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Hurunui District Council,
Carter Road, Amberley.

re. Freedom Camping Bylaw Review
Submission

Now aged 66 years I first began caravanning with my parents + sibling 55 years ago in North Auckland. Then it was tenting + now I am a financial member of the NZ Motor Caravan Assn. (Inc) NZMCA, member number [#] 79,003, + also have fields park overnight on the farm while passing by Heaverden, North Amberley.

The Freedom Camping Bylaw within the Hurunui District Council geographic area is important, + a review with the new bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act is important & I agree, but also offer additional information to be addressed.

Being part of the NZMCA means you adhere to strict rules re parking, alcohol consumption on site, activities. There are now 80,000 members of this organization + has assets of more than \$11.5 million. There is a network of NZMCA Parks etc, NZ + local North Amberley Rollies, Regular magazines, product information available, etc. Within the Hurunui District we have P.O.P. (Park Over Properties) + designated NZMCA areas eg Heaverden Memorial Park, etc.

There are designated parking overnight areas throughout NZ. There are blue/white signs on posts between which vehicles park between 4pm - 9am. only. Nothing would look worse than travellers eg camped by toilets at Waikeri, or Culverden during the day adjacent to public toilets + shops eg non-compliant self-contained vehicles as in Hurunui District Council proposal Number 2. Everyone must be moved on/gone by 9am. It would be ideal to have power point outputs in designated park/off-road areas. Ideally have designated areas adjacent to special areas as in Waihi Returned Services Centre there is access to the RSA sport facilities + restaurant.

RSA

While parked overnight in the Waihi Beach carpark,
There could be reciprocal membership between "UK/Australia
Motorhome Owners/members with NZ."

There is a Motorhome Assn. subgroup for "feewheelers"
that is sole people so as they can camp in the vicinity
of other solo participants.

- # The NZMCA has purchased its own parks throughout NZ,
Members of NZMCA regularly have weekends/days where
members can park up collectively and do collections
of rubbish in public areas, beach sides, etc. Spring Clean-Ups.
- # NZMCA Green fund personnel also plant trees - eg
every 750 km plant 1 tree (NZMCA Magazine Issue 33
June/July 2018. + gives grants - eg \$10,000 for tree planting.
- # Dogs are generally not allowed un-leashed in parking areas.
- # Effluent disposal stations need to be located in appropriate places.
It is felt that there does need to be rules within our
Haurangi District self-contained vehicles, non-self
contained vehicles + tents (Categories 1, 2 and 3) do
need to be monitored.

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