

Freedom Camping Bylaw Amendment Submission

I support the current proposal to amend the current Freedom Camping Bylaw so that the Gore Bay Settlement area will be an area where all overnighting in vehicles is prohibited. Hence all Freedom Camping will be prohibited in this area.

The significant number of issues reported to HDC (along with the many that were not reported) regarding the two overnighting spaces at the Old School Reserve and surrounds support the need for this change:

too many vehicles, inappropriate parking, inappropriate food waste disposal, parking all day, overflowing rubbish bins, laundry draped over beach access area, monopolizing public toilets, compromising the day visitor experience.

New signage will be needed for the many parking areas in the Gore Bay Settlement as there will be many travelers who continue to think this is an appropriate area for overnighting because of the significant number of internet posts from this last 2018/19 season.

The \$10,000 budget for Enforcement is woefully inadequate as has been seen in the 2018/19 year. Enforcement will continue to be needed for Gore Bay as many travelers will have read positive comments from this year's overnigheters. Enforcement should be delivered at a more local level rather than the current situation where the officer drives from Hanmer.

I wish to speak to my submission

Thankyou

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