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To The Hurunui District Council

I would like to make a submission on the Bylaw proposed changes.

Firstly I own a campground, my submission is about fairness.

The proposed changes which allow Freedom Camping in The Scargill Domain.

The Scargill Domain is less than 1klm from our campground,
I believe it is extremely unfair for the council to allow freedom camping so close to us.

We pay rates for the campground which are between 4 and 5 times the average house,
our campground is just over an acre, and most of it is grass.

We are also required to pay a council registration to operate every year.
We are also required to pay a tourism levy every year.

Are the freedom camping areas also required to pay all of these costs, I think not.

And then there is the road closure on SH1, which is a whole other story.

I am not against Freedom Camping, why wouldn't people want to explore our beautiful country,
and do it for as cheaply as possible, as I said at the beginning, it is all about fairness,
I believe it is unfair to make Scargill Domain a Freedom Camping area.

During this year it has got to the stage where there is often between 10 and 15 camper vans staying there, I
and many others have seen them there, most of them are not self contained and are given the privilege of hot
showers, toilets and are able to use the domain as often as they like, there is a donation box, if any or some
pay who knows.

I also believe when the domain was given to the community by Farmer Thomas Geoffrey Maxwell, he as it
says in the plaque in the domain, "Thomas Geoffrey Maxwell. A man who had the vision in establishing this
Recreation Reserve for The Community to enjoy"

The key point is "Recreation Domain for The Community". There is nothing in that statement that says
Freedom Camping Area.

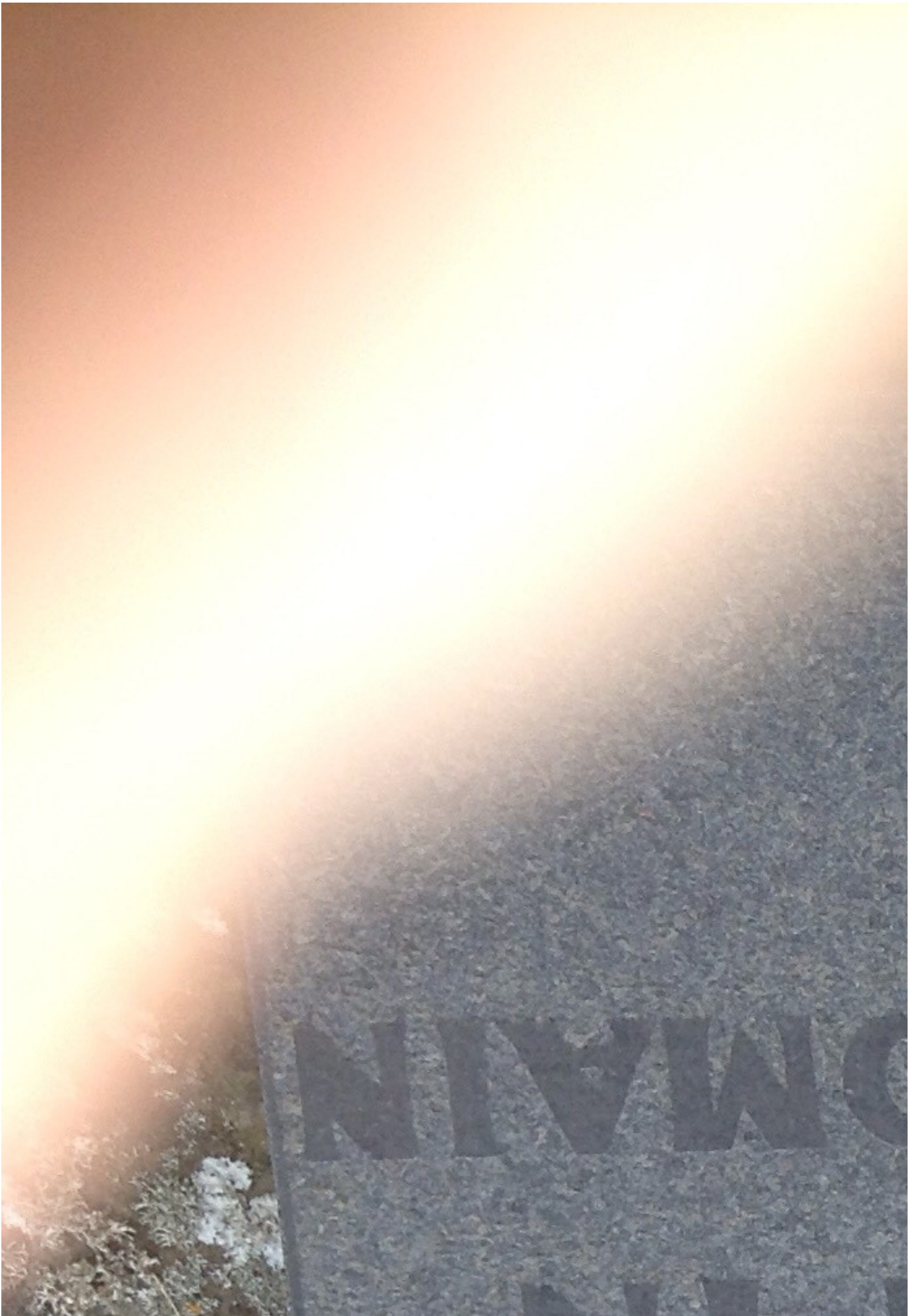
Also another plaque to "Alan G W Gardener. Erected to commentate his untiring effort in establishing this
Domain"

Again no mention of a Freedom Camping Area.

Please don't make Scargill Domain a Freedom Camping Area, I feel it is unfair to us and our business, I also
don't believe the men who had the vision to create a Recreation Reserve for the community never intended it
to be used for Freedom Camping, I also believe it would very easily get over run by people camping there to
the detriment of the community it was intended for.

I would like to be heard in support of my submission.





Your sincerely
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