

**Online Submission**

**Freedom Camp: Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw**

**Submitter**

**Title:** Mr

**First Name:** Wendy and Barney

**Last Name:** Beaven

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them

Could I gain an advantage in trade competition with this submission?: No

Do we generally support the proposed Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw: No

**Submission Details**

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**Specific comment(s) on areas designated in the proposed Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw:**

We do not feel that the desire to stop the Rotherham Camping Area has been fully investigated. Only a few people at a meeting were pursuing this option. A more vigorous surveying of the township and surrounding area on their opinion would give a better view of whether this area should no longer be available for freedom camping. Why should we stop the enjoyment of a lot of people just because a few people are not following the rules.

**Specific comment(s) on waste issues associated with the proposed Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw:**

We do not believe that there have been enough investigations in solving the waste issues at the Rotherham Freedom camping area.

It was suggested that the toilets on the Showground reserve be available for the freedom camping area, this has not been investigated or trialed.

Also there could be funding options for adding a toilet to the outside of the Rotherham hall, this has not been investigated.

The issue of overflow of rubbish bins last year was caused when Barney Beaven installed a rubbish tin (as requested) and he did not inform the council that it needed to be added to the rubbish collection area. This could simply be solved.

**Specific comment(s) on roading issues associated with the proposed Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw:**

There are no roading issues that warrant the shutting of the Rotherham Freedom camping area

**Specific comment(s) on other safety issues associated with the proposed Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw:**

There have been no police call outs or other safety issues to warrant the closure of the Rotherham Freedom camping area

**General comment(s) on the proposed Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw:**

If the Rotherham Freedom camping area is closed then campervans will start parking on any back road, as has happened previously. At least with a Freedom camping area most of the vehicles are parking within a designated area

It is very short sighted and arrogant to want to keep our "little bit of heaven" to ourselves, we should be sharing this beautiful area of Rotherham with travellers from NZ and overseas