

1 4th Nov. 2017.

Mr. Mayor,
Luhurui District Council,
Private Bag.
Aurifer



Dear Sir,
Objection to the status of the Katheran Domain park over status as advertised in the local papers.

My wife & I are forwarding our objection to close the availability of being able to 'Freedom Camp' at Katheran Domain. As stated on the notifying notice on the gate.

Such as 'freedom camping' parking over night (in many instances) as long as the vehicle contains their own toilet facilities grey water tanks & retain their refuse for later disposal.

We personally many visited the Katheran Domain setting with its early morning chorus & watching the sheep munching their way around. Our dogs have enjoyed the freedom, if the occasion arrived, to be able to romp if there were no other people there. They say we have never left anything behind. I have picked up the fallen lichen branches & placed them in the roadside tree line to allow the mower do the great job he does.

We have even left money at the shop to go towards cost (as there was no Lion Maiden).

We make a circuit Bangora, Geth Valley, Chriet, stop over at Paranassee then over the leader through Waiau to Katheran regularly & love the quiet surroundings, unmatched anywhere else.

The only time we have seen a non-complaint vehicle in the vicinity was one that on reading the above mentioned gate notice parked up outside on the grass verge overnight. They left nothing behind.

On one occasion there were 5 who stayed over night the only offence was a paper handkerchief.

It would be an absolute shame to have this pleasureable "stop over" taken away from the abiding motor users who have complied with the regulations over many years.

P.S. We are/ belong to the Motor Caravan Association. N.Y. our number being 17694.
I feel sure there would be many members who would miss this lovely spot.

Yours faithfully,
Brian & Margaret Walsh.

