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Freedom Camping Bylaw submission.

I do not object to the proposals, if they are used exactly as described within the restrictions on the number of vehicles, and the times they permitted to arrive, and by which they must depart.

What does concern me is how the Council intend to enforce these new rules. As far as I can see it will need an authorized person patrolling every night and morning, issuing fines when rules are broken. Does Council intend to appoint such a person? Word will soon get around via the various apps if the rules are being enforced and fines are being issued.

As an owner of a certified self contained van I am well aware that most vans park up well before 8pm and do not leave by 8am. For example a van parking in Chisholm Cres at 5 pm and the occupants then going out for a meal returning at 8 pm to sleep is not actually breaking any rules. Nor are they, if they then decide to leave their van parked up at 8 am and go to the café for breakfast.

I also frequently see vans arrive late at night and leave early morning to avoid detection. These vans often park in designated areas even when the permitted number of vans has been reached.

I do not think due consideration has been given to the large size of many vans. The car parks at Chisholm Crescent and by the Library are only suitable for a maximum size of 6m in length. Most vans on the road are larger than this. I do not understand why the totally under used car park behind Kakapo Lodge has not been designated for large sized self contained vehicles. Should a toilet be installed in this car park it could be the one and only freedom camping area within the village making enforcement much easier.

I also do not understand why Woodbank Rd to the west of the Rogerson River, and Chatterton Rd are not included in either the settlement area, or the prohibited camping road reserves list. I would ask that they be included in one or other of these as both roads have

many residents who should not have to put up with non self contained freedom campers outside their gateway.

I do not want to speak to my submission.