

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

- Rubbish being dumped in the hand basin and toilets.
- Heard of men peeing in the bushes by the toilets

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

Old School Reserve

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6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

Seen vehicles

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

Old School Reserve.
Heard of some in reserve next to Buxton camp

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

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10. Do you think Gore Bay should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay?


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12. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

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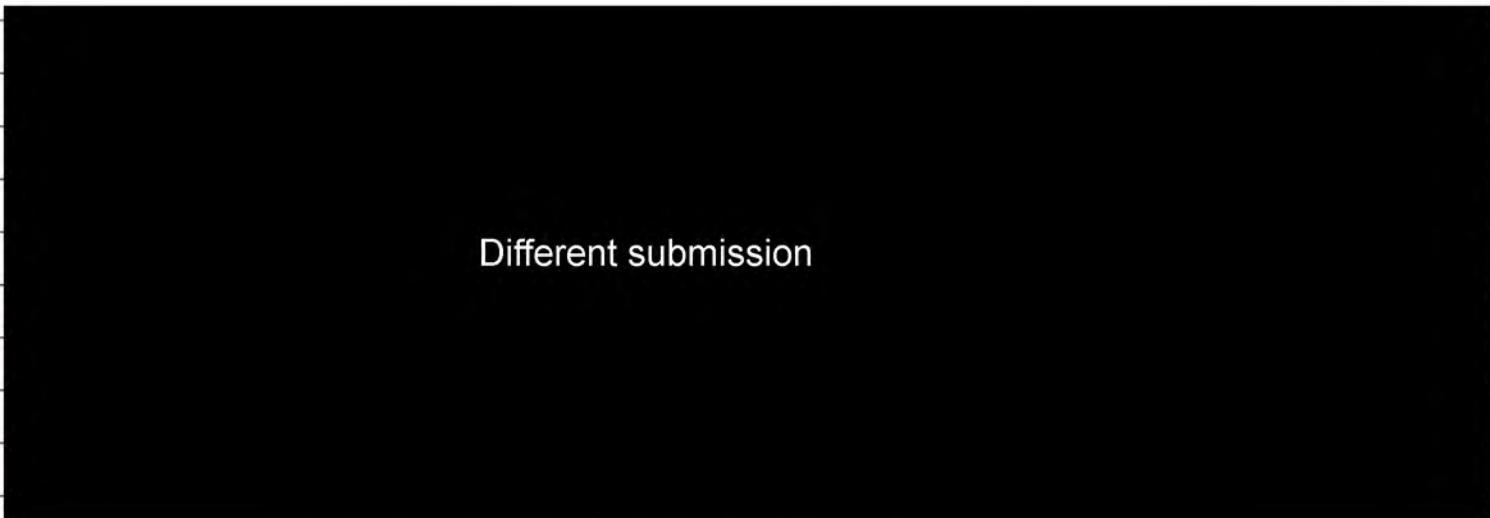
Where there are camp grounds available freedom camping should be prohibited



Stretch of road - not maintained at rate of increase

Manuka Bay listed as a good camping spot:
Lawn mower

Higher profile of area now requires $\$$ increased maintenance



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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

- Rubbish left around
- Facilities ignored

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

Old School Reserve - at Freedom Camping site
It is ignored. Sign is ok but people not following

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Seen them but haven't counted them

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No.
Maybe next to tennis courts

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14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

- Police law - don't make it into a farce
- Feral shitting + feral rubbish dumping
- Public use of camp grounds private toilet (inadequate public toilets).

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Intimidating with proximity to toilet traffic congestion, blocking access, taking up carparking spaces, effect on playground

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

beside toilet

safe families coming to picnic and enjoy the beach

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every night since signs

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Regularly more than 2 people & not coming & leaving

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Manuka Bay?

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everywhere

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

*concerned about effect of cellphone coverage photos & attracting more people
Think camping should be limited to the camping ground
Recycling bin needs opening more often
Needs better design*

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Number of vehicles, blocking access to recycling bin, intimidating for access to toilet washing string up - leaving alot rubbish

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

At public toilets

Spills out + ~~blat~~ parking on grass lawn - people doing washing in sink

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most nights

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*At end of road, Cathedral lookout
Port Robinson Road. Limestone knob access road, in road.*

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No - possible north reserve

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*enforcement based locally
recycling bin emptied more often or another put at Buxton end*

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- Campers using the bush for toilet (despite the public toilet being)
- Port Robinson Road freedom campers

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

Old School Reserve

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14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

- Enforcement of the rules
- Patrols

→ Info shared via app

→ Mike should be allowed to move campers on

Different submission

Lives Gore Bay. Passes camp site couple of times per day.
Freedom Camping parks full from midday to 10am
next day.

Camp Ground is losing out.

- Recycle bin is obstructed.
- Found Freedom campers + poo.

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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

None - shouldn't be limitations on camping

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?
As lives in Chenot and would like to be able to come down and camp in self contained vehicle

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because they come fully self contained

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Shouldn't be any limitations on where you can freedom camp in safe areas in self contained vehicle

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14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

No businesses that benefit economically from the campers

Small percentage of people that spoil it for responsible freedom campers in self contained vehicles

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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

- Rubbish + recycling full + overflowing. More so since Freedom Campers
- Verbal abuse of compliance guy. → Washing lines strung out.
- Vehicles in excess of allowed number - Effect on commercial operations.

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

Old School Reserve + By the tennis courts

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6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

Regularly. Whole time he's been here.

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

- Cathedral lookout carpark
- End car park
- Around tennis courts (time-to-time)

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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay? - Plenty of paid camp site.

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No

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14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

- More recycling + more rubbish collection
- Local based enforcement

- Self contained stickers that aren't self-contained
- If it is going to stay - physically define the two car parks

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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

- Rubbish
- obstruction of public toilets. Particularly for females having campers set up in front of toilets

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

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14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

* Spoke to supermarket. Spend little or no money there
* Cost to community of facilities

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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

- Flocks of seagulls in Gore Bay. They weren't here before the signs.
- Toilet paper in bushes near freedom camping area
- Overflowing bin.
- Misuse of toilet facility (found in basin)
- Obstruction of access to public toilet (makes you uncomfortable).

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

- Old School Reserve - Freedom Camping Area. → Numbers in excess of 2 allowed.
- Heard - men urinating in bushes. → More inappropriate freedom camping in Gore Bay since signs.

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6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer? *Very regularly*

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay? *Old School Reserve (90%)*
- Cathedral Lookout
- Just before the uphill gravel car park.

Car park often full anyway, but no camping.

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cleaning not frequent

Sign OK but ignored

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No.

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All Gore Bay and surrounds.

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly? *- PIO signs - collect fires*
- Daily monitoring + enforcement.

- No benefit to business here because there's only accommodation
- Make an area PIO during the day
- Have people phoning up and saving sites but not turning up
- Finds them in the camping area. New since Sept 2018
- Spoke to tourists who were coming for camp site then choosing free site.

Submission: On Freedom Camping in Gore Bay

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1. Introduction

It is in our best interests to provide information that can help the relevant members of Hurunui District Council and associated decision-makers to provide appropriate facilities and fair and logical compliance frameworks for Freedom Camping to ensure negative environmental impacts are minimised, Day Visitor and other stakeholder experiences are not compromised, and that local business opportunities associated with Freedom Camping visitors (both tourists and Kiwis) are enhanced. Below, we provide information about any negative impacts and suggest some options to better achieve the above-listed goals.

There are two Freedom Camping sites at the south end of Gore Bay by the public toilets. The sign-posts indicating them were erected in early December 2018.

2. Environmental Impacts

2.1 Freedom Campers, being overnight visitors, create different and larger amounts of waste than day visitors. Bins near the Freedom Camping areas are now overflowing regularly which did not happen prior to the Freedom Camping signs being erected. Bags of rubbish (not Hurunui District council bags but campers' small bags) are piled behind the recycling bin which also did not happen prior to the Freedom Camping signs being erected.

2.1.1 Direct impact of increased rubbish is overflowing bins that both looks unsightly and attract pests.

2.1.2 Indirect impact of Increased rubbish is contamination of the recycling facility by people who cannot fit their rubbish in the rubbish bin. Rubbish bins overflowing has led people to use the recycling bins as alternative waste disposal for items including feminine hygiene products, thus contaminating the recycling, which therefore now cannot be recycled and instead is going to landfill. This is a significant environmental concern.

2.2 Food rubbish from Freedom Campers is causing many new problems that are specific to overnight stays.

2.2.1 Hand-basins in the public toilets are being blocked or obstructed by being used to wash dirty dishes, eg. porridge blocking the hand-basin.

2.2.2 Vegetable peelings and other food scraps are being discarded into the bushes therefore increasing the population of mammalian pests (Gore Bay locals have worked very hard on a trapping programme to limit the number of predator species, including rats, to provide better survival and fledging success for native bird populations).

2.2.3 Straining cooking pot liquids onto the ground adjacent to the Freedom Camping sites, eg. noodles on the lawn area between carpark and public toilets.

2.3 Hygiene issues with use of facilities other than for the purpose they were intended, eg washing dishes or hair or draining cooking pots in public toilet handbasins.

2.4 Proximity to public toilets has not completely prevented people from toileting on the roadside or in the bushes.

3 Impacts on Day-Visitor Experience

The habits of day visitors and Freedom campers differ from each other, and the introduction of Freedom Camping areas in a part of Gore Bay where previously there were only day visitors, has created new problems.

3.1 Overflowing rubbish bins look unsightly to day-visitors.

3.2 Freedom campers are not honouring time restrictions specified on the Freedom Camping signs. They are often there from mid-afternoon or even earlier, cooking at the back of a van with tables and chairs and barbeques out, which causes problems with access to the recycling bin (both for people disposing of recycling and for the Cheviot Transfer Station Operator's truck coming to collect it), access to the toilets, and competition for parking for day visitors. The most blatant example seen was place-holding with camping furniture while the camping vehicle was temporarily absent.

3.3 Campers who are staying during the daytime are spoiling the visitor experience by erecting clotheslines which can be aesthetically offensive (eg. underwear on display) and often inhibit access to either the beach or the public toilets. This occurrence is specific to overnight stays and is distinctly different to the habit of day visitors who may hang a beach towel or wetsuit on their car's side-mirror.

Sometimes the choice of location for a washing line or picnic table seems to be overtly aimed at staking a social claim on the territory, sending a message that makes day-visitors feel as if they are intruding on someone's private space, which is unreasonable in a public area.

3.4 A phenomenon we have noticed among Freedom Campers as opposed to day visitors is a tendency to play games (such as frisbee, soccer or hackysack) in the carpark alongside their vehicles. We have no objection to the games *per se*, but such activities in the carpark restrict the movement of vehicles and people, eg. we have seen elderly day visitors hesitant to move along the carpark from their car to the toilets, unsure if they could or should negotiate the obstacle course. We had never seen this in that carpark prior to the erection of Freedom Camping signs, because day visitors typically take their activities to the beach or the Old School Reserve, and just use the carpark as... a carpark. To Freedom Campers their vehicle, not the location, is their focal point and so they treat the carpark as if it is their backyard, thus clashing with other users. A similar example is the new trend of people (Freedom Campers) using the small lawn area between the Freedom Camping sites/ carpark and the toilets to sit on. Previously, people wanting to sit on the grass used the Old School Reserve or the road margin at the back of the beach and this lawn was only ever used as access between carpark and toilets. A local recently observed 4 young men relaxing on this lawn next to their campervans and thought if a woman travelling on her own wanted toilet access she might feel intimidated.

3.5 We have witnessed personally and heard from other locals that Freedom Campers will sometimes urinate immediately adjacent to their vehicles, even during the day, even though the Freedom Camping sites are approximately 10 metres from the public toilets.

4. Commercial Impact on Gore Bay Camping-grounds (Leasees of Hurunui District Council)

4.1 We are the leasees of the Gore Bay and Buxton campgrounds within Gore Bay, which means we pay rent, rates, rubbish disposal, insurance (both HDC's and our own) and an annual registration fee to the HDC. We also pay all consumable costs (electricity, gas, septic tank emptying etc) and have to own all equipment for grounds maintenance and cleaning.

The freedom campers in Gore Bay are within 3-400m of the campground, and get their rubbish removed for free by the contractor employed by HDC (paid for by the ratepayers and our

rent/rates/fees) and their toilets cleaned for free by the contractor employed by HDC (paid for by the ratepayers and our rent/rates/fees).

4.2 Many of the freedom campers are initially attracted to Gore Bay by advertising we pay for on the CamperMate app. Many of these people book sites in the camping ground before arriving in Gore Bay and renege on their bookings when they discover a site to camp for free. Significant numbers of “No-Show” tourists who had made phone bookings was a new phenomenon this summer, after the erection of the Freedom Camping signs. Because there is no cellphone coverage they cannot ring us to cancel the booking, so we unnecessarily hold sites for them. Subsequent campground arrivals resent not being able to have that one last site with a coveted sea-view that still sits empty in the morning when they had a less desirable site because we honoured an earlier (reneged) booking. We now record vehicle licence plates when we take a phone booking, but this is of little value because often tourists who are booking over the phone (rather than just turning up) do so because they are going to arrive late in the evening, so unless we were to check late at night we don't know the site saved for them is still empty until 6am the next morning when we arrive for cleaning. Even if we were to discover their vehicle licence plate in the Freedom Camping area at night, it is too late to make ‘their’ site in the campground available to someone else, so the only way to prevent this problem is to prohibit Freedom Camping in Gore Bay.

4.3 Freedom Campers attract Freedom Campers. Locals who walk their dog daily at 5am past the carpark by the public toilets at the south end of Gore Bay noticed a sudden change upon the erection of the Freedom Camping signs; people camping, not just in the two permitted sites, but also parking overnight illegally in multiple other nearby locations. This sudden change suggests that simply seeing people Freedom Camping makes others think “Oh that’s a good idea we hadn’t thought of” and must be either permitted or something they can get away with, thus creating a snowball effect, because the more people you see doing it the more likely you are to think it’s acceptable. This is exacerbated by social media allowing a platform to notify other potential Freedom Campers of what they got away with. Prior to the Freedom Camping signs being erected, the majority of these camping vehicles would instead have stayed the night in the Gore Bay campgrounds.

4.4 Bach owners adjacent to the campground, and people staying at the campground, have repeatedly reported Freedom Campers using showers and rubbish facilities at the Gore Bay and Buxton campgrounds after hours. The showers are not coin-operated and these people are not contributing via the honesty-box system, thus increasing the cost to us, the lease-holders. Freedom Campers apparently leave their vehicles in the Freedom Camping sites, walk up the road or beach to the main Gore Bay camp, use the hot showers, and walk back. This often happens late at night. It has long been a problem at the Buxton Camp that members of the public, many of whom are day visitors at the Buxton Reserve & playground, use the Buxton Campground toilets mistakenly thinking they are a public toilet, despite signage to the contrary. Since the establishment of the two Freedom Camping sites in Gore Bay there is now a higher number of non-paying campers in camping vehicles stopping in during the day and using the Buxton facilities including the hot showers.

4.5 Comments about Freedom Camping from some of our overseas customers:

4.5.1 Two German couples, one of twenty-somethings and one of fifty-somethings, both independently expressed the sentiment that: *NZ campgrounds are in nice places and often Freedom Camping places aren't. If you try too hard to give too many Freedom Camping places the campgrounds won't make enough money and will close down, so you'll change the tourist experience from a tour of scenically beautiful places to a tour of NZ's carparks and public toilets and then people will stop coming.* The older couple added that the South Bay Freedom Camping area was “like a refugee camp”. Footnote: We have observed that, given a choice, campers in motorhomes will select grass over tarseal or gravel, and plenty of space over being immediately adjacent to neighbouring campers – unlike the options available if Freedom Camping.

4.5.2 "The Gore Bay Freedom Camping area is too lonely and the view is better from here (the Gore Bay Camp) because you are closer to the beach" (young European man travelling alone).

4.5.3 Here is an example of a Freedom Camping area creating a demand rather than meeting an existing demand. We spoke to a twenty-something German couple in a Jucy van getting fuel at Parnassus. They were travelling to Christchurch to return their van and had planned to spend their

last night camping at a campground somewhere south of Kaikoura, they hadn't pre-selected which one. They'd stopped to look at the South Bay (Kaikoura) Freedom Camping area because there were so many vehicles they thought there must be something going on. They hadn't known about it beforehand. They ended up staying there, only because they enjoyed socialising with so many other tourists their own age, even though they thought it was too crowded and the conditions were unpleasant. This is an example of campers who intended to stay at, and were happy to pay for, a campsite in a campground, but were enticed to a Freedom Camping area simply because it was so obvious, not because they had read about it or been alerted to it by a phone app or in-car navigation system. Without that, they may not have stayed at the Gore Bay campground, but they are very likely to have stayed at one or other Hurunui District campground, so the Kaikoura South Bay Freedom Camping area is impacting negatively on Hurunui camping businesses.

4.6 We have no objections to Freedom Camping provided council is sensitive to commercial interests (especially council leasees) when selecting permitted Freedom Camping locations and given that a typical Freedom Camping tourist is of low economic value it is unfair to expect the ratepayer and/or taxpayer to foot the bill for the establishment of facilities and the ongoing maintenance thereof. It is also fair and reasonable for local people to be allowed the opportunity to provide accommodation sites and related services ie. Camping grounds as their income earner. We believe few people would object to freedom camping by people who genuinely utilise genuinely self-contained vehicles, provided the Freedom Camping locations were not adjacent to or within reasonable range of, and therefore competing with, an established camping business. Additionally, if Hurunui District Council is genuine about the notion that Freedom Campers will spend the money they save on accommodation on other things in local businesses, then the council should utilise Freedom Camping spaces as i-site type information areas to more actively promote those local businesses. Also adjacent to Freedom Camping areas like those in Gore Bay, where people are likely to attempt to camp outside the designated area, there should be information saying Freedom Camping is not permitted, what the fines are, and where the nearest Camping facilities are.

5. Closing Statement

5.1 Historically there were problems of rubbish disposal and toilet waste management associated with freedom camping in Gore Bay and over many decades council and various Domain Boards/Reserves Boards/Ward Committees and volunteers (both local and Christchurch or Amberley-based) have developed two camping grounds to provide facilities for campers and erected signage to prohibit roadside camping and overnight parking anywhere in Gore Bay other than in the campgrounds.

Currently there is a large black sign at each end of Gore Bay specifying “**No camping on roadside within Gore Bay, Campgrounds available**”.



Figure 5.1: 'No Camping on Roadside' sign at north end of Gore Bay, opposite Buxton Camp



Figure 5.2: 'No Camping on Roadside' sign at south end of Gore Bay, 100m south of freedom camping sites

There are blue "No Camping" signs at the Old School Reserve, Buxton Reserve and Playground and red signs at the car park on the north bank of the Buxton Stream and in the laneway/carpark between Buxton campground and Buxton Reserve/playground and at the very far south carpark on the seaward side of the road.



Figure 5.3: 'No Camping' sign at north end of Gore Bay, at the middle entrance of the Buxton Reserve



Figure 5.4: 'No Camping' sign by the tennis courts Gore Bay



Figure 5.5: 'No Camping' sign at south end of Gore Bay



Figure 5.6: 'No Mobile Homes/Overnight Parking' sign at south end of Gore Bay



Figure 5.6: 'No Camping' sign at south end of Gore Bay, at the Old School Reserve

Ironically the problems solved in the past by erecting these signs and therefore limiting camping in the bay to within the campgrounds have been reintroduced by the introduction of the Freedom Camping sites.

5.2 The two primary justifications for providing Freedom Camping areas and associated facilities seem to be (a) Limit/remove mess (both toilet waste and rubbish) and (b) Encourage positive economic spinoff because tourists may spend their money in local businesses. When choosing a location for Freedom Camping spaces, The Hurunui District Council needs to consider how Freedom Camping areas will fulfil these two requirements. As pointed out above, the introduction of Freedom Camping areas to Gore Bay has reintroduced problems with waste (rubbish and toilet waste) and created new, probably unforeseen, issues such as contamination of recycling and obstructing removal of recycling bins. Additionally, because the only commercial operations in Gore Bay are accommodation-based, (camping-grounds, B&Bs, bach rentals) Freedom Camping has only provided competition for these businesses and not provided any positive economic spin-off within the bay. It is of course perfectly acceptable if the economic spin-off is slightly further afield, but anecdotal evidence through conversations with supermarket and café owners in Cheviot suggest that freedom

camper expenditure is low. We also know from these conversations with Cheviot business owners, and through our own experience of bumping into our campground customers in Cheviot, that many paying campers that pay and stay in the campgrounds in Gore Bay do spend money in Cheviot businesses such as the Four Square supermarket, cafés, pub, hardware shop and fish n chip shop.

5.3 Kiwis pride themselves internationally on being friendly people and tourists frequently comment on how welcomed they feel in NZ. Now that there is pressure from central government for local councils to supply more facilities for freedom campers and because many ratepayers consider they get little or no benefit from the rate money expenditure on the establishment and maintenance of these facilities, the animosity and resentment resulting is causing terse reactions from some local people which will eventually, as it happens throughout the country, tarnish our international image.

6. What We Want:

Our first choice: Freedom Camping banned from within 2km of established camping grounds in Hurunui District. Enforced.

Our second choice: Freedom Camping banned from within Gore Bay. Enforced.

Our third choice: Freedom Camping in Gore Bay limited to the 2 current sites, with regular and more frequent security visits to ensure compliance. Enforcement of P10 between 8am and 8pm as suggested below. Enforced.

Compliance officers should have an information pamphlet to be able to provide infringers with the location of appropriate camping locations which should include Freedom Camping locations and Campgrounds.

In all cases, any fines should be collected, via the vehicle-rental companies or as tourists leave the country if necessary.

7. Constructive Suggestions:

Many of the problems caused by Freedom Campers in Gore Bay who in some way spoil the experience or directly obstruct day visitors can be alleviated by actively enforcing the time restrictions associated with the Freedom Camping signage. Because council representatives we have talked to have argued it is impossible to enforce the restrictions when people can legitimately park in those places as day visitors, we suggest a different approach, as follows. Allow Freedom Camping between the hours of 8pm and 8am but make the Freedom Camping spaces P10 between 8am and 8pm. This means people cannot linger in these spaces therefore they are unlikely to obstruct others. This idea is enforceable because there is no ambiguity about whether they are camping or parked for a day visit as both would be clearly prohibited. Also it has the added advantage of allowing parking spaces for people to quickly drop off recycling, visit the toilet or stop for a photo if they are passing through on days when the beach is busy and the carpark is otherwise full. However it does not solve any of the problems mentioned above that are associated with overnight stays, and enforcing compliance during the day as well adds another significant level of cost for the council (ie ratepayers).

It is worth noting that the addition of freedom camping areas has noticeably increased the requirement for compliance enforcement at significant cost to the ratepayer. This could be improved by employment of more locally-based enforcement agencies so that, for example, compliance staff do not have to travel from Hanmer Springs to Gore Bay.

8. Photos



Figure 8.1: Rubbish dumped behind the recycling bin adjacent to the Freedom Camping Area at the south end of Gore Bay



Figure 8.2: Close-up of rubbish dumped behind the recycling bin adjacent to the Freedom Camping Area at the south end of Gore Bay



Figure 8.3: Kim Bestic, one of the current Gore Bay Camping Ground lease-holders with a typical load of recycling. We provide bins to allow campers to separate landfill rubbish, glass and other recycling. Many campers are not good at sorting rubbish and recycling and we make considerable effort to sort waste and rectify sorting errors to make sure we add the minimum amount of refuse to landfill. The photo shows a trailer-load of glass (in sacks) and other recycling (in clear plastic bags) on top. Since the addition of the freedom camping areas at Gore Bay, the volume of general rubbish added to and therefore contaminating the recycling in the bin adjacent to the freedom camping area has increased markedly.



Figure 8.4 Vehicles in addition to the 2 in the permitted sites, parked overnight approximately 75m

and 100m from the public toilets and unlikely to walk to the toilet at night. There are two eye-witness accounts of Freedom Campers urinating behind their campervans during the day. Both of these were in the Freedom Camping sites only 10m from the public toilets.



Figure 8.5 The three vehicles side by side in the two Freedom Camping sites stayed overnight, as did the two white vans further south. This photo was taken in the middle of the day.



Figure 8.6 This bus and tent (obscured behind jetski) parked overnight 100m south of the Freedom Camping area.



Figure 8.7a Porridge blocking hand-basin in mens public toilets adjacent to Freedom Camping area.



Figure 8.7b Wide-angle view of above. Water will not drain away when basin is used for its intended use. It is the only handbasin in the mens toilets. Toilet users have told us there have been Freedom Campers washing dishes in the handbasin, while they used the urinal immediately adjacent.



Figure 8.8 This van and caravan stayed overnight here for three nights in early December (not reported) and returned 10 days later for another night. The occupants were belligerent when politely informed by us it was not a permitted camping area, hence we have not approached any other Freedom Campers since.

8.9 These six vehicles in Figures 8.9a-e were all parked overnight outside the permitted Freedom Camping sites on one night (January 28, 2019, unfortunately not reported at the time). The eight Freedom Camping vehicles in Gore Bay that night (including two in permitted sites) outnumbered the total of seven vehicles in the two Gore Bay campgrounds, this halving of the night's customers being a significant negative commercial effect.

When security staff move Freedom Campers on from non-permitted areas, they do so late at night (because it takes over an hour to drive from Hanmer Springs to Gore Bay) and perhaps because of this, these Freedom Campers seldom move into the campgrounds. Only four vehicles this summer moved into the campgrounds, from in excess of forty reported staying overnight outside the permitted Freedom Camping sites. Actual numbers were greater than those reported, and all reports depended on us making the effort to drive through the bay at the right time of evening. We noticed many more staying outside the permitted area, but due to a variety of circumstances, on many occasions we were unable to report them. We acknowledge that not all people staying in non-permitted areas when the Freedom Camping sites are full would have otherwise sought out a campground to stay at.



Figure 8.9a



Figure 8.9b



Figure 8.9c



Figure 8.9d



Figure 8.9 e



Figure 8.10 A campervan staying overnight in the Limestone Lookout carpark at the north end of Gore Bay, 100m from the Buxton Campground.

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

* For all scales 5 is strongly agree and 1 is strongly disagree

1. How much do you agree or disagree that freedom camping:

Brings a range of benefits to Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should be encouraged and welcomed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Comes with some negative impacts for Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Causes significant problems in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1

2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

- Heard of campers doing dishes in toilets

- ~~to~~ Haven't seen

Have heard there has been more

rubbish lying

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

4. Thinking about freedom camping in Gore Bay over the most recent summer season. How much do you agree or disagree that there is a problem with freedom camping in Gore Bay?

5	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Gore Bay. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in non-self-contained vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in self-contained vehicles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All freedom campers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixture of freedom campers, other tourists and day trippers
<input type="checkbox"/>	No significant problems

6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

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7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

Toilets	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Rubbish bins	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Signage	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Parking	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know

9. Do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated?

Yes	No	Don't know
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10. Do you think Gore Bay should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

Yes	No	Don't know
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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay? - Camp ground

Yes	No	Don't know
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12. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

No

13. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be inappropriate or unacceptable in self-contained vehicles?

Everywhere

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

Toilets + bins were put here for daytrippers and locals - not freedom campers
Campers should be in camp grounds

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

Permanent residents

* For all scales 5 is strongly agree and 1 is strongly disagree

1. How much do you agree or disagree that freedom camping:

Brings a range of benefits to Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should be encouraged and welcomed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Comes with some negative impacts for Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Causes significant problems in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1

2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

*Seagulls around toilet
untidy*

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

*Beside toilets more than 2 campers
hanging out washing
food scraps being emptied in bushes.*

4. Thinking about freedom camping in Gore Bay over the most recent summer season. How much do you agree or disagree that there is a problem with freedom camping in Gore Bay?

<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Gore Bay. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in non-self-contained vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in self-contained vehicles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All freedom campers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixture of freedom campers, other tourists and day trippers
<input type="checkbox"/>	No significant problems

6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

every day

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

*Beside toilets lookout carpark
along the roadside*

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

Didn't see any notification of original process, don't feel consulted

Toilets	Adequate	Could be better	<u>Inadequate</u>	Don't know
Rubbish bins	Adequate	Could be better	<u>Inadequate</u>	Don't know
Signage	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Parking	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know

9. Do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated?

Yes	No	Don't know
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10. Do you think Gore Bay should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

Yes	<u>No</u>	Don't know
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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay?

Yes	No	Don't know
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12. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

No.

13. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be inappropriate or unacceptable in self-contained vehicles?

Yes - everywhere

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

*Don't think they would take any notice
Already ignoring the signs*

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

Back owners

* For all scales 5 is strongly agree and 1 is strongly disagree

1. How much do you agree or disagree that freedom camping:

Brings a range of benefits to Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
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Comes with some negative impacts for Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Causes significant problems in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1

2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

*Impact on Gore Bay Camping Ground.
stinging out washing - visual effects
blockage of view of toilets & access toilets*

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

Beside toilets

4. Thinking about freedom camping in Gore Bay over the most recent summer season. How much do you agree or disagree that there is a problem with freedom camping in Gore Bay?

<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Gore Bay. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

Freedom campers in non-self-contained vehicles
Freedom campers in self-contained vehicles
All freedom campers
Mixture of freedom campers, other tourists and day trippers
No significant problems

6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

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9. Do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated?

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10. Do you think Gore Bay should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay?

Yes	No	Don't know
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12. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

Should be in campground

13. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be inappropriate or unacceptable in self-contained vehicles?

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

- Not appropriate to sell lease to a camping grounds and allow free camping as well.
- People should contribute.
- Undermining local.

Visual effects on environment:

- Seen a Juicy van with a clothes line set up
- Blocked

Rules - must be policed.

Gore Bay - camping ground

Different submission

Different submission

- Bad piece of legislation.
- Refuse bin man has been blocked.
- Can't police.

Online survey - frustrating
Too limited in its questioning

• Doesn't like the idea of freedom camping. It was appropriate in the past but is no longer. People behave differently.

- IF freedom camping has to be allowed appropriate rubbish facilities for food + camping waste has to be provided. And have to be maintained.

- Observations:
Vehicles in excess of the permitted number.
- Visual Impact
- Interferes with access and parking for day trippers to the parking area.
- Effect of the lease of the camp.

Wants: Freedom Camping prohibited in Goe Bay.

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

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2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

*food scraps in confined area
predator free aspirations
blocked access to recycling*

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

*All toilets
Food scraps in handwashing basin*

4. Thinking about freedom camping in Gore Bay over the most recent summer season. How much do you agree or disagree that there is a problem with freedom camping in Gore Bay?

<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Gore Bay. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	No significant problems

6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

every night

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

Beside toilet

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

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10. Do you think Gore Bay should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay?

Yes	No	Don't know
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12. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

*Support "proximity" to toilets but not obstruct access
Have more parks in Cheviot township and none in Gore Bay.*

13. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be inappropriate or unacceptable in self-contained vehicles?

Yes - even ^{where} particular problems at Cathedral lookout

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

more enforcement, numbers and length of time people are parked.

Suggestion:

P10 between 6am and 8pm to allow better access to toilet? enforcement.

If increase numbers of parks, will have significant impact on camping ground

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

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Causes significant problems in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1

2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

*rubbish, washing hung from trees to trees
lack respect for environment
because its free disregard to standards*

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these?

*At public toilets
In playground.*

*using campground
for free, leaving
rubbish*

4. Thinking about freedom camping in Gore Bay over the most recent summer season. How much do you agree or disagree that there is a problem with freedom camping in Gore Bay?

5	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Gore Bay. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in non-self-contained vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in self-contained vehicles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All freedom campers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixture of freedom campers, other tourists and day trippers
<input type="checkbox"/>	No significant problems

6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?

*most nights
sometimes only 2 after up to 5 extra*

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

Public toilets

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

being used for washing clothes & dishes

Toilets	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Rubbish bins	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Signage	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Parking	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know

9. Do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated?

Yes	No	Don't know
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10. Do you think Gore Bay should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

Yes	No	Don't know
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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Gore Bay?

Yes	No	Don't know
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Should provide no facilities

12. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

*2 in Chenoi is fine, no financial benefit
to Gore Bay from the campers*

13. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be inappropriate or unacceptable in self-contained vehicles?

No

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

*Difficult because of language and
cultural differences*

Manuka Bay.

Freedom camping survey – Gore Bay

* For all scales 5 is strongly agree and 1 is strongly disagree

1. How much do you agree or disagree that freedom camping:

Brings a range of benefits to Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should be encouraged and welcomed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Comes with some negative impacts for Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Causes significant problems in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Gore Bay	5	4	3	2	1

only come for freedom camping.

2. What negative impacts have you seen and/or experienced that you believe are from freedom camping activities in Gore Bay?

Parking for surfing - use bushes → not necessary campers.
 Access to toilets → PIO to toilets → set up like campsite
 Overflowing bins - locals don't get rubbish bins.
 ↳ eyesore

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these? Don't need spaces in Gore Bay
 By toilets

chilly bin filled with poo → Manuka Bay. (2 years ago)

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6. How often have you encountered overnight freedom campers over the summer?
 NZ teenagers.

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Gore Bay?

FC ok with facilities.
 ↳ not ok without

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Gore Bay provides for freedom camping?

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Manuka Bay → signs PIRC
 Hurunui Mouth → gate? → hasn't recovered from stock.
 Napenape. [ok where it is out of way.]

13. Are there any other areas in Gore Bay where you think overnight freedom camping would be inappropriate or unacceptable in self-contained vehicles?

No areas for CSC - [ESC only.]
 Not ok in Gore Bay/ Cheviot

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly?

- shovels
- water
- facilities available
- family-friendly.
- Juey's campervan

FC stickers.
 PIO

Legislation on those who rent vehicles
 - Ability due to fine wof etc?
 - Collecting fines attached to pp.

Monique Eade

From: Stephanie Chin
Sent: Friday, 8 March 2019 11:41 AM
To: submission Mailbox
Subject: FW: Re : Freedom Camping close to Gore Bay Camp


Subject: Re : Freedom Camping close to Gore Bay Camp

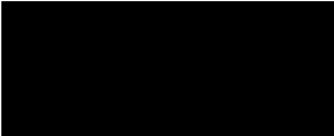
To whom it may concern at the Hurunui District Council

We are angry and hugely concerned at what is occurring in New Zealand. We have caravanned for just on 40 years in this beautiful country and to see and hear what is happening in the name of tourists just because they spend \$ in NZ is outrageous. Where is our good old Kiwi attitude - look after the fauna and land and it will look after you.

Freedom camping must be regulated throughout the whole of New Zealand and also protecting our camping ground areas that may be near by, and this is where the Gore Bay Camp must be protected because of the livelihood of its caretakers or the home grown New Zealanders will lose out.

We also believe that camping grounds need to re-think their stance and accommodate these travellers at a reduced rate for overnight stays in a specific area if they are just using ablutions. Recently we went to stay in a camping ground with a caravan because of a medical appointment in Dunedin only to be told the nightly charge was \$53 this is outrageous for a little power and ablutions, so I am appealing also to camping grounds to be realistic.

Many thanks



Monique Eade



Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2019 8:48 am

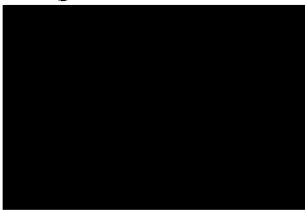
Subject: Re: Freedom Camping in Gore Bay: Hurunui council seeking public opinion

To: Gore Bay Camp <gorebaycamp@gmail.com>

We have enjoyed camping at Gore Bay for over 15 years but do find it disturbing that Freedom Camping sites have been erected. While camping in February 2019 at The Main Camping ground I observed, during an evening walk, 3-10 freedom campers on their allocated sites, spread out, washing lines erected, the cold shower of the public toilet block was blocked and soap suds oozed everywhere. The campers had been washing dishes in the toilet hand basin. This is a health hazard.

I support banning Kiwi freedom camping sites throughout New Zealand. What is the Council trying to achieve only to destroy the livelihood of Camping Grounds.

Regards



On Thu, 7 Mar 2019 1:01 pm Gore Bay Campground <gorebaycamp@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings regular campers of Gore Bay & Buxton Campgrounds.

You may not know that in December 2018 the Hurunui District Council erected signs at the carpark at the south end of Gore Bay, alongside the public toilets, indicating that Freedom Camping was permitted for any 2 vehicles per night, 8pm-8am, two nights only, no tents. (However, often there are many more than two vehicles parked there).

The Hurunui District Council are holding a public "Drop-in" session this Friday March 8th from 2-4pm at the Old School Reserve at the south end of Gore Bay for people who want to discuss this with council staff.

There is also a survey you can fill in:

<http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/news-and-views/council-news/council-to-engage-with-community-and-campers-following-freedom-camping-bylaw/>

or email stephanie.chin@hurunui.govt.nz

What you may not be aware of is that the Hurunui District Council (HDC) who put in these freedom camping sites also own the main Gore Bay camp and the Buxton camp, and we are the leasees of those camps, meaning we pay rent, rates, rubbish disposal, insurance (both HDC's and our own) and an annual registration fee to the HDC. We also pay all consumable costs

(electricity, gas, septic tank emptying etc) and have to own all equipment for grounds maintenance and cleaning.

The freedom campers in Gore Bay are within 3-400m of the campground, and get their rubbish removed for free by the HDC (paid for by the ratepayers and our rent/rates/fees) and their toilets cleaned for free by the HDC (paid for by the ratepayers and our rent/rates/fees).

Many of the freedom campers are initially attracted to Gore Bay by advertising we pay for on the CamperMate app. Many of these people booked sites in the camping ground before arriving in Gore Bay and renege on their bookings when they discover a site to camp for free. Because there is no cellphone coverage they cannot ring us to cancel the booking, so we unnecessarily hold sites empty for them.

Regards



Monique Eade

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 31 March 2019 9:45 PM
To: submission Mailbox
Subject: Freedom Camping-Gore Bay

Introduction

My wife and I have been coming to the Gore Bay camping ground for the last 25 years or so. I think we are onto our fourth camping ground managers. We come up for Show Weekend in November and then bring the caravan up in the middle of January and stay until late March early April and travel each weekend during that time.

Not only do we support the camping ground but we buy our vegetables from a local supplier and take them back to Christchurch, we use the supermarket in Cheviot, the hardware shop and the local butcher. We also enjoy going to the local A&P show each year. Gore Bay is our summer home and in most years we are not home in Christchurch most weekends in summer.

Freedom Camping Act 2011

We appreciate that the Act expressly permits freedom camping on local authority and conservation land unless the administrators of that land prohibit or restrict it as an activity. We understand that prohibitions and restrictions are intended to be the exception and not the rule under the Act. The Act does NOT require a local authority to expressly provide for an area to be used for freedom camping, the Act only permits it to happen subject to the local authority bylaws (see Section 10 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011). Section 11 of the Act only provides that a local authority MAY make bylaws (section 11).

Section 12 of the Act does mean that you cannot prohibit freedom camping in the local authority area but it is clear that the local authority does not need to provide multiple venues for freedom camping either.

The Act also provides provisions for enforcement and offences. The Act therefore envisages that local authorities will monitor and enforce not only its own By Laws but also the Act. If the Council does not opening and regularly inspect nor has no intention of providing a monitoring service, then why spend considerable time energy and rate payers finances to providing too many freed camping grounds within its district boundaries.

Gore Bay

We cannot believe that the District Council would allow freedom camping, not only in Gore Bay but in other areas that it is responsible for that are within 500 metres to 1,000 metres of a registered camping ground. This seems to fly in the face of common sense. In Gore Bay this is a concern. Council facilities have been leased to a lessor from a predetermined time to provide (I assume) camping ground facilities that meet the requirements of the Camping Ground Regulations 1985. The regulations have been put in place to protect public safety and hence why they are Regulations under the Health Act.

If anything, any Bylaw should take into account the local camping facilities. If there are local camping grounds within specified distance from a registered camping ground, no provision should be made for freedom camping.

I cannot see, from my observations of the people camping in the two spots available at Gore Bay how the District benefits and believe, on balance, that the two spots are a cost to the rate payers of the district rather than a net revenue earner. For most of the observations that I have made, the majority of the campers using the Gore Bay freedom camping sites are small vans that would not meet the requirements of NZS 5465:2001 self-containment of motor caravans and caravans.

If the Council does still wish to provide for a fixed number of camp sites, then I would suggest that the Council contact with a local camping ground for a fixed number of sites to be used for that purpose. This would, I believe reduce the overall cost to the Council.

Enforcement Officers

The Freedom Camping Act allows a local authority to appoint enforcement officers under Section 32 of the Act. I believe that if the Council were to continue to designate areas within Gore Bay for freedom camping IT MUST appoint an enforcement officer who lives either at Gore Bay or close by so that they are able to monitor the sites and therefore provide factual information about the people and vehicles using the designated sites. It would also allow the Council to ensure it meets its obligations under the Act, ensure that by laws are practical and enforced when necessary, ensure that the resources provided by its rate payers are used for purposes so as to meet their needs.

I would appreciate being kept informed of progress on this matter.

Regards.



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Monique Eade

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 March 2019 9:05 AM
To: submission Mailbox
Subject: Gore Bay Freedom Camping.

We long term campers at the bay, and are apposed to the freedom camping concept
Why should they get Free use when the rest of us pay
The area proposed had an impact on the general public wanting a day out etc
Offer them Manuka bay. Or totally ban like other Councils'

[REDACTED]

Monique Eade

From: Judith Batchelor
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2019 1:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: submission Mailbox
Subject: RE: Hurunui Freedom Camping

Thank you for your feedback.

Judith Batchelor

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"Making our district even better"

[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2019 9:40 AM
To: Judith Batchelor <Judith.Batchelor@hurunui.govt.nz>
Subject: Hurunui Freedom Camping

SUBMISSION RE FREEDOM CAMPING

I have read the Council Rules regarding freedom camping – in particular freedom camping at Gore Bay. We go through Gore Bay on a regular basis. There are often more than 2 vehicles there – 4 or 5 vehicles quite often. The permitted hours of 8pm to 8am are also not adhered to.

We feel that the two camp grounds at Gore Bay, which are owned by the Council and leased out, should be the only camping places at Gore Bay. There is also a camp ground at the Hurunui Mouth.



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Monique Eade

From: [REDACTED] of
Sent: Tuesday, 2 April 2019 11:13 AM
To: submission Mailbox
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission - Freedom Camping in Gore Bay / Cheviot

To: Hurunui District Council

Re: Submission for Freedom Camping in the Gore Bay / Cheviot Area

On behalf of Cheviot Promotions Inc, apologies for this late submission. Due to other commitments and tight deadlines, I was not able to meet the submission date therefore I ask that you please take the points raised in this email into account when reviewing and making decisions on the future of Freedom camping in the whole of the Hurunui region area.

Cheviot Promotions Inc is a voluntary organisation that promotes our region to domestic and international visitors as well as our local community. We are a close nit community who are very proud of what we have to offer in our village and surrounding area with beautiful reserves (more than other regions) and many hidden gems that we like to share providing they are respected and looked after for others to enjoy and future generations.

Cheviot Promotions Inc does not believe HDC got the Freedom Camping by law right. Well not in our region and we want Freedom Camping excluded from Gore Bay and Cheviot completely.

The main reasons are as follows:

Waste – the rubbish and recycling (done poorly) is overflowing and unsightly and creates an unhygienic and unsafe area. It also creates a feeding ground for pests and rodents particularly when food scraps are not secure and quite often left lying on the ground. This causes more work and cost for HDC and in turn the ratepayers.

Although the toilets are modern and within walking distance to the designated area, some people choose not to use the facilities and those that do often leave them in an unsightly manner for the next guests with blockages deeming them unusable. This creates more health and safety issues not to mention inconvenience to other day visitors.

Despite the signage stating no more than two vehicles and only between the hours of 8pm and 8am these rules are not abided by with more than two vehicles on a number of occasions and some campers staying more than one night, leaving their possessions (and unsightly washing hanging up) behind to secure a spot so others (day visitors and other Freedom Campers) cannot use this place whilst they are visiting elsewhere during the day.

Freedom Campers are contributing very little to our economy and in turn are costing rate payer more money to pay for the clean up after they have gone. There needs to be tighter rules and policing of those rules and until such time that Freedom Campers can respect our region we ask that Freedom Camping be excluded completely.

We like to share our beautiful scenery with those whose who respect and care for our environment so we strongly encourage HDC to change / amend the Bylaw against Freedom Camping in our region to protect

our area, protect access to our area and most importantly to protect the Health and Safety of visitors and locals.

Kind regards

