

# Freedom camping survey – Waiau

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

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

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

blocked toilet

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

toilet

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

5	4	3	2	1
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5. Thinking about the problems commonly associated with freedom camping in Waiau. 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 type="checkbox"/>	All freedom campers
<input checked="" 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?

most ~~at~~ nights

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

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

apart from some overflowing

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Parking	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know

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

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

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

Around perimeter of Waiau, off road beside bridges

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

In proximity to Waiau motor camp or outside swimming pool.

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

messaging or campaign.

Problems  
Camping area at

East & West leader Road junction  
leader Pass shingle pit in non self contained vehicles  
Woodchester Driveway Parnassus side

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

illegal freedom  
overflowing toilets  
washing dishes in toilet.  
overflowing bins

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

see attached.

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

once a week  
not able to conduct regular patrols

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

see attachment

# Free camp comes up as higher priority on campermate.

Camping ground regulations 3 metre separation between campers does that apply to freedom campers?

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

Water in urban area one side of Waiau bridge - Oak Tree - check Hammer Solutions.

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

Should exclude urban area

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

need recycling station in town  
after hours at Transfer Station  
provides discount to NZIMA members  
# Unformed legal road shown on maps  
Significant drop in unpowered site occupancy see handout  
Waiau - needs monitoring between hardware store & supermarket

## Monique Eade

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 April 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** Monique Eade; Judith Batchelor  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom Camping Consultation

Hi Monique,  
my apologies for replying late. I had been on holiday in the South Island and now want to catch up on all my emails.

First let me tell you what a beautiful part of the world you live in. It is just paradise.

Secondly let me talk in general about freedom campers. Having spent over 2 months on the road ( all north of Christchurch) my personal experiences of other campers was positive. I cannot recall a single unpleasant occurrence.

More specifically to your region we did not get a chance to freedom camp in Hurunui because we changed our plans last minute.

However we did stay 2 nights in the camp ground in Culverden and 2 nights at Mt Lyford Lodge. Both wonderful experiences.

The first night we stayed at Culverden 2 freedom campers used the back car park. The second night the back park was again full with trucks and 2 campers as well as one of the spots on the main road by the loos.

I saw no problems. No-one mentioned any problems.

But your time restrictions of a late arrival and an early departure prevent the campers from using the local shops or cafes.

They all seem to open after the campers are required to leave and close before the campers can arrive.

Unintentionally you are punishing the local businesses. Sure they are not a large numbers but it is business missed out.

I saw no reason why you could not allow campers to arrive earlier and leave later. They are after all only 4 spots. They are not near schools. They are not blocking access to toilet parking or access to the playground.

Perhaps you could even increase numbers around the back park by an extra 1 or 2.

Also the signs saying that if the spots are taken please use the campground are effectively useless. By the time the freedom camping spots are open the garage to book the campground is closed.

The sign also does not say where to find the local campground and how to pay to stay there. You could also advertise the fact that showers can be used at the campground on payment of a fee. I am sure you will get some takers if you let them know it is an option.

And there are no signs saying where to go for a meal e.g. pub or cafes. Nor where to find the 4 square or the bakery. All these are opportunities lost for the local businesses.

I do hope that freedom camping was a mostly pleasant time in Hurunui this year.

I also noticed just how busy the public toilets on the main street are They were constantly busy. So I would propose you ask for Government funding to help pay for them as it is not the locals who are using them.

And the truck stops were also well frequented.

One final aside. As a keen cycle tourist, I am happy to pass comments on any cycling infrastructure you may be planning. I presume it would be just small improvements given the size of your townships. But I am happy to give you the benefit of my experiences.

Many thanks for your time.



Freedom camping survey – ~~Gore Bay~~ SH1 Bridge

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

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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~~?

- Rubbish dumping
- Effluent + toilet paper
- Damage (but may not be campers)

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

Address above, Conway River SH1 layby.

4. Thinking about freedom camping in ~~Gore Bay~~ <sup>Conway</sup> 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 type="checkbox"/>	All freedom campers
<input checked="" 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? **Daily**

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

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?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
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10. Do you think ~~Gore Bay~~ should provide additional facilities for freedom campers? **Toilet + sign**

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

<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> 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?

N/A

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

Side of road

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

Provide facilities

Extra bin in the first stage of the layby

Gore

Not significant but irritating

Been the same, but seen more campers since the sign was gone

France - 5 months

Freedom camping survey – Visitor survey

1. Why did you choose to stay at this location? (tick all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friend's recommendation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beautiful area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to wineries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to shops
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities available
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Camper-mate  
Because location is free

2. How do you rate your camping experience at this site?

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

3. Have you had trouble finding dump stations, public toilets or rubbish bins in the District? Are there enough?

No problem. Couldn't find a shower

4. While freedom camping have you seen any inappropriate behaviour? (eg. littering, unsocial toileting, threatening behaviour)

Havent seen it, but thinks it happens

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

Have people to talk to campers, provide advice.  
eg. Richard from DOC in Blenheim.

6. How long are you travelling for this trip?

Been here for 5 months - can stay up to 1 year

7. How much of this do you intend to spend freedom camping?

Worked 4 months, now camping

8. Other than freedom camping where else do you choose to stay?

Campgrounds, backpackers, Air BnB.

9. How do you find out about freedom camping sites?

<input type="checkbox"/>	I-Site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CamperMate App
<input type="checkbox"/>	Council website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Word of Mouth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

- Try to find <sup>by</sup> themselves.

10. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around the District?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
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→ More difficult for non-self contained

11. Have you visited (or plan to visit) these local attractions?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Local wineries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Walking or biking tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rafting or jet-boating
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathedral cliffs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Farm Park

12. Why do you choose to freedom camp?

Really nice.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Convenience / location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seclusion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

13. What age group do you belong to?

<input type="checkbox"/> 15-24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44
<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 plus

14. Where are you from?

France

15. How many are in your party?

2

16. How are you camping?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campervan, no toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certified self-contained campervan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tent

• Willing to pay a small amount for showers.

• Wiki camps - App.

• Outside sink for dishes

**G JONAN**

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2. How do you rate your camping experience at this site?

	Adequate	Could be better	Inadequate	Don't know
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Rubbish bins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Atmosphere	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

3. Have you had trouble finding dump stations, public toilets or rubbish bins in the District? Are there enough?

*it's very easy. We use Camper Mate.*

4. While freedom camping have you seen any inappropriate behaviour? (eg. littering, unsocial toileting, threatening behaviour)

*Good.*

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

*Good*

6. How long are you travelling for this trip?

*3 months in South island.*

7. How much of this do you intend to spend freedom camping?

*90%. free camp.*

8. Other than freedom camping where else do you choose to stay?

*Backpackers.*

9. How do you find out about freedom camping sites?

<input type="checkbox"/>	I-Site
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10. Do you think there are sufficient areas available for freedom camping in and around the District?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathedral cliffs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Hospital</i>

12. Why do you choose to freedom camp?

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*FRANCE*

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