened. These people are not on the property to control their animals as a farmer would do (excluding ted Richards) the freedom camping draws in up to sixty people passing my property per night and would offer me a chance of a livelihood.

On 15 Oct 2018 18:51, "Vicki Whittington" <management@glacierheliport.co.nz> wrote:
 FYI Steve

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From: "Franz Inc" <secfranzinc@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 15, 2018 at 6:19 PM +1300
Subject: Fwd: Public notices re Freedom Camping consultation
To: "58 On Cron" <info@58oncron.co.nz>, "Across Country Quad Bikes" <info@acrosscountryquadbikes.co.nz>, "Air Safaris" <franz@airsafaris.co.nz>, "Alice May Restaurant and Bar" <alicemay@xtra.co.nz>, "Alpine Glacier Motel" <yorkfarm@xtra.co.nz>, "Bella Vista" <bvfranz@xtra.co.nz>, "Chateau Franz" <franz@chateaunz.co.nz>, "DOC" <wcostello@doc.govt.nz>, "Ferngrove Souvenirs" <ferngrovefj@gmail.com>, "Ferngrove Trust" <ferngrovefarms@gmail.com>, "Four Square" <Cushla.Jones@foursquare-si.co.nz>, "Fox Franz Heliservices" <gm@ffhl.co.nz>, "Franz Hire" <info@franzhire.co.nz>, "Franz Inc Chairman" <craig@glenfern.co.nz>, "Franz Inc Secretary" <secfranzinc@gmail.com>, "Franz Inc Treasurer" <info@wildkiwi.co.nz>, "Franz Josef Glacier Guides" <craig.buckland@franzjosefglacier.com>, "Franz Josef Oasis" <yeom@xtra.co.nz>, "Franz Josef TOP 10 Holiday Park" <info@franzjoseftop10.co.nz>, "Full Of Beans" <fob@xtra.co.nz>, "Gibb Construction" <gibbholdings@xtra.co.nz>, "Glacier Country Campervan Park" <terrace.motel@xtra.co.nz>, "Glacier Country Kayaks" <paddle@glacierkayaks.com>, "Glacier Helicopters" <franz@glacierhelicopters.co.nz>,"

"Glacier Hot Pools" <info@glacierhotpools.co.nz>, "Glacier Motors Ltd" <glaciermotors@xtra.co.nz>, "Glacier View Motel" <glacierview@callplus.net.nz>, "Glenfern Villas" <host@glenfern.co.nz>, "Glow Worm Cottages" <glowwormfranz@gmail.com>, "Hokitika Airport" <management@glacierheliport.co.nz>, "J n J Real Fruit Ice Cream" <jclough.jvanderloo@gmail.com>, "King Tiger Restaurant" <speightslandingbar@xtra.co.nz>, "Montrose" <montrose.lodge@xtra.co.nz>, "Paul tha Plumber" <paulthaplumber@yahoo.co.nz>, "Punga Grove" <host@pungagroove.co.nz>, "Rainforest Retreat" <oscar@rainforestretreat.co.nz>, "Scenic Hotel Group" <alexander.tschampel@scenicgroup.co.nz>, "Skydive Franz" <andreameldrum555@gmail.com>, "Snakebite Brewery" <dine@snakebite.co.nz>, "South Westland Rubbish Removal" <swrubbish@yahoo.co.nz>, "Te Runanga O Makaawhio" <stubbarr@xtra.co.nz>, "Te Waonui" <Richard.Bungeroth@scenicgroup.co.nz>, "The Glacier Shop" <glaciershop@foxguides.co.nz>, "The Helicopter Line Franz Josef Glacier" <franz@helicopter.co.nz>, "The Terrace Hotel" <skinnerlogan@yahoo.co.nz>, "West Coast Wildlife Centre" <richardbenton@me.com>, "Westwood Lodge" <info@westwoodlodge.co.nz>, "YHA Franz Josef Glacier Backpackers" <mauro.giordano@yha.co.nz>

Hi Team

Hope that sunshine is doing great things for our funky town.

Please see notices from Derek regarding freedom camping and the upcoming (Oct 2019) elections.

Regards

Kim Rankin
Secretary



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From: **Derek Blight** <derek.blight@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Date: Mon, Oct 15, 2018 at 2:12 PM

Subject: Public notices re Freedom Camping consultation

To: admin@ngatiwaewae.org.nz <admin@ngatiwaewae.org.nz>, Rachael Forsyth <Rachael.Forsyth@ngaitahu.iwi.nz>, ceo@westreap.org.nz <ceo@westreap.org.nz>, carl.hutchby@poutiniwaiora.co.nz <carl.hutchby@poutiniwaiora.co.nz>, Reilly Burden <reilly@windowslive.com>, Julie Rowe <krtchair@gmail.com>, hecta@ihug.co.nz <hecta@ihug.co.nz>, lilyvalefarms@gmail.com <lilyvalefarms@gmail.com>, Mike Wilson <totara218@gmail.com>, Katharine McCoy <info@kurrajongfilm.com>, Hari Hari Community Assn <hariharica42@gmail.com>, Whataroa Community <communitywhataroa@yahoo.com>, Aaron Smith <chairperson@okarito.org.nz>, franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz <franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz>, foxglaciercdo@xtra.co.nz <foxglaciercdo@xtra.co.nz>, Simon and Catherine Montague <simon.cathmontague@hotmail.com>, haast promotion group incorporated <haastnz@hotmail.co.nz>, Andrew, heather sinton white <sintonwhite@gmail.com>, Antje Wahlberg <krtsecretary@gmail.com>, Franz Inc <secfranzinc@gmail.com>, info@bluepenguin.org.nz <info@bluepenguin.org.nz>, drew.howat@icloud.com <drew.howat@icloud.com>, Charlie McBeath <charlieinross@gmail.com>

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Monday, 12 November 2018 9:01 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Monday, November 12, 2018 - 21:01

Submitted values are:

Name: Bill & Kay Handisides
 Organisation (if applicable): n/a
 Postal address: 33 Sale Street, Ross
 Email: handisideskay@gmail.com
 Phone Number: 755-4047

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here:

Freedom Camping is here to stay in NZ in all regions. These young and some not so young need/require secure areas in all towns in the Westland Region with toilet and rubbish facilities which in our experience if provided they will use them. Make these people welcome.

Is it not common sense to have them all in one area and be able to police them? But, should they decide to choose other areas

other than Camps with facilities (DOC & Motor Camps) that they be fined the \$200 per vehicle and moved on.

In our case Ross has an ideal area adjacent to the Lake just off the end of the rugby ground.

As the older residents of our region would be able to agree that their children and grandchildren have done the same thing when they did their big OE because that is what these young people are doing. They are not all bad - take the time to get to know some of them. I am sure the anti's would be surprised.

We are all for it and being NZMCA members we have also freedom camped but, we are self contained. Even our newly appointed Ross Community Society Chairman Trevor Lister has admitted freedom camping and in his words - hundreds of times. Hows that for NIMBY-ism?

As you will gather we strongly support the provision of areas with facilities for freedom campers and the policing of their movements to make sure they abide by the rules.

We have seen the economics they can bring to towns like Ross and others in our region.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Monday, 12 November 2018 9:44 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Monday, November 12, 2018 - 21:43

Submitted values are:

Name: Lynda Welford
Organisation (if applicable):
Postal address:
CMB 127
BruceBay
South Westland
Email: astrod@xtra.co.nz
Phone Number: 0277510877

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: I would like to see Brucebay also considered as a no camping site. It is definately not safe with the sea cutting in and flooding of the road for campers. I took our grandson down to play in this safe little pool and was disgusted with the area being covered with human waste.

As kids growing up here we used this area frequently and it saddens me to think that some campers think this is ok well its not. This should also be considered as a cultural site and left in its natural environment not removing our white stones off the beach. Please consider this area as a ban on freedom camping.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Michael Nolan <gm@ffhl.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 12 November 2018 11:23 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom Camping in the Glacier Country region

Dear WDC councillors and staff

As a resident and rate payer I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region.

Regards

Michael Nolan
General Manager
Fox Franz HeliServices Ltd
Trading as
HeliServices.NZ Fox, Franz, Tekapo, Haast
Alpine Adventure Centre
Main Road, PO Box 48
Franz Josef, West Coast 7856

M 027 255 2033
E gm@ffhl.co.nz

Fiona Scadden

From: Jo Reid <adminmgr@helicopter.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 9:18 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: New submission, please delete the old one.

Dear WDC councillors and staff

1. In support of the bylaw but not the reopening of freedom camping at Docherty's Creek
2. Opposing any freedom camping location in close proximity to our helicopter operational / hangar areas (346B Fox Glacier Highway) for the reasons of:
 - a. Potential for compromised safety of the public our staff and plant and equipment
 - b. Security of our plant and equipment
 - c. Increased human waste & rubbish throughout the surrounding area, this was the reason the site was initially closed
 - d. DoC a provides good inexpensive campsite with excellent facilities at McDonalds Creek just north of Franz Josef

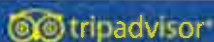
Regards

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Admin Manager



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Fiona Scadden

From: Jo Reid <adminmgr@helicopter.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 November 2018 9:24 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom camping

Dear WDC councillors and staff

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents. DoC already provides cheap camping with good facilities at McDonalds Creek just north of Franz Josef.

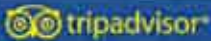
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Fiona Scadden

From: Rosemarie Skinner <march73rt@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 November 2018 12:10 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom camping

consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

Dear WDC councillors and staff

As a rate payer in Westland wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region.

Regards

Rosemary Skinner

Sent from my iPad

Fiona Scadden

From: 386021230@qq.com
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 11:24 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom Camping

I oppose the freedom campite site around Franz Josef. I would like a freedom camping ban.in glacier country.

Regards,
Phunsi Peng

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Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 6:20 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - 18:19

Submitted values are:

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Phone Number:

Submission: I support the proposal
Type submission here:

I appreciate that the Council is trying to address this issue and I mostly agree with what is proposed. My main reservations are:

- 1) I have questions and concerns around how this would be enforced in practise and at what cost to ratepayers.
- 2) I don't think vehicles should have to be certified as self-contained. All that is needed is some kind of system to deal with toilet waste and other waste eg a bucket with lid, that can be emptied at a dump station.

If Council was to stick with requiring that vehicles are certified as self-contained, I don't think this should be enforced if people are being responsible and dealing with their waste appropriately. I think the focus should be on responsible behaviour rather than whether a vehicle is certified as self-contained or not. Someone with a normal car and a small tent can freedom camp in a way that doesn't impact on others or the environment, while having a self-contained vehicle isn't a guarantee of responsible camping behaviour

Thanks for the opportunity to submit

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Richard Bungeroth <richardb@tewaonui.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 7:22 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom Camping

Dear WDC councillors and staff

As a resident I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region.

Regards

Richard

Richard Bungeroth General Manager

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Fiona Scadden

From: Yis <yisleingomez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 7:56 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: About Freedom Camping Site

Dear WDC councillors and staff

As a resident of Westland I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

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Regards
Yislein

Sent from my iPhone

Westland Region Environment Network Inc.Soc

c/- Secretary

45 Tramway St

ROSS

15 November 2018

Westland District Council

Weld Street

HOKITIKA

SUBMISSION TO FREEDOM CAMPING BY-LAW

As a local Ross community group, WRENIS are requesting a Bylaw –‘NO FREEDOM CAMPING’ @ Grimmond Memorial Ave/All Ross Domain Reserve areas.

Concerns and Reasons below:

The Ross community has a vested interest in the Ross Domain Reserve and its surrounds. All maintenance of the areas is via local volunteers; this includes Fire Brigade practice track, Archery Range, Playing field and pavilion, plus the Chinese Memorial Gardens and Lakeside memorials, of which WRENIS have consent to do.

The Archery area is immediately adjacent to the East Carpark; increased activity by camping parties will create a dangerous mix.

The Chinese Gardens will be a Tourist attraction for the town, thru generous support by the Chinese community (\$180G), which is part of the overall Memorial Projects. This Tourist attraction is also supported and encouraged by Westland District Council, Ross Community Society and Department of Conservation, including our opportunities to further our planned/continued development and enhancements of the Reserve, Ave and Lakeside. With the gardens being in such close proximity of the East Carpark, this area in our view would be under increased pressure regarding the chances of criminal damage (as it is much easier to inflict damage after dark).**(We have support letters from Chinese Sponsor groups, Westland District Council and Ross Community Society).**

WRENIS have had support from Westland District Council staff, in assisting us in seeking funding opportunities to upgrade the East Carpark of Domain Reserve, to allow for safe off road parking for visitors for recreational fixtures, Chinese Gardens and other enhancements and developments – this includes safe access for Children’s Fun Cycle area on the adjacent DOC Reserve. The safety of the younger population of Ross is hugely important, as it is for the older population who frequent the DOC reserve and recreation reserve.

Ross Community Society meeting minutes of 5th February 2018, in General Business, turned down anything to do with dealing with any motor parks: - **Peter Bennett proposed the RCS become involved in a 'Charges Applied Property' on private land owned by John Dunbier at Gay Street. Eileen Jones and Charlie McBeath mentioned that they are not in favour of the RCS being responsible or associated with maintenance of the area, as it would place more burden on the already low number of volunteers as it would end up being the same people behind the scenes. Wayne Jones agreed, and the general consensus of that meeting agreed RCS to step back from such a proposal.**

At a recent Ross Community Society meeting (2nd July 2018) there had already been discussion and a vote on the East Carpark area, regards any overnite/freedom camping.

The vote being: nays and some wanting more info = 7

on the fence = 2

against = 9/proxy against = 3

Ross Community Society meeting (6th August 2018), the Freedom camping Bylaw issues was up for discussion, with the meeting agreeing that all areas of Domain Reserve be void of freedom camping, due to FB practice track, Playing field and Archery – no support from the Chair for protection of the other areas, that the RCS are supposedly supportive of, ie Chinese Gardens, Lakeside enhancements, safe off road parking for recreational purposes, or the important safety for the adjacent Children's Fun Cycle area. WRENIS find this to be exclusive exclusion via the Chair's overriding influence and personal angst towards some members of WRENIS.

NZMCAssn have already secured a Private site (parking for roughly 20 vehicles?), for fully self-contained campers with their overnite fee going towards funds to the Ross Swimming Pool. *This was brought about (Ross Swimming Pool) because the Ross Community Society Chair, Mr Charlie McBeath, at a meeting earlier in the year, as voted at the meeting (5th February 2018), that the Ross community society cannot afford to take on any camping projects, as future membership is low on numbers of interest as is the volunteers within the community as they are already overloaded.*

Local residential recreational use of this area has increased hugely, especially with the community enhancement and development projects that are being undertaken. Community support for the local accommodation/motorcamp businesses is more important (as they employ locals) than having an area (that is being enhanced for recreational purposes) turned into a 'freedom campers bomb site', leaving their mess, that locals will have to continually maintain, which will end up becoming an increased rate burden (no doubt) in the near future, as volunteers are very short on the ground, and aside – who will patrol alcohol consumption in this public area. The alcohol content of Freedom campers, their habits and lack of responsibility are well documented in other areas of Westland – Alcohol, visitors and children do not mix well.

WRENIS have a contract with DOC to clear, develop and enhance the DOC Reserve (immediately adjacent to the East Carpark) and we can only foresee, that should any Freedom camping be allowed on the East Carpark area, that it will overflow into the DOC Reserve – this being a negative impact for all.

Carparking upgrade for visitors to Chinese Gardens has been endorsed by Chinese Community and Council Staff. **(We have supported encouragement correspondence from Westland District Council and Chinese Groups to have the carpark upgraded for increased visitor numbers to Gardens, as well as the Domain recreational area for sport and other community events)**

Small communities, should not be subject to Freedom camping; a prime example is nearby (south) Monument Hill/Surveyors Memorial – freedom campers ‘wasteland’ is a disgusting mess within a public scenic look out area. No one maintains this area – volunteers or authorities.

There has already been deliberate damage to some of the already enhanced areas at the local Domain, Lakeside and DOC reserve, by a local resident; inviting transient overnite stayers will only add to said behaviour.

Consideration to streets of Ross should also be taking on board: ie – Beach Road, Hoos Street, Bonar Street, Simpson Street, south end of Sale Street, Bold Street, Bond Street, Park Terrace, Gay Street, Limeworks Road, Cemetery, Woolhouse Road, Petticoat Lane, Frazer Street, Stewart Street, Tramway street, Hirter Street.

Your consideration to this submission is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Biddy Manera

Secretary/Project Manager

Mark Dixon

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 8:48 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: Submissions for the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

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Steve

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Submission for the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

From
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Freedom Camping
My Credentials

I have worked for the HDC, Seaview Hospital, Livestock improvement, as a life tutor for a Government department, the WDHS, on farms, as a music tutor, as a musician, as a Jade Factory employee and Jade Factory Manager. The last 28 years I have been a self employed jade carver/artist in the town of Ross. I also started life in a big family and have a big appreciation of attitude dynamics as per responsibilities not only to oneself but to the wider community. I was born in Hokitika and have resided on the Westcoast for over 66 years. I have lived in Ross for around 45 years and have had a working job for around 54 years on the "Coast". I have worked in or around tourism for 46 years.

The subject of "Freedom Camping"

Early on in my career in the tourist field working for other people out the back and away from the clients I held a view that freedom camping was the way to go. When and after a small amount of time in a Jade business of my own dealing with prospective customers of all personalities and races and seeing the changes in Freedom Camping (habits wise) I am almost sad to say I now have the opposite view. In Ross we now have a local (seemingly) freedom camping area on a section at the entrance to the business district. I have no idea whether this is a legitimate site employing locals or not. That said if it is not why are there not more private accommodation businesses set up?

As a very small business I can assure you I generally have only one person a year that purchases off me from the seemingly freedom section down the road let alone all the freedom campers that pass by, yet these "freedom campers" are using public conveniences which I and other ratepayers are forced to pay up for under "Rates". Freedom Campers here frequently arrive here late in the evening and depart at around 6 in the morning.

I am sure that were I to go to Christchurch and set up camp in the middle of Hagley park I would get a short shift.

People coming through the coast need to pay their way. We should all pay our way re motels Hotels camping grounds when we go to other Counties throughout NZ.

It comes down to this, only by travellers contributing financially to local body expenses can a true cost financing curve be introduced.

I have experienced the Ross Beach when buses have dumped their passengers load, I do not wish to experience the Ross recreational reserve and car parking areas to go this way.

If the WDC wish to have jobs available for the population of the coast the WDC need to be active in promoting no freedom camping.

The Mantra should in my mind be "Responsible Camping", camping where people in camping vehicles are expected to pay their way as regards Council facilities and set up.

Encourage privately run camping grounds!

With free camping comes the fringe problems, that of the food chain. Folk living here have secondary food source whether in the bush, down the river or in the sea.

This will not last long if freedom camping is encouraged this puts huge pressure on those local people who find it hard to make ends meet.

Introduce well heeled folk who have a motor home house and properties in another part of NZ, money to afford all the fishing gimmicks and hey the fish are gone and so the space at the beach or river. Motor homes at this time are legally able to park overnight pretty much wherever they like no rates no parking fees, Bludging..... no other way to put it.

1. By agreeing to retain the status quo we loose the potential to employ more of the coasts population.
2. By closing down Freedom camping we offer more employment to our population and even increase the stable population of the West Coast.
3. By closing down freedom camping we may meet the costs of supplying water, sewage and dumping.
4. Many high fliers in the Westcoast Business arena bemoan the loss of jobs re mining. Now is the chance to do a bit of a U turn into something newer with more potential long term employment, will we do this?
5. You spoil the child, you will suffer and others will continue to suffer it will remain an endless circle.
6. I would encourage the WDC to take a firm stance on freedom Camping and say no. We need people coming through here to at least pay their way. As said before Encourage privately run camping grounds!
7. Of Ross my opinion is that freedom camping absolutely needs to be stopped over all areas of the Recreational reserve including the East car park opposite the Chinese Gardens. Close the beach and rivers to freedom camping what many coasters do not appreciate is that other ares of the world have no beach's like ours. They have beach's covered with Humans, animals and rubbish. Freedom Camping can ruin the attractions the West Coast already has to attract people here from overseas. In a while we will have a children's BMX circuit created near the recreation ground Ross, there would be a conflict of interest having visitors carrying alcohol, using alcohol and parking overnight. We already have a thriving Archery Range in the vicinity.
8. Many years ago representing NZ at the world physically disabled cycling champs I saw the amount of volunteer work undertaken by local groups picking up thrown, discarded -rubbish of the roads. In order to give a visual effect that everything is good in the world this volunteer work is undertaken. This work which is undertaken by these well meaning volunteers takes these giants of society away from what they could have created otherwise in their community. You could say it is chasing your tail. If NZ embraces Freedom Camping this is in effect what will happen.
9. Many of my age group were not spoiled we knew the difference between taking up the load and not bludging but contributing.
- 10 I should say this that I and my wife give away fruit every year we give of our own will to locals and visitors. We pretty well give most things we possess away if in good nick . I wish you to understand my slant on this we give away only that which is ours. We are not impervious to the needs of others.
- 11 By closing down freedom camping I believe we will bring self supporting visitors to the coast who will supply their needs through local businesses. We need people who will be interested in more than alcohol, fuel for a vehicle and supermarkets. Call me selective if you like, in life we all make choices It is from my experience that I firmly believe Freedom Campers leave less and take more.

We need visitors to be of a responsible type to contribute toward the costs we incur because they wish to enter and use this place in some form.

At this time my last four days has contained about 30 plus hours of local and non local volunteer work. I am sure those reading this script would be in the same place regarding volunteer work as I am.

There is well placed volunteer work and there is meaningless and backward volunteer work. Freedom Camping demands Volunteer work of the negative kind. The normal inhabitant of a town, city, pays rates and so everyone that comes through one who uses any of the local Councils utilities

should be prepared to contribute also.

There are comments around that we need to welcome people here by giving.... there is good giving and bad giving. Freedom camping is a problem, providing it encourages over use over indulgence and can leave a battered, tired and bruised community.

Volunteers here are thin on the ground the, Westcoast only has so many people willing to give day after day.

Any one knowledgeable enough on travelling overseas would come on the usual question "Do you have sufficient funds for your stay here"? These people are asked this question for a reason. The freedom campers from other parts of NZ also... do you think they are bothered when they hop across a fence in Ross to pluck a tree load of pears from a Ross residents tree or take the Blackberries at the section of another when these people in Ross grow these as a food to get them through the year?

Thank you for reading this submission.

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Fiona Scadden

From: Alexander Tschampel <alexandert@scenichotels.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 8:50 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: opposition to reopening Docherty freedom camping site

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Franz Josef Glacier I wish to strongly oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. It is my understanding that the site was initially closed for freedom camping as the number of vans that arrived at this site were overwhelming for the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area. As a local I foresee massive problems for nearby residents and the beautiful Glacier Country Region in general.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for any further details you may require.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email?

Best regards,

Alexander Tschampel General Manager

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Fiona Scadden

From: Gibb Holdings Westland Ltd <gibbholdings@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 9:18 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom Camping.

Dear WDC councillors and staff

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site and the rule that allows freedom camping within the town boundaries.

The reason for this is that there is a perfectly good facilities at Lake Mapourika which has all the facilities and does not cost much for the tourists to stop there and its in a pristine location. This DOC facility does not cost the ratepayer any money to maintain and the proposed facility at Docherty’s Creek would have to have someone do a daily check to clean up rubbish and human waste. This will come at a cost that the ratepayer should not have to pay. The problem will be trying to employ someone to look after this facility as you are aware the Brand new Toilets at Okarito have not been able to open due to this same challenge of finding someone to maintain these to an acceptable standard.

There is also at least five camper parks already in Franz Josef proving this service who pay rates for the privilege. So by opening up an area in direct competition to these businesses is wrong in many levels.

Freedom campers park in our back yard and in any vacant section in town and defecate on the site where kids play during the day is not an acceptable solution. This is happening and it needs to stop

Regards

Grant Gibb
Franz Josef ratepayer and concerned citizen

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 9:43 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Thursday, November 15, 2018 - 09:42

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Haast

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Phone Number: 037500890

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: Good to see banned sidetracks, but you will need some extra large rocks to block the access off,also you will need some extra rubbish containers because every tom dick and harry will use them once they find out where they are located.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No



SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2018

This submission is a public document and the details provided will be available for viewing by members of the public.

Description of Proposal

Council provided public notice that a Statement of Proposal under Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, the Westland District Council proposes the Westland District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 is available. The public notice provides information about how the public can acquire information about the proposal and make a submission. More information about the proposal can be found on Council’s website www.westlanddc.govt.nz.

The closing date for submissions is 16 November 2018

Send or Deliver to:	Email to:
Westland District Council	consult@westlanddc.govt.nz
Private Bag 704	OR:
36 Weld Street	Complete a submission online at:
Hokitika	www.westlanddc.govt.nz

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Preferred contact details (i.e. your postal address, or your email:	pelwellsutton@fastmail.fm
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Signature	

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- 1. Please use one form for each submission.**
Extra forms are available from the Council Office and online www.westlanddc.govt.nz.
- 2. Indicate your attitude to the proposal.**
i.e. I support/oppose/ are neutral to the application.
- 3. Make your submission.**
State clearly and in summary the nature of your submission. Give reasons.
- 4. State any amendments you wish to have made.**
Give details.
- 5. State whether or not you wish to be heard by the Council at a hearing.**
- 6. State if you would be willing to present a joint case, or you require a language interpreter, or if you would like the Council to consider audio or audio-visual presentation options.**

I **support** the proposed bylaw subject to my submission shown below.

My submission is:

- 1.) That the proposed bylaw should set out where the designated freedom camping sites are and that those areas must be supplied with toilets and waste disposal facilities, which are serviced daily during the tourist season, and on alternate days for the rest of the year
The sites to be determined **in consultation** with the local communities.
- 2.) That all freedom campers will be allowed to occupy those designated sites irrespective of whether or not their vehicle is self-contained. Visitors in vehicles without toilets will be those who most seek to freedom camp, so it makes no sense to exclude them.
- 3.) A charge of not more than \$5 per person should be made, if any charge is to be made at all.
- 4.) The servicing and policing of the designated sites should be realistically resourced, with servicing personnel located no more than 50km from any site. Further makes it probable that the sites will not be properly and regularly serviced.
- 5.) While fines for infringements sounds good, collecting the fines may prove time-consuming or impossible. Plenty of tourists skip the country without paying their fines. Just ask the QLDC (Queenstown-Lakes District Council).
The cost of operating the sites must be met by central government (e.g from the PGF) and on no account from local rates.

Amendments I wish to have made:
As set out above. I add the need to make the locations of freedom camping sites easy to find online and on the road.

(use separate paper if necessary)

1. Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. <i>If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing? <i>If yes, please specify your requirements.</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link? <i>If yes, you will be contacted to discuss arrangements.</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 11:05 AM
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New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Thursday, November 15, 2018 - 11:04

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R.D. Hokitika 7882

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Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

The proposal to limit freedom camping to certified self contained vehicles and to restrict camping from certain sensitive areas is something I support.

My opposition is that there has to be an alternative place to go.

I would like to see the council develop such an alternative.

I am a NZ motorhome owner and it is frustrating just to be told you are not wanted.

A lot of us and there are over 70,000, are retired and do not have a large disposable income are looking for a friendly town in our own country to visit. If there was a council owned area that could be developed in a non sensitive area it would solve any congestion problems in popular areas in town and would keep everyone happy. This area can be out of sight, away from the town centre and very utilitarian. Self contained vehicles only need a firm gravel parking area as they are SELF CONTAINED and do not need toilet blocks or other amenities.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: Yes If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Celina Lin <celina.lin@coteouest.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 2:18 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Re: Freedom camping

Dear WDC councillors and staff

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

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Regards

Punts Grove Motel & Suites
C Lin

Fiona Scadden

From: Matt Levien - Work <admin@top10greymouth.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 2:28 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Opposing the reopening of the Docherty Freedom Camping Site

Dear WDC Councillors and Staff

My wife and I have owned the Franz Josef TOP 10 Holiday Park since 2011, we have managers in place that do the day to day operational duties, we wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty Freedom Camping Site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area which was the reason it was closed initially. This site will once again create problems for nearby residents.

Whilst the feeling is that the Glacier Area needs the extra facilities for Camper Vans as there is no availability within existing Rate Paying Establishments, this is actually incorrect. At Franz Josef TOP 10 we have NOT turned away a Camper Van or Tent Site during our time. We have well over 100 Camper Van Sites and we do not turn anyone away. We pay Tens of Thousands of dollars in Rates, Water Rates, Promotional Rates, Local Promotional Groups and Marketing, when the local council turn around and propose to or set up Freedom Camping Areas that are maintained by the Rate Payers this feels like a real kick in the guts.

We would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement of not complying freedom camping.

Regards

Matt and Steph Levien

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From: Anna Dennehy <Anna.Dennehy@gslh.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 3:22 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Docherty Freedom Camping Site Proposed Opening- Opposed!!

Dear WDC councillors and staff,

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents and businesses.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas and size of the town's facilities in relation to the number of tourists we get every year. This site was disgusting when it was in use previously.

I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region, so we can keep our region beautiful!!

Ngā mihi,

Anna Dennehy

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From: Oscar Morgan <oscar@rainforest.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 5:12 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: freedom camping objection

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Regards

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From: Kiara Tinirau-Philps <kiaratinirauphilps@yahoo.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 5:18 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site

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**Regards,
Kiara Tinirau-Philps**

Sent from my iPhone

Fiona Scadden

From: Mark Nicholson <mark@rainforest.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 November 2018 5:39 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Docherty Creek Objection
Attachments: Docherty Creek Objections.pdf

Hi there

Please find attached 7 objections from 7 rate payable properties pertaining the Docherty Creek proposals

Thanks

Mark Nicholson
Developments

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56 Cron Ltd
46 Cron street
Franz Josef

Dear WDC councillors and staff

Re: Docherty Creek Objection

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Fiona Scadden

From: Adam Haugh <adam.haugh@hotmail.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 1:20 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: WDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 proposal

15/11/2018

Dear WDC Councillors and staff,

I support most of the WDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 proposal.

I believe that restricting freedom camping in the identified areas will improve the visitor and locals experiences of the areas identified.

I wish for an amendment to Proposed Prohibited Area no 22. I request that the prohibited area extends up to SH 6. Removing the Freedom Camping allowed area, formally known as Docherty freedom camping site.

This area was closed due to that the number of people camping there was too large for the size of the parking area and lack of any running water / toilet facilities. I do not believe that having a freedom camping site at this, or any location so close to a commercial center, is in the best interest of the visitor experience.

I really feel that freedom camping areas should be at the end of the road to somewhere special, a destination. The proposed Docherty's site is there for convenience, a place to store gravel for maintaining the highway. I do not believe that a freedom camping site so close to a small stream is a good idea either. The opportunity for human fecal matter to enter the waterway is too large.

I believe that there are adequate well priced commercial alternatives for people wishing to camp in the area.

I do not want to be heard by the council at the hearing.

Regards

Adam Haugh
Bella Vista Motel
Snake Bite Brewery
Church Warden - South Westland Anglican Parish
Franz Josef Glacier

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 7:35 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 07:35

Submitted values are:

Name: Jonathan Crofton
Organisation (if applicable): Ribbonwood Retreat Postal address: 26 Greens Road
Email: stay@ribbonwood.net.nz
Phone Number: 037520072
Submission: I oppose the proposal
Type submission here:
Dear WDC Councillors and Staff

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Regards

Jonathan
Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Rebecca Sharp <Rebecca.Sharp@franzjosefglacier.com>
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 8:08 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: Opposed freedom camping at Docherty's Creek
Attachments: img-Y16053950-0001.pdf

Mōrena,

Signed copy this time..

Ngā mihi

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From: Rebecca Sharp
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 8:06 a.m.
To: 'consult@westlanddc.govt.nz' <consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Opposed freedom camping at Docherty's Creek

Mōrena,

To whom it may concern, please see attached letter.

Ngā mihi

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16th November 2018

Dear WDC councillors and staff

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. We live very close to the site and walk past on a regular basis with our dogs. Previously this site was over full of vans, that arrived at all times of the day and night and thus resulting in humans using the bush and site for their human waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will if reopened, create the same issues which was very unpleasant.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

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Regards



Rebecca Sharp
Local Franz Josef Resident.

Fiona Scadden

From: Hari Hari Community Assn <hariharica42@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 8:53 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Proposed freedom camping bylaw

The Hari Hari Community Assn would request that a freedom camping ban be imposed for the area surrounding the Community Centre and public toilet area in Hari Hari.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

L. Mackie
Secretary

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 9:40 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 09:40

Submitted values are:

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Haast

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Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

I'm not sure why I am submitting because we were told in Haast words to the effect of, "it's happening, deal with it" But I will say the following,

It is rather ironic in a Conservation area which is under threat of being locked up on the New Zealanders, we are now being forced to accommodate the freeloading foreign campers who are allowed to come in and do what they want, when they want. Ahhhhh the tourist dollar. It's all we have yet it's taken away also.

Other countries have a no freedom camping laws and it works and its respected by those who visit, I just can't understand why we can't do the same, but here we are.

Travellers come to NZ from a long long way away. It would cost them a couple of thousand dollars to fly here, another 3 or 4 thousand at least to purchase or rent a vehicle, \$100 every couple of days to fill it with our ever increasingly expensive fuel and at least \$30 a day for food/drink.

- If they came here for one month and paid \$30 per night to stay in a campground, it would cost them LESS THAN \$1,000.

My point, whats another \$1,000 when they clearly have the money it takes to get here and travel around our country and do all the fun expensive activities?

For an extra \$1,000 from them, We get our clean roadsides and carparks back, local accommodation providers who have a 7 month window to make a living will be better off financially and the Govt (and then I'm guessing but hoping not,

council/ratepayers/us) won't have to prop these 2 employees up and their enormous fuel and accommodation bill while they drive up and down the West Coast checking on freedom campers.

Central Government are employing 2 people to drive the length of our district every day for 7 months and monitor these freedom camping sites.

- Who pays them after that?
- What is the actual chance of two people (even IF they live at opposite ends of Westland District) monitoring the entire area 7 days a week?
- Will they collect AND dump rubbish at the local dump and will they clean the toilets and site each day?
- Will they pick up rubbish around the perimeter of the actual designated site each day and the rubbish which will blow onto the beach.
- after the 7 month period, WHO pays for the dumping of all rubbish left at freedom camping sites?
- In Haast it costs us \$4 per rubbish bag and up to \$150 per trailer to

dump and we only have access to the dump for 4 hours per week.

- What will happen when locals start to leave their rubbish at the freedom camping site?
- Will the freedom campers light fires each night on the beach without permits, attempt to burn their rubbish, bottles and cans, extinguish the fire properly before leaving? Will the monitors have any power over this?

We were told "They spend money in your community"

I disagree.

Haast is a destination for kiwis who love the outdoors.

For tourists, it's a stop over between 2 major tourist destinations, the Glaciers and Queenstown. Always has been. The garage might sell a tank of gas, but they make no money on fuel sales. I doubt the local stores sell much more than heat and eat foods which can be quickly prepared on a 2 burner gas cooker. I doubt many go to the pub for a \$35 meal and a cold beer.

Do people who dine on noodles and share a coffee spend \$120 on a jetboat ride? No. They don't. Unless it's in Queenstown of course.

I fear it will ultimately COST US to provide for the freedom campers. With 13% of our region rateable land and a 7 month window to make a living for a year, I can't afford to prop up someones holiday while raising 2 children. And I don't want to.

Safety.

The Haast Pass provides many a layby or sideroad/park for freedom campers as does the rest of our coastline.

The Pass in particular is an area when in extremely rough weather people should NOT be up there by the river or under the mountain. After Diana Falls blew out, we were all made very aware of how fractured the entire mountain side is and with the tragic loss of two lives in that storm, no-one wants it to happen again.

Our local policeman or road workers should NOT have to drive up there in dangerous conditions telling people to move into the town for their own safety.

A few years ago a tourist went to a spot an APP told him he could camp. He woke up in the middle of the night floating down the Karangarua river in his little juky car. Luckily he survived to tell the tale.

NO CAMPING signs must be placed right through the Haast Pass as well as by all beach accesses and river accesses.

Sadly our beach accesses and roadside parks are now littered with toilet paper and rubbish. It's disgusting and we are permitting it.

I agree they need to be contained, but I feel between the DoC camp grounds and the commercial campgrounds and accommodation providers, there is ample room for them to pitch a tent or park their vehicle.

Last summer I asked alot of my customers who were clearly freedom campers, where they stayed and what vehicle and facilities they had etc. Alot of them were in a car or station wagon. They had a porta potty but didn't use it.

When I asked why not, one young couple even laughed and said they didn't know how. Come on, even toddlers from all corners of the world know how to squat or sit on a potty. They DIDN'T WANT to use it because they DIDN'T WANT to clean it. Poor and lazy excuse.

This self contained vehicle business is a joke too, you can't slap a sticker of a toilet on a car and call it self contained.

Oh wait, that IS what they are doing. It's not on.

- Are the 2 people monitoring going to have the power to do Anything at all about that?

At the meeting in Haast this was discussed and the possibility of fines etc.

Theres nothing in place to make them pay any fines. Nothing in place to make them to pay as they leave our country. That needs to change.

If we are forced to allow freedom camping, they should be forced to pay any fines as they leave our country. It's only fair. If you get a traffic infringement in another country, you pay it.

- We need to set a standard. Respect our country and we will respect you.
- The West Coast is a conservation area. Respect it.

I left the meeting in Haast along with everyone else reluctantly agreeing to

2 freedom camping sites in our area after we were told, it's happening whether you like it or not.

My understanding is, there will be 2 sites in Haast accommodating up to 15 vehicles per evening, they will be monitored daily for 7 months, they will be kept clean and tidy and all rubbish will be removed, if it all turns to custard, they will be shut down. Central Government will pay for the development of the Hannahs site and will employ 2 people to monitor Westland District for 7 months.

We need guarantees that:

- If it turns to custard the sites will be shut down.
- Ratepayers NEVER be responsible for any cost relating to freedom campers.
- If the sites are maintained beyond 7 months, Central Government continues to pay for all expenses relative to the freedom campers . That includes the employment of monitors, the purchase of their vehicles, all the fuel and accommodation costs for those employees, the dumping fees of all the freedom campers rubbish and all related costs of removing sewerage from the portaloos and emptying into the local pond.
- NO CAMPING signage be erected right through the Haast Pass and all beach and river accesses in our district.
- The monitors are given the authority to remove campers in non designated sites and impose fines if necessary.
- WDC demands Central Government puts in place, a fine system collectable on leaving NZ for the people who disrespect our countryside and National Parks and that money to come back to the district the fine applies to.
- A car, station wagon or van with a toilet sticker slapped on a window IS NOT a self contained vehicle fit for freedom camping and if found camping outside a designated freedom camping area, they will be fined and the fine be paid on leaving the country if not before.
- Appropriate/relevant information is given to tourists on the plane trip over here and at ALL vehicle rental companies.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 9:54 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 09:54

Submitted values are:

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Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here:

I support the proposal only partly. First of all, as in your plan, I agree we need to limit the areas where freedom campers can camp. There are many little side roads between Haast and Jackson Bay that can create dangerous situations when campers are trying to park up or exit, and ALL of these need to be closed off permanently with non-moveable barriers.

What I don't agree with is the proposal to put a site at the old dump site just south of Hannahs Clearing - a couple of kms from where I live and where I enjoy walking everyday. If this is to be allowed, it will need to be monitored extremely closely for campers rubbish and toilet habits. The other areas mentioned - Arawhata River Bridge is more suitable as there are no residences close that will be affected, and Jackson Bay is already over used as a camping site, and this also will need to be monitored closely for rubbish especially. Are there any plans in place for the times when the road to Jackson Bay gets closed and campers are trapped there? They Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 10:27 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 10:27

Submitted values are:

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Phone Number: 037520244
Submission: I oppose the proposal
Type submission here:

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From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 12:31 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 12:30

Submitted values are:

Name: Lisa Stevenson
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 FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER
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 Phone Number: 037520600
 Submission: I oppose the proposal
 Type submission here:
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Regards

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Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 1:26 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 13:26

Submitted values are:

Name: Sarah Hickson

Organisation (if applicable):

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Email: sarahhickson@live.com

Phone Number: 0274573470

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: I agree that freedom camping in non-self contained vehicles should be prohibited.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 2:12 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 14:11

Submitted values are:

Name: Julie Rowe

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: 8 Seddon Street, Kumara

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Phone Number: 0275513011

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

As a resident of Kumara, I am concerned that there are no prohibited freedom camping areas in Kumara in the proposed bylaw. I am concerned that freedom campers will see Kumara as an ideal place to freedom camp (if they look online and follow the bylaw), and that some of our special local areas will be damaged or overrun by visitors to the point that locals are not able to enjoy our local areas, which we pay rates for, and will feel hostile toward tourists. During the tourist season of 2016-2017 the Kapitia Reservoir was overrun by freedom campers to the point where locals were not able to enjoy the area or launch boats without having to ask people to move their cars, litter and rubbish were regularly left at the site and people defecated in the nearby native bush, leaving exposed faeces, menstrual products and toilet paper. I spent time with other residents and the Community Development Officer cleaning up this waste on more than one occasion. Unfortunately, the situation continued even after a porta-loo was installed. With permission from Trustpower, my husband and I created, paid for and erected a sign encouraging people to please use the provided toilet, rather than "pooing" and "weeing" in the bush. Last year the issues and misuse were mostly resolved after funding for a permanent toilet block, Trustpower prohibiting overnights and the location was removed from tourist websites. Now the area is enjoyed by locals and visitors alike on a daily basis.

I share this story because I am concerned that with freedom camping banned in areas of Hokitika, Otira and Serpentine Beach, Kumara has the potential to become a freedom camping hot spot.

I would specifically like to see the Taramakau River at the William Stewart Bridge (access and safety- unmaintained road, environmental protection- river flow into the ocean = rubbish into the ocean), the Kumara Cemetery (protection- historically/culturally sensitive area), the Kumara Sportsground (access- high demand by visitors and locals) and the tramline from Greenstone Road to the cycle trail (part of the cycle trail) (access and safety- high

demand for locals and visitors) as prohibited areas. I do support the

Sportsground allowing organised group camping through the Kumara Sportsground Committee. This means the community group could benefit from the funds and continue maintenance and upkeep at a high level.

While my proposal does considerably reduce the options for freedom campers in Kumara, there are still spots available and with freedom camping at the Kumara Junction Cafe and a camping business in Kumara township. I do not think the restrictions would hinder visitor experiences to our part of New Zealand. If anything, their experience would be enhanced as locals and businesses value their desire to experience New Zealand, without feeling taken advantage of or "shat" upon. Thank you for considering my submission.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 2:25 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 14:25

Submitted values are:

Name: Kris Rowe

Organisation (if applicable):

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Email: krisrowe@kinect.co.nz

Phone Number:

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here: I oppose the proposed bylaw as it stands as it leaves Kumara township and the surrounding area with no protection from freedom campers. The above areas are already contaminated with excrement from freedom campers.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 3:17 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 15:16

Submitted values are:

Name: Craig Rankin
Organisation (if applicable): Glenfern Villas Postal address:
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Franz Josef 7856
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Phone Number: 0211652933
Submission: I oppose the proposal
Type submission here:
Dear WDC Councillors and Staff

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in humans waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region.

Regards

Craig

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 3:44 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 15:43

Submitted values are:

Name: Benjamin Sturgess
 Organisation (if applicable): Shining Star Beachfront Accommodation Postal address:
 16 Richards Drive
 Hokitika, Westland
 7810
 Email: bensturgess@hotmail.com
 Phone Number: 021 0244 0868
 Submission: I support the proposal
 Type submission here:
 To whom it may concern,

My partner and I own the Shining Star Beachfront Accommodation, at 16 Richards Drive. Our facility includes 16 powered sites for campervans, as well as 5 unpowered sites.

The area that concerns us is referenced in the Statement of Proposal - Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 as "End of Richards Drive, West of Revell St".

We would like to ensure that this remains a prohibited area for freedom camping. Firstly, there are no nearby facilities (toilets and/or showers) for freedom campers to use. Because of this, we have a regular and frequently-unpleasant job approaching and discouraging campers from using our facilities by sneaking in and blending with our paid guests. This situation will undoubtedly increase in intensity if freedom camping is allowed to take place immediately outside our business. The experience is a negative for the tourists involved and a negative for us as well.

Secondly, there is no shortage of paid sites for our welcome tourists to use. Between our neighboring holiday park (252 Beachside) and ourselves, there is plenty of availability for the traffic that comes through.

Thirdly, using this area for freedom camping would devalue our business. This is not just because of the fact that we would compete against a free service, but also because this site would be located directly between our motel units and the beach. This would greatly diminish the aesthetic of our guests' views, which they pay a premium for.

We think that the establishment of freedom camping at the parking lot at the end of Richards Drive would be an overall detriment to the area. We don't think there is a need for it, and there are substantial drawbacks to the using this area in such a manner.

We thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,

Ben and Saskia
 Shining Star Beachfront Accommodation

16 Richards Drive, Hokitika

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 4:10 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 16:09

Submitted values are:

Name: LEZ MORGAN

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RD 2

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Phone Number: 0212048562

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: I support it but feel 2 nights stay in 30 days is too much and should be reduced to one night with no return visits. If people can afford to fly here to be on holiday they can afford to pay local hotels and guest houses to stay. Free costs the rate payer in the end.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 4:07 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 16:07

Submitted values are:

Name: Louise Morgan

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

239E Keogans Road

RD 2

Email: loopy.morgan@gmail.com

Phone Number: 0212048562

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here: I fully support proposal but encourage Council to be stricter in regard as to how many nights freedom campers can stay in a month.

Two nights repeated frequently in a 30 day frequency could become almost 2 weeks of free camping even if they move off for one night and come back. It's the mess and noise they leave behind and fact it costs rate payers in the end that worries me. Nice to have visitors but they should contribute to economy and not just live off the land taking advantage for free.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Fiona Scadden

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 16 November 2018 4:46 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission Form: Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018

New submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2018 Submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018 - 16:46

Submitted values are:

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Phone Number: 03 752 0299
Submission: I oppose the proposal
Type submission here:
We do not support freedom camping in Glacier Country.

In particular we oppose the re-opening of the Docherty freedom camping site.
If this site re-opens the number of vans expecting to overnight at that site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in human waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

We would prefer council funding is used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and World Heritage status of Glacier Country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas, we would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the Glacier Country region.

We believe it is fair to expect travellers in campervans to pay for facilities they require. Ratepayers cannot be expected to pay for rubbish removal and site cleanup.

Thank you.
Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

Mark Dixon

From: Tim Haller <haller.tim@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 17 November 2018 4:59 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Freedom campers

Dear WDC councillors and staff

I wish to oppose the reopening of the Docherty freedom camping site. The number of vans that will arrive at this site will overwhelm the proposed facilities resulting in human waste and rubbish throughout the surrounding area - the reason it was closed initially. This site will also once again create problems for nearby residents.

I would prefer council funding was used on education and enforcement.

Given the special nature and world heritage status of Glacier country (which we need to protect and present to all tourists in the best possible condition); combined with the narrow streets of the urban areas I would like to see a total freedom camping ban in the glacier country region.

Regards

Tim Haller

Resident, Waiho Stables

Docherty Creek Rd