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Dear Councillors

In making your decision about the Freedom Camping Bylaw you may consider our views, which are:

(1) that from a **public health** point of view freedom camping is not to be encouraged. Without proper facilities for an overnight stay food and faecal wastes are likely to be a nuisance and the costs of clearing up fall to the council and its ratepayers;

(2) from an **environmental** perspective it is again too much to hope that all freedom campers will take with them all the wastes generated by the usual patterns of modern living - this includes packaging, paper, cans and bottles as well as cooking and bodily waste. The Hurunui enjoys a beautiful environment and the Council's policy should be to preserve and enhance that;

(3) from an **economic** perspective we observe that freedom campers who have stayed with us (as WOOFers or Help-X) spend very little money while in the District and are characterised by living as cheaply as they can (having spent most of their money on getting here from europe or asia). They are often delightful and well educated people but bring little economic benefit to Hurunui. Arguably the council should be making policy decisions that work to encourage visitors who have money to spend in the district's hospitality, viticultural, tourism and related businesses - these are not the freedom campers;

To provide facilities where, for a reasonable and low cost, people can stay and leave Hurunui as clean and beautiful as they found it would be good, and preferable to allowing freedom camping. In France, where many freedom campers come from, an administrative district like the Hurunui would have a municipal campsite that was clean and inexpensive.

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