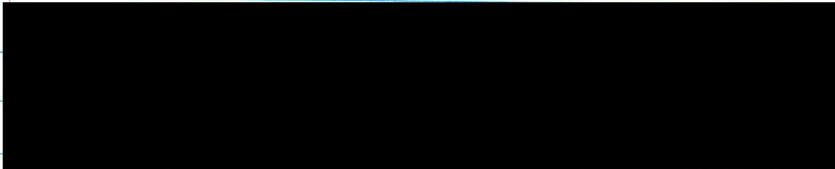


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SUBMISSION TO THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL re FREEDOM CAMPING IN GORE BAY.

I DO NOT AGREE WITH ALLOWING 'FREEDOM CAMPING' IN GORE BAY.

GORE BAY IS A SPECIAL, AND PROBABLY UNIQUE, LITTLE VILLAGE. THINGS ARE CHANGING AS WE KNOW AND NOW THERE ARE LARGE LUXURIOUS HOMES REPLACING THE OLD BACKS. THE OCEAN REMAINS THE SAME, BUT WE ALWAYS HAVE A PROBLEM WITH LITTER AND TRASH.

THE GORE BAY AND BURTON CAMPGROUNDS IS THE ONLY COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE IN GORE BAY (OTHER THAN BACK/HOUSE RENTAL). THERE IS NO SENSE AND WE LIKE IT THAT WAY AS STOPS USUALLY MEAN RUBBISH.

THE CAMPS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY BOTH LOCALS AND TOURISTS. THEY PROVIDE POTABLE WATER, POWER, SHOWERS AND TOILETS PLUS A FEW OTHER AMENITIES ... REAL CAMPING!

WE USED TO HAVE SIGNS (PROBABLY PAINTED BY ASHLEY SMITH) AT EACH END OF THE BAY "NO CAMPING ON ROADSIDES - CAMPGROUNDS AVAILABLE", THIS LET PEOPLE KNOW AND ENCOURAGED MOST TO STAY IN THE CAMPS.

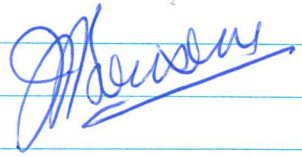
'CAMPING' WAS ROUGHLY DEFINED AS ERECTING A TENT, OR PUTTING DOWN THE STABILIZERS ON A CARAVAN (OR DETACHING IT FROM THE VEHICLE). IT IS, OR WAS, KIWI CUSTOM TO BE ABLE TO PULL UP SOMEWHERE NEAR THE BEACH AND LIGHT A FIRE. THIS IS NOW CHANGING WITH THE INCREASE OF OVERSEAS PEOPLE WANTING TO DO THE SAME THING.

THE CURRENT SITUATION SHOULD BE CHANGED AND HAVE NO FREEDOM CAMPERS IN GORE BAY. WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES TO CAMP IN THE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RESERVES. THERE ARE OFTEN MORE VANS THAN ALLOWED IN THE DESIGNATED AREA, AND TO HAVE SOMEONE COME FROM HANMER SPRINGS AS SECURITY AND TO MOVE ON EXTRA CAMPERS SEEMS SLIGHTLY LUDICROUS. IF PEOPLE ARE 'SELF-CONTAINED' THEN THIS IS OFTEN IRRELEVANT - THEY ARE PARKED NEXT TO A PUBLIC TOILET AND WILL USE THIS AND WATER AND RUBBISH BINS RATHER THAN THEIR OWN FACILITIES. IT ALSO MAKES IT DIFFICULT SOMETIMES TO ACCESS THE RECYCLING BINS. ALSO TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IS TO WHERE THEY GO WHEN MOVED ON. POSSIBLY THE CATHEDRAL LOOKOUT OR HURUNUI RIVERMOUTH WHERE THEY STILL DON'T PAY.

I WAS THE CAMP CARETAKER FOR 12 YEARS AND WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE THE CAMP, RATHER THAN THE PICNIC GROUND. I HAD NO AUTHORITY TO MAKE/ FORCE PEOPLE TO MOVE ON, IF THEY PROVED DIFFICULT I SENT FOR THE POLICEMAN. SOME PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO STAY IN CAMPS; SOME PEOPLE HAD AFTERNOON BEERS AT THE BEACH AND COULD NOT DRIVE. MANY PEOPLE SAY THE CAMP IS NOW TOO EXPENSIVE... IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE PENSIONERS A DISCOUNT, AND I OFTEN LET YOUNG SURFERS STAY FOR A CHEAP RATE IF THEY PICKED ME UP A BAG OF RUBBISH OFF THE BEACH.

IT IS VERY HARD FOR THE CAMPGROUND LESSEES TO SEE 5 OR 6 PEOPLE ENJOYING OUR LITTLE SLICE OF PARADISE WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING TO IT IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN THE TOILET OR RUBBISH-BIN.

THANKING YOU,
YOURS SINCERELY,



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30th JULY 2019.