

Hurunui Bylaw change Submission

To whom it may concern

I would like to thank the Council and its staff for the effort put into the new bylaw

I support the aim of the new bylaw. There is a need to facilitate 'Responsible freedom camping' for both local and overseas visitors.

Hurunui is close to the biggest population centre in the South Island. An opportunity appears to exist to increase visitor numbers.

Around the country some camping grounds appear to be promoting camping restrictions at the cost of other local community enterprises. Personally I would rather see money go to other local enterprises rather than attempts to force responsible freedom campers into camping grounds they don't want or need.

From personal observation:

- Although "Freedom campers" seem to get the blame for rubbish, often it is caused by locals, day trippers in cars, and cyclist. Some responsible freedom campers tidy up rubbish, broken glass etc. left by others.
- Supposed Freedom camping problems appear to be sometimes used as a scapegoat by those with other agenda's.
- Restricted certified Freedom camping areas often have non-certified vehicles parked amongst the certified vehicles.
- Problems often appear to arise from a percentage of those in non-certified vehicles.
- Enforcement appears necessary to obtain compliance by some people.
- Obtaining the \$200 fines from overseas visitors is a problem needing a solution if enforcement is to be taken seriously.

The Government freedom camping task force may solve some of these problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to making submission

Don Lovett

I support the aim of the new bylaw.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing