



Dear Sir,

Hammer Springs want the Freedom Campers dollar but "don't stay in our back yard" Syndrome

My wife and I love camping in our fully self contained motorhome. Being a NZMCA member we have plenty of options including freedom camping. which we enjoy and have been welcomed to all South Island towns we have visited. We feel the camping grounds owners are pricing themselves off the market with their ridiculously high prices for powered sites \$45 - \$53.

Limiting the number of campers permitted per night is a very good move but needs to be patrolled 7 days a week with a "Parks Reserve Ranger".

We have camped many times at the White Cliffs reserve (Waimakariri Council) and a ranger has come through checking toilets etc. They also have two mini skips there for rubbish. The ranger told us the biggest problem was locals dumping large household items/rubbish eg Couches, TV etc. so they chained the openings so that only small plastic bags go in.

All Freedom campers spend alot of money and not just on Tourist things.

If councils do it right and in our experience some have, its a Win, Win for all concerned.

Regards.

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