

## **Submission Freedom Camping Hanmer Springs**

I believe we should not discourage freedom camping, what we should do is offer an area where they can park, camp overnight in safety and in my opinion be within walking distance of all the facilities we offer..

I am completely against having 2 sites available for freedom camping at the Library and Chisholm Reserve. These areas are not safe as they are too close to all our local bars, restaurants etc and the intoxication that follows. They are also too close to the centre of the village, nowhere is this common. If you wish to stay in the centre of a town or city then you pay like everyone else.

I have discounted River Reserve as the primary location for freedom campers for two reasons. I doubt most freedom campers would stay there as it is too far from the village and secondly the cost of bringing the reserve up to standard.

The Brooke Dawson toilet requires replacing with one on the flat to the left as you enter the reserve – connected to all the services. The existing toilet could be replaced at River Reserve giving a cost effective second option for freedom campers.

Currently just about all freedom campers stay in the Department of Conservation (DOC) site on Jollies Pass Road.

To me this is an excellent location, it is within walking distance to the village and the walks and it offers safety.



DOC freedom camping site

I have a number of ideas that could make this site even more attractive for all freedom campers, and Hanmer Springs residents, they are;

### Southern camping area

1. Look at the entrance with DOC, would they consider moving their driving entrance west which would give them their own access. They could use their eastern gates as an entrance to their complex. Block off the old entrance and plant out their fences in natives offering their staff and freedom campers' privacy.

2. Raise the northern grass area so it is flat, retaining wall at the cycle track allowing more campers to use the area – it does contain the toilet drip lines and I am unsure if this would be acceptable.
3. Reduce the number of exotic trees with the planting of natives to make the area more usable.
4. Tidy up the main entrance and at the same time make a single access road east / west with more grass areas to park on.
5. Introduce passive lighting for safety.



West view of area to raise showing cycle track

#### Northern Camping area

Once the southern stage is complete, if freedom camping numbers dictate reopen the old camping area.

1. Move the Pawsons Road gate about 20m north.
2. Re open the road from Pawsons Road to the old camping area.
3. Remove most or all of the redwoods to another site.
4. Place a similar toilet block and system in this area.
5. Install passive lighting on the access road and camping area.



Pawsons Road gate to move – old road on left



Old camping area

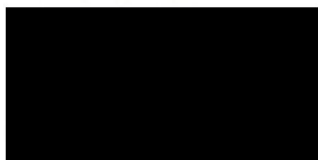
In addition to the above I would charge users to use the facilities in conjunction to an honesty box for staying. Revenue gained could be put towards maintenance, native conservation of the area.

I would also suggest identifying and keeping areas at both sites available in the event pay showers are required.

If external funding was found the site could be taken over and maintained by the Hurunui District Council utilising as stated above fees from the toilet block/s, donations etc.



Existing toilet block which is not coping with the numbers



Access Road to Hanmer River needs upgrade, grading alone hasn't fixed the problem

### Freedom camping survey – Hanmer Springs

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Should be encouraged and welcomed in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1
Comes with some negative impacts for Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1
Causes significant problems in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Hanmer Springs village	5	4	3	2	1

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

Freedom campers not in the right spot at Hanmer River  
Campers not in designated places.

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

Hanmer River

at Hanmer River

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

5	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Hanmer Springs. 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 encounter overnight freedom campers over the summer?

Virtually every day

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs?

Chatterton Road  
Amuri Avenue  
Scarborough Terrace  
Jacks Pass Rd - opp Mitre 10

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping?

*within township*

Toilets	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Rubbish bins	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Dump station	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

need more

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

Yes	No	Don't know
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10. Do you think Hanmer Springs 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 Hanmer Springs?

*at Hanmer River*

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

disagree with freedom camping within the village

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

within the village

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

more signage  
include dump station  
more routine patrols and spread through evening

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Causes significant problems in Hanmer Springs	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	4	3	2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1
Should not be allowed in Hanmer Springs	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	4	3	2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1

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

*Washing clothes/dishes/bodies in Hanmer river.  
Washing clothes along River -  
litter in river reserve. Faeces in bushes.*

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these? *Over 22 vehicles  
River Reserve. Some nights  
Vegetation crushed  
noise + light pollution*

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

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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Hanmer Springs. 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 encounter overnight freedom campers over the summer? *every night*

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs? *River Reserve*

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping?

Toilets	Adequate	Could be better	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Inadequate	Don't know
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Signage	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Adequate	Could be better	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Inadequate	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't know
Parking	Adequate	Could be better	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Inadequate	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't know

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

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10. Do you think Hanmer Springs should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Hanmer Springs?

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

*The current DOC site with further improved facilities and vehicle limitations.*

13. Are there any other areas in Hanmer Springs 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?

*clear communication of where they can be.*

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Should not be allowed in Hanmer Springs	<input type="radio"/> 5	4	3	2	1

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

People camping out of designated areas. The camping grounds + motels have to pay twice

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

Jolles Pass Freedom camp area

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

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

6. How often have you encounter overnight freedom campers over the summer? Most mornings

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs?

Jolles Pass Campy area + Herilge Forest

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping? We shouldn't have to do anything

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

Yes	No	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
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10. Do you think Hanmer Springs should provide additional facilities for freedom campers?

Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Don't know
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11. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around Hanmer Springs? but there should be any

<input type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
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12. Are there any other areas in Hanmer Springs where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles?

None

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

Every where - should be allowed to freedom camp in self contained vehicle within 20 kms of town

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

Set vid of them totally. Its not fair on either our town or accommodation providers

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

*Litter, untidiness, sleeping on park benches  
more vehicles than allowed, washing  
dishes in drinking fountains*

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

*Library + Chisholm Hanmer*

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

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

*mostly Feb + march*

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs?

*Library Chisholm + River*

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping?

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

*No*

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

*anywhere near forest because  
of fire danger. anywhere near river  
because of clothes + body washing w soap*

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

*No*

*A few bad apples will always ruin  
the experience for other campers + locals.  
Freedom camping for travellers from  
overseas should be banned. Too much risk*

## Gripes

- Wants a strong message to Central Govt that campervans need to have pre-paid camping vouchers.

Doesn't think freedom camping is appropriate anymore

- Doesn't matter what infrastructure is put in place - people's behaviour/attitude means it will be abused.

Not right for NZ

~~You~~ Has seen:

- People asleep on park benches at Chisholm
- Washing dishes in water fountain
- Drying washing



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not that outway the costs.  
not in centre of village

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

- in past rubbish in carpark
- fences in carpark - not since legalised.
- can be some noise at night.
- more setting up picnic tables → visual

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

Chisholm.

camping in carpark

Shouldn't have to police it. locally - others seen washing car camping.

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

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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Hanmer Springs. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in non-self-contained vehicles - more likely
<input type="checkbox"/>	Freedom campers in self-contained vehicles - not all use facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	All freedom campers → not treating as self-contained
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixture of freedom campers, other tourists and day trippers
<input type="checkbox"/>	No significant problems

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

Every night - usually 2  
- more in last 6 weeks.

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs?

move issue day + night ← hours pointless

Hasn't been a busy summer → likely to increase gradually.

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping? Facilities provide for the day.

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Signage obvious	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
Parking	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know

cleared early.

9. Do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated? → usually follow signage.

Yes	No	Don't know
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10. Do you think Hanmer Springs 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 Hanmer Springs? - no need in village → Tourism.

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

Shouldn't be able to be in village for River Reserve.

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

Centre of Village.

- Not in carparks → maybe Domain - less intrusive  
↳ parks are there for those paying there way  
↳ camp ground shouldn't establish them

14. Is there anything else the Council could do to encourage freedom campers to act responsibly? Not particularly

→ monitoring. - clamp down in bigger centres  
↳ have the flow on effects  
- signage usually enough  
increasing & breach of nos. increasing

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Causes significant problems in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1

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

\* WASHING CLOTHES IN RIVER  
 \* RUBBISH DUMPED ON ROADSIDES CLEARLY NOT RESIDENTS (OUTSIDE INFO BAY)

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

INFO BAY @ POO PONDS  
 HANMER RIVER -

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

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NOT LONG IN DISTRICT

5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Hanmer Springs. Who do you think is most likely to be causing the problems?

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

ONLY HEAR FOR A SHORT TIME

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs?

HANMER RIVER RESERVE

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping?

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

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HANMER RIVER RESERVE NEEDS DECENT TOILET

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

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

No

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

CENTRAL AREA, MAIN ST. RESIDENTIAL AREAS  
 CEMETERY IS BEING USED BUT SHOULDN'T

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

FURTHER SIGNAGE  
 BETTER ACCESS FOR DUMPING @ TRANSFER STATION.

\* CONCERNS RE EVOLUTION OF TYPE OF FREEDOM CAROLERS FROM KIWI FAMILY TO YOUNG FIT'S WHO DONT GIVE A DAMN

\* RIVER RESERVE - WHO MONITORS HFS  
- FLOODING WARNINGS ETC.

\* DOC AREA - WHO MANAGES IT? /S  
THREE A LIMIT? TOO CLOSE TOGETHER

\* NEEDS TO BE A LIMIT @ HANMER RIVER RESERVE.

\* SELF CONTAINED FREEDOM CAROLERS SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO PARK OUT RESIDENTS WITH PERMISSION OF OWNER.

\* HOC MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOSS OF INCOME TO EXISTING BUSINESSES (CAMPBLOWNS)

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Causes significant problems in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1
Should not be allowed in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	2	1

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

*Stealing showers - parking on street - can be prosecuted. Was small problem, much worse now. use of facilities include Kitchens detracts from appearance of village*

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

*don't spend any money in village impact on commercial business owners*

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

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

6. How often have you encounter overnight freedom campers over the summer? *4 stealing showers over weekend*

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs? *Christchurch - not policing on hours*

*contradictory*

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping? *for amount spaces*

Toilets	<u>Adequate</u>	Could be better	Inadequate	<u>Don't know</u>
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9. Do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated?

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10. Do you think Hanmer Springs 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 Hanmer Springs?

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

*Hanmer River*

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

*Yes in proximity to business*

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

*Signage - snap send solve if problems with freedom camping*

*Top 10 experience no barrier arms tokens for showers when busy it's difficult to police*

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Strongly Agree Disagree

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Causes significant problems in Hanmer Springs	5	4	3	<u>2</u>	1
Should not be allowed in Hanmer Springs	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1

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

- Cooking etc in Aunui Ave
- Large quantities of garbage being put next to rubbish bins. Has seen this being done immediately next to rubbish bins.
- Commercial sites being deprived of income

3. Where have you seen and/or experienced these? i.e. camp grounds

Aunui Ave, Hanmer Central

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

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

6. How often have you encounter overnight freedom campers over the summer? 5 times (ish)

7. Where do you most often see freedom campers staying overnight in Hanmer Springs?

- Jollies Pass outside Church
- St James St (Ave).

Kitchen facility at toilet block in Hanmer River Reserve  
 Has seen some inappropriate use of Aunui Ave ~~that~~ cooking, doing dishes. Seen group of 8 with a burner + peeling potatoes etc.  
 Has heard of toilet tissue + poop in bush near DOC camp.

8. How well do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs provides for freedom camping? - At the level it has been approved

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

9. Do you think the infrastructure in Hanmer Springs limits the amount of freedom camping that can be accommodated? - lack of clear signage about the parking

<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't know
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10. Do you think Hanmer Springs 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 Hanmer Springs?

<u>Yes</u>	No	Don't know
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12. Are there any other areas in Hanmer Springs where you think overnight freedom camping would be appropriate or acceptable in self-contained vehicles? Need greywater at toilet facilities.

Hanmer River Reserve

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

Anywhere within 5km of centre of village

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

→ Signage for disposal facilities.

- Kaihōra's signage at the harbour.  
Very good.
- This year's tourist numbers are very low. About half what they were last year.
- The Freedom Camping Act should allow the effects on the business of commercial camping grounds to be taken into consideration.
- Hammer Springs Notice Board.  
Facebook group. Everyone is on this.

## Monique Eade

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**From:** Judith Batchelor  
**Sent:** Sunday, 31 March 2019 9:16 PM  
**To:** Monique Eade  
**Subject:** Fwd: Freedom Campers

Hi Monique  
Please add Rosemary's and Grum's comments to the feedback.

Thanks

Judith

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

[REDACTED]  
**Date:** 31/03/19 17:43 (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** Judith Batchelor <Judith.Batchelor@hurunui.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom Campers

Hello Judith

I agree with Grum, there is no need to have freedom campers either in front of the Library or at the spot on Chisholm crescent.

Hanmer is a special place and all tourists need to respect that.

Regards

Rosemary

**From:** Judith Batchelor  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 4:48 PM

Hi All,

This is the form that we have used at the drop in sessions so this might be helpful to focus your thoughts.

We already have feedback from Mary, Chris and now Grum.

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## Monique Eade

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**From:** Judith Batchelor  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 March 2019 4:35 PM  
**To:** Monique Eade  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom Campers

Hi Monique

Please add this to the Freedom Camping feedback.

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**From:** Grum GoesGlobal <[grumgoesglobal@gmail.com](mailto:grumgoesglobal@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, 29 March 2019 3:45 PM

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**Subject:** Freedom Campers

Hi folk, I'm unsure whether we have missed the boat again with regard to Freedom Camping. I thought we were going to discuss it again and put our thoughts forward. My personal thoughts go like this:

I am a seasoned traveller, notoriously on the cheap, either in a Camper van or on my trusty bicycle. Nowhere in the world, and as you know I've been around, would I expect to Freedom Camp in the middle of a village or city, unless I was invited on to private property.

I believe here in Hanmer Springs we should not be offering the Freedom Camping in the middle of the village. We are already offering the DOC site, which I believe should be charged for (\$8 per night, as in most other DOC sites), and the area on the west side of the Hanmer river bridge. As a visitor I would be happy to use either site, and would be very thankful. Middle of the Village.....no way, unsightly and unnecessary.

If I wanted to stay more centrally, even as a cheapo traveller, I would find a commercial campsite or motel or simialr. It's not like there are no other options.

My two cents worth. I fell we need to discuss again realyy soon and make our (HSCB) thoughts known.





## **Background**

In 2017 we as association submitted our thoughts and recommendation to the Hurunui District Council as part of the Councils consultation process regarding freedom camping.

Our conclusion was:

**We are of the view that the Hanmer Springs basin provides adequate options for freedom camping with the addition of the Hanmer River Reserve Park. We do not support the addition of the proposed sites in the central village as we believe:**

- a) **That from a customer perspective it is not a good option**
- b) **The combinations of public and private sector options which range from cost free to commercial cater for the market.**

The Council subsequently endorsed for freedom camping site in the central village.

We now have the benefit of seeing what has happened since that change happened.

Our position hasn't changed, in fact we wish with the benefit of being able to observe "camper behaviour" to amend our position.

Our original position with additions in italics follows

## **Submission on Freedom Camping**

**To:** Hurunui District Council

**Date:** 7 November 2017

The Hanmer Springs Business Association (HSBA) recognises the role that the campervan sector plays in the overall tourism industry. The HSBA supports responsible tourism and expects visitors to Hanmer Springs to act with appropriate manners.

### **KEY POINTS**

HSBA is of the view that there is no need to have freedom camping sites in the Hanmer Springs township itself. This thought is based on two perspectives – the customers perspective and the availability of other options.

#### **Customer Perspective**

The positioning of overnight camping sites in the middle of a built up area is questionable at best. Whilst recognising that Hanmer Springs is not exactly 'Times Square' it does have its periods of time when it is busy in the evening.

Locating campervan sites immediately adjacent to a Hotel is not displaying any consideration for the end customer. Without wanting to cast dispersion on the customers of that hotel they do create noise on exiting the premise and for some the opportunity to interact with a campervan and its inhabitants may be too tempting.

The areas indicated are hardly secluded areas for camping. Similarly the location of a site adjacent to a concrete block wall and a toilet block is not presenting the Village in a positive light. Chisholm Park is a busy place adjacent to three restaurants. Not an ideal place for an overnight camping experience. So we will not be enhancing the customer experience by offering these sites.

The Hanmer Springs Basin has three sites presently and one potential site identified for freedom camping.

1. The New Zealand Motorhome Association provide an area for their members adjacent to the Hanmer Springs River Bridge.
2. The Hot Springs Hotel provides an area for campervans albeit with a condition. There is a cost to camp but that cost is returned by means of a food and beverage voucher which is redeemable at the Hot Springs Hotel.
3. The Department of Conservation provides an area for campervans at its Jollies Pass service area.
4. The site that Hurunui District Council has identified at the Hanmer River Reserve will accommodate 10 campervans.

Our view is that Hanmer Springs is/will be well serviced for the 'Freedom Camping Market'. Added to this there are the four camping grounds who offer facilities albeit on a commercial basis.

**Observations made since the 4 campervan parks have been put in place**

*Location; The HSBA does not believe it is wise to put an unmanaged camping site adjacent to a children's playground. Furthermore the locating of camping sites on a main walkway to a primary school is inappropriate. Council should consider their response if an application was made to locate a camping ground next to a school. We would expect that activity would be declined.*

*The following examples are behaviour that has been witnessed regularly by a resident who lives in close proximity to Chisholm Park. This behaviour has been observed by a number of people.*

*"It is not unusual to see washing lines of clothing being strung from campervans to structures in the carpark"*

*"Campers regularly wash, clean teeth etc. in public space"*

*"Regularly there are 4 campervans in Chisholm Park"*

*"Families have been observed approaching Chisholm Park only to turn away once they see that campers have spread personal effects – clothes, sleeping bags, tents etc. over the toilet block and the playground itself."*

*"Rubbish bags are regularly left in the carpark".*

*These examples individually are offensive. The cumulative effect is unacceptable to both the business and residents alike. As a community we have had the opportunity to observe the behaviour of the campervan community. We are of the view that this is unacceptable conduct that is not in keeping with the values and positioning of Hanmer Springs.*

**Conclusion**

***We are of the view that the Hanmer Springs basin provides adequate options for freedom camping with the addition of the Hanmer River Reserve Park. We did not support the establishment of the camp site outside the public library and licensed premise (2parks) or those in the Chisholm Park Reserve adjacent to the children's playground. Given our observations as listed above, the new concerns about the suitability of the location of the campsites and our original statements HSBA recommend there is no freedom camping within the urban areas of Hanmer Springs. These should be disbanded immediately, as there is sufficient camping elsewhere in the Hanmer basin as indicated above.***

