

Mackenzie District Council SUBMISSION FORM

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Full name of submitter: Hannah Marie Aronsen

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Signature: Hannah Aronsen

Date: 21/11/2014

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I am truly against freedom camping next to the musterers hut or the skate park. Here are my reasons.

Littering- there would rubbish everywhere and you would need rubbish bins, which I think it would look a little stupid having rubbish bins in the middle of grass area. Would you have people taking it away every week? Because if not it would just keep piling up and the stink would linger.

Noise- This one would affect more the skate park area. Because on Friday nights there are many youths are around that area and you would end up having people telling them to be quiet. Many that might be older people wanting to go to sleep at that time of night.

Power Points-Some people might own campervans, so you would have to put in power sources. Now who would pay for that? Also how many would you have to put in?

The appearance of Twizel- All you will see is campervans and tents in front of you as you drive in. To be honest who wants to see this? Twizel is only a small town, you don't want it to cluttered when you arrive.

Affecting other holiday business's- It may stop people from staying at other accommodation providers. I know for a fact that in summer months they strive and I would I hate to see them nearly empty because of this.

Other points to consider-Would you allow bonfires, or portaloos on site? Portaloos stink as well, so you would have to hire cleaners, or would they walk to the public ones. Plus you wouldn't want random campers going into the Musterers Hut just to use the bathroom. Would you want cars on the grass? Also when I go camping it's usually out of town, not near buildings. Camping is not about being civilized, it's about being in the outdoors and exploring. Would we as Twizel look after it or the campers themselves? I suspect it won't be the campers!

I would not like to see this go through as you can see, so thank you for taking the time to read this. I truly appreciate this.

Hannah Marie Aronsen

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Full name of submitter: Helen Fay Ault

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Signature: H F Ault Date: 20-11-2014

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My submission(s):

My feeling is with campers there will be a lot more rubbish to clear up & to collect which will eventually ^{go on} to our rates. Also a lot more use of the toilets to keep clean.

Most people come to Twizel for it's beauty quiet & peace not to drink coffee sit & have lunch looking at a camp site. Most campers would be happy out of town ^{centre} in a wooded or green area.

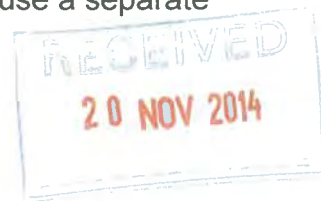
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Full name of submitter: Jacqueline Ann de Buyzer

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 18 Nov 2014

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My submission(s):

I wish to have my Submission considered before any action is taken on the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014.
I absolutely do not want any

Freedom Camping within a 80km radius of Twizel or in Twizel township.

There is no need for anyone to Freedom Camp in and around Twizel as there are plenty of places to camp with all amenities available
eg. 1. Quatarinwa Camping Ground
2. Twizel Holiday Park.
3. Lake Pōaka (biket available).

Freedom campers with no inbuilt facilities in their campers should not be encouraged in our residential areas - ie the car park between the new supermarket and the M.D.C building.

I don't think it is appropriate for hygiene and safety reasons.

The burden on clean up will fall on rate payers - I do not agree to this.
Please do not pass a bylaw allowing Freedom Camping in Twizel township.

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Full name of submitter: Dane M. White
 Postal address: 50 Rhabaro Road - Twizel
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My submission(s):

I am against all freedom camping around the Town Centre:

We have two camping grounds in and close to the Town that have all the available facilities required for camping

ie: Toilets, Showering & Laundry.

The people who own the camping facilities have spent a considerable amount of money getting these facilities up to a recognised standard to accommodate large influxes of people, not only do they provide the facility they are also rate payers to the Mackenzie District Council.

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My submission(s):

We do not want or need freedom campers in Twizel. They do not contribute to our economy. That is why they are "freedom campers" because they live cheaply. Take a look at other popular destinations eg. Kaikoura - No freedom camping anywhere. Keep our town clean for those who pay to live and holiday here. If young tourists have enough money to travel to New Zealand, they should have enough money to pay for accommodation. Not living in vans with no facilities. Twizel does not need these type of holiday makers.

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Full name of submitter: Janie Cameron

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My submission(s):

- Twizel is not a slum - keep it beautiful!
- Freedom camping takes revenue away from local accommodation businesses.
- Freedom campers shit all over our farm - it's disgusting and not on.

Paul

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Phone: 027 5674909 _____ Email: rossandjeni.sparks@xtra.co.nz _____

Signature: Jenni Sparks _____ Date: 19/11/2014 _____

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Full name of submitter: Jill Selbie _____

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Signature: _____ Date: 10/11/2014 _____

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My submission(s):

LAKE RUATANIWHA SOUTH END

I have read the draft Freedom Camping Strategy 2014 and the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014, and fully support and welcome the bylaw that will at long last protect the reserve over the road from our home. In the past it has been an unsightly and unhealthy with the amount of human waste and rubbish being left behind. I commend the Twizel Community Board for placing a portaloo down on the Peninsula for the day boaties and picnickers, but I do hope the cleaning regime is on a daily basis during the busy Christmas/New Year period especially if the weather plays its part.

Last Saturday night 8th November Don and I noticed tents down by the lake edge on the Peninsula and went to investigate. There were about 10 young men, three tents and a fire going. This was their second night. I told them it was a reserve and no camping allowed and that they had to go. They had been drinking and didn't want to move and also pointed out to me that there was no signage saying that camping wasn't allowed. I had to agree of course and backed down on them moving camp, but I did insist they put the fire out. PLEASE CAN WE HAVE SIGNAGE ON THE CAMPING BYLAW AND A TOTAL FIRE BAN SIGN. STRONG CLEAR SIGNS THAT CAN'T BE REMOVED OR BLOWN OVER.

Last Christmas there were three different campers on the peninsula, two on the lake edge and one over the back amongst the pine trees. There were also about 12 young adults camping out of sight amongst the trees over the New Year for about three days. All were asked to move on after I had either rung the Council after hours or I had approached them myself. The portaloo was not clean.

The risk of fire is really scary for all who live on Max Smith Drive and I have also noticed that campervans who use the bay, are by no means all self-contained and the evidence of fires at the start of the walking track is very clear.

While Don and I have agreed to be voluntary warrant officers to help keep the area clear for the boaties and picnickers we can't reinforce something that isn't clear to freedom campers in the first place.

Freedom Camping Submission November 2014-11-18

From – Jim & Nola Cassidy

1 Pioneer Drive, Lake Tekapo

We would like to suggest that the car park opposite our house at 1 Pioneer Drive be looked at as campervans with & without toilets, as well as people sleeping in cars, use our garden and the lake foreshore as toilets.

Having lived in this beautiful area for over forty years we feel it is getting worse every year.

It is not only the Tourist, but New Zealanders as well.

There should be NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING in any residential area in the village.

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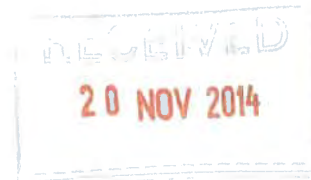
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I am against the freedom camping strategy. They have plenty of places that they can go, within the region of Twizel. Having this strategy or 'bylaw' in the middle of our beautiful wee town will cause so many problems. It will be hard to police. They will come in, in the hundreds.

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My submission(s):

- ① I object to freedom camping in towns.
- ② Freedom camping is for rural areas not in towns competing with campgrounds or in popular recreation areas.
- ③ to me the objective of freedom camping is to find a remote and scenic area rather than a public place.

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Full name of submitter: JULIE BILLER
 Postal address: 59 TOTARA DR TWIZEL
 Phone: 022 031 2244 Email: j.biller@clear.net.nz
 Signature: Julie Biller Date: 21 Nov 2014

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My submission(s):

I oppose the proposed Freedom camping sites within Twizel ^{Township} for the following reasons.

- to near public areas, the playground in the Square, the Youth club, the pool, and ^{where} the Early Learning Centre is to be situated
- not all Freedom campers are equipped with toilet facilities, who is going to police these campers to ensure they do have the facilities?
- those living 'Freedom campers' with no facilities do not spend their money in town other than perhaps the grocery stores.
- I don't believe the council has thought through the added costs of having these people in town - who will be the one cleaning up after these 'dirty buggars' - Mayor Claire, other council members, members of the Community Board - I think not!
- we have 2 fantastic campgrounds within the township that have all the necessary facilities, ~~the council is~~
with this proposal the MDC is effectively cutting into the campground owners income!

J. Billie

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Full name of submitter: KAREN HENDERSON

Postal address: PO BOX 26, TWIZEL, 7944

Phone: 03 435 0686 Email: kdmorgan@xtra.co.nz

Signature: [Signature] Date: 21/11/14

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My Submission:

While I commend the growth of tourism in the Twizel area and an advocate of “self-contained” freedom camping, the proposals outlined for Twizel are not acceptable to me for the following reasons:

- Freedom camping for self-contained vehicles is already available at the bottom of Lake Ruataniwha opposite High Country Salmon, Lake Wardell, Lake Poaka, Lake Pukaki, and commercial sites.
- Freedom camping for non-self-contained vehicles is available at The Pines and commercial sites.
- I have seen people in non-self-contained vehicles ‘camping’ along the Alps to Ocean Cycle Trail, and the Lake Pukaki Information Centre Car Park where facilities are limited or not available and the mess left behind is not conducive to New Zealand’s clean green image.
- The commercial areas of other districts in the region ie Tekapo are excluded from freedom camping but the proposal for Twizel has two areas adjacent to commercial areas. I disagree with these areas being used for freedom camping as this would detract from the clean green town of trees image that Twizel is founded on.
- The proposed areas have no provision for human waste or general rubbish and I am concerned about how this would be dealt with if this proposal went ahead. Furthermore who would police the areas to ensure only self-contained vehicles were camping?



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Full name of submitter: Kathryn Anne Fagan
 Postal address: 37 Jellie Rd Twizel
 Phone: 027 481-2200 Email: kathryn.fagan@hotmail.co.uk
 Signature: KA Fagan Date: 18/11/2014

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My submission(s):

Please, please MOC use some common sense about Freedom camping. In my strong opinion it should NOT be allowed within the town boundary. There are enough camping grounds (two) plus the Motorhome Caravan Assoc property at The Club, to cater for everyone.

A.A. Fagan



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NO
NO

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Full name of submitter:

Kathleen May Carpenter

Postal address:

314 Mackenzie Dr Twizel

Phone:

03 4350872

Email:

Signature:

KM Carpenter

Date:

18-11-14

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My submission(s):

I do not want freedom
Camping in the town centre
of Twizel

K M Carpenter

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Full name of submitter: Korey Middleton _____

Postal address: 32 Mackenzie Dr, Twizel _____

Phone: 4350300 _____ Email: aorakilodge@xtra.co.nz _____

Signature:  _____ Date: 16/11/2014 _____

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My submission(s):

I do not feel that having freedom campers parked with in the town centre or at the town entrance is a good look for Twizel. Surely a place that is less obtrusive can be found.

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Full name of submitter: Leanne Rush

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Phone: 03 435 3170 Email: joearndleane@gmail.com

Signature:  Date: 5/11/14

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My submission(s):

I like that the numbers are being restricted and limited to self-contained vehicles. That is all I like about this strategy.

I do not agree that freedom camping should not be allowed in residential areas.

The area in Mackenzie Drive is a thoroughfare for children walking to school. If you wish to stay right in the town centre, you should pay for the privilege.

I also wonder how this is going to be monitored?

It is very common to find vans (usually non-self-contained) parked in the main car park overnight. Who is going to be responsible for ensuring that the limit is adhered to and only self-contained vehicles are staying here.

How long until people realise that they can stay here overnight without any reprimand if they are outside the conditions set. It won't take long for word to get out that you can stay for free in the middle of Twizel without penalty, if the regulations are not enforced.

I have no issue with the areas outside of Twizel, Tekapo or Fairlie, beside waterways, etc. I believe that freedom camping should be kept outside of residential areas.

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Full name of submitter:

Lesley Ann HARVEY

Postal address:

30 Mackenzie Drive Twizel

Phone:

03 435 0193

Email:

Signature:

L. A. Harvey

Date:

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My submission(s):

Yes I think having a special free parking area for Camper vans is a good thing along with recycle bins, they have them in Australia with 24 hr or 48 hr pit stop.

Camper Vans are the future and it's a way of having them in the town. you benefit, they'll shop have coffee and buy groceries, the green grass areas may look good, but serve no purpose, we need to keep up with the times, or Camper Vans will just go past. To keep an eye on it, you could use some volunteers

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Full name of submitter: Linley Joy Ashton
 Postal address: P.O. Box 446, Twizel 7944
 Phone: 03 435 0566 Email: _____
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 21-11-14

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My submission(s):

I am against the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

I'm sure that Freedom Campers between Glen Lyon Road + Max Smith Drive will mean that litter, human waste etc near the Events Centre and Early Childhood centre is not a good idea. There are a lot of children around the swimming pool, skateboard park + Youth Centre and watching people drinking is not a good idea. There is a camping ground in the town and another at the lake. So if the Freedom Campers want to be close to town they should be prepared to pay.

There are plenty of areas near Twizel that Freedom Campers can stay. You can smell them and see toilet paper before you get to them in the summer.

I'm not sure how you would police the fact they have toilets and are using them in town.

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Full name of submitter: Liz McDonald

Postal address: 8 Hallowell Rd Twizel

Phone: 03 4350808 Email: _____

Signature: L McDonald Date: 20.11.14

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My submission(s):

I do not believe freedom Camping will do any of the towns good.

For goodness sake look at the area around the Church at Lake Tekapo always a huge mess.

Who is going to be checking on the vans over night !!!

Also why give them free camping when each town has Camping grounds who need this money or are you wanting these to all close down

I know here in Twizel we WANT To KEEP our Camping Grounds open
~~Are you also looking at~~

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Full name of submitter: **Stewart & Lorna Inch** _____

Postal address: **P.O. Box 121 LAKE TEKAPO 7945** _____

Phone: **03 6806 544** _____ Email: **stewart.lorna.inch@xtra.co.nz** _____

Signature: **Lorna Inch**  Date: **20th November 2014** _____

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My submission(s): FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2014: LAKE TEKAPO VILLAGE

- (1) We would **not** like to see any camping or overnight parking, even self-contained vehicles, in the picnic/viewing area on corner of Hamilton Drive & State Highway 8, OR the green area beside the Saleyards.
 - (2) The removal of some trees and branches in this area has lessened the number who toilet there but it is still a problem with campervans pulling in later in the evening and parking up for the night. Many are not self-contained. I have often asked people late in the evening to please move to the camping ground where there are facilities but most just wait until you walk away and then stay parked. Those with animals in their vans say they are not welcomed at the Lakeside Drive camping ground and wish to exercise their dogs in or near the Saleyards. Horses and a small flock of sheep are kept in the Saleyards in order to keep grass under control. These animals are often frightened at night by people giving their dogs a free run. I believe the new 'dog friendly' camp in the ECAN park nearby is restricted to those who belong to some Association. Locals who exercise their dogs in the area know to keep them under control due to the permanent stock.
 - (3) The Lochinver Run Subdivision overlooks this green area which is part of the beautiful vista with lake & mountains in background. It's beauty is currently being spoilt by the liberty taken by "free campers".
 - (4) We'd like to see ALL camping within the village 'town area' be prohibited and campervans all be encouraged to use the designated camping grounds within the village.
 - (5) We think a restriction of 20metres from the lake shore is not sufficient. This should be at 100 metres or at least 50 metres to allow people to still enjoy the foreshore when there are campers.
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Full name of submitter: Lorna Webb
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Phone: 034350400 Email: mwebb1@xtra.co.nz
Signature: L Webb Date: 20-11-14

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My submission(s):

I can not believe the Council have even contemplated thinking of allowing freedom campers in the town perimeter. When we have 2 camping grounds in close vicinity also numerous other camping spots around us.

We went out to Pukaki a couple of weekends ago the campers had all gone BUT a fire that they had lit was still going. Great. In the winds we have here it wouldn't have been flash had the ashes had blown into the trees. Also there was rubbish, squashed cans & bottles etc.

I would hate it if I had bought my residence then found that over the road a whole lot of random people were camping out. The reason we live in this beautiful town is the peace & the lifestyle that we can live in without the worry of randoms camping at our backdoor.

We have camping grounds that they can go to in town & just out of town. These camps pay Rates accordingly. Why would the Council allow people to stay just down the Road for free when these (camping ground owners) folks are trying to make an honest living from people who are prepared to pay for their accommodation & not free load of a town.

We often walk in the areas you have proposed to put these free loaders. I would not walk there if there was a 'Camping Area' with strangers staying ~~any~~ there. Totally unattractive to our now very attractive town.

L J Webb

Catherine Johnson

From: Luke Paardekooper <luke@paardekooper.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 20 November 2014 10:07 p.m.
To: Mackenzie PA
Subject: TWIZEL Freedom Camping Submission

This is my Submission regarding Freedom camping both in the TWIZEL rea and the greater Mackenzie

I would like to be heard.

I am against the locations out forward for both Wairepo Rd and behind the Twizel Events centre. There is a need for Twizel as a community to stop and look at where we want to be in 5 , 10 and 20 years and see how we would like our town to look and feel. There has been a number of issues that have just been forced upon the Twizel community and it is time for us to really see how we want this town to look in the future.

We must work as one district, however each town needs to have its own identity, and this needs to be shaped by the people not the council. Instead of looking at small bits each time lets really take the time to plan our future.

I cannot recall that there has really been planning sessions over the last few years for the people to come together and hear different peoples view points and really work together. I'm aware this has been done a number of years back.

I would also like to see a plan outlining areas within Twizel and the direct area around, what has been set aside for what. So we see the whole picture.

Let's not rush this plan. Let's take our time to get it right.

Would also like to see the submissions heard in Twziel for our area.

Please confirm this submission has been received

Luke Paardekooper
 Mt Cook Lakeside Retreat
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☐ **Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014**

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☐ I wish to be heard in support of my submission (in conjunction with a group submission).

Full name of submitter: Lyn Martin _____

Postal address: PO Box 14 Lake Tekapo _____

Phone: 03 6806537 _____ Email: bruceandlynm@yahoo.co.nz _____

Signature: L Martin _____ Date: 13 Nov

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My submission(s):

I support the intent of the Bylaw and accompanying Strategy, but in my opinion it remains weak and open to abuse. The separation of Bylaw and Strategy is also awkward and confusing. I agree strongly with the selection of prohibited places, but the Act leaves the remainder of our village available for campers. This seems to be the opposite of the spirit of Freedom Camping - rather like having a picnic in your own lounge.

The Act requires that we welcome certified fully self-contained campers and this is shown by permitting some parking in the village. It is also intended to highlight suitable areas close to the township. Vehicles NOT self-contained will receive a warm welcome at our wonderful camping grounds. (They can head for the hills as an option as the Act does not apply to the backcountry).

I don't believe our community should be in the business of providing facilities for that category of freedom camper, a suggestion that has been heard.

The proposed Strategy talks about 'appropriate locations'. How and who decides what is appropriate? Currently there is nothing to prevent camping in the middle of Murray Park - it is very attractive, but appropriate it is not.

The approach taken by Queenstown Lakes District Council is very clear, leaving no room for mis-interpretation. "Freedom camping within our township, residential areas, parks and gardens is not acceptable".

That position is also taken by the Thames-Coromandel District, with support from a High Court ruling. The wellbeing of visitors AND residents was considered in this decision. I believe that MDC should be following this proven approach.

In conclusion, this is not a heavy-handed response. It is a pragmatic approach to a challenge. While recognising that most people may want to do the right thing, experience has taught me otherwise and I do not want to see my chosen home open to abuse because the harder decision was not made at this time.

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Full name of submitter: Lynlee Officer
 Postal address: 112 Max Smith Drive
 Phone: 034350602 Email: dl.officer
 Signature: *Lynlee Officer* Date: 20-11-14

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My submission(s):

I feel very strongly against letting 'freedom Camping' into the town centre of Twizel. I daily see the mess they leave as I walk my dog and she rolls in human waste weekly along Max Smith Drive and the lakes edges.

And these are self contained vans that I see park up the night before so do not expect it.

We have two excellent camping grounds in Twizel which will also do them out of business if they can camp for nothing in town.

Te Anau now has a terrible problem with this.

I am a campervan person myself and am sad to see so many abuse it for the good old kiwi families and retired people.

I also strongly disagree with both positions in town as they are beside a childrens playground and creche & youth centre. Also I watch daily in the market place as they empty their campervans in the bin beside the new supermarket and head off without spending a cent in our town.

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Full name of submitter: Lynley Irving
 Postal address: 6 Market Place, Twizel 7901
 Phone: 03 4350 883 Email: _____
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 18/11/14

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My submission(s):

Re Draft Freedom Camping Strategy 2014

All freedoms campers should have to register at a monitored designated area.

Why not camping grounds ??

Isn't that what they are for

I travel over 1000 khs a week through the Waitaki Valley and I'm sick of seeing all of their rubbish & pollution left behind on the sides of our roads & in our picnic areas.

Why should these people be allowed to defecate & trash our country when they are not allowed to do it in their own.

REALLY ANTI!!!

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Full name of submitter:

Mackenzie Properties Ltd.

Postal address:

PO Box 17202; Greenlane 1546. Auckland

Phone:

021-822969

Email:

andrew@mackenzieproperties.co.nz

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

Date:

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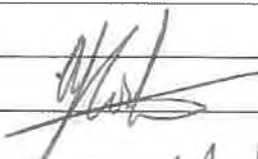
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My submission(s):

- * Machenzie Properties Ltd is an affected neighbour to an area proposed as a designated freedom camping locality in Wairepo Road, Twizel. See plan.
- * Machenzie Properties Ltd has NOT been consulted in any way up until this point in time.
- * Machenzie Properties Ltd strongly object to the use of Council land, with close proximity to our properties, being used to house freedom camping activities.
- * The Northern entrance to Twizel needs to be enhanced and not degraded as this policy will do. Does Council want to see crappy old vans parked up with awnings set up and a collection of personal belongings all on display to passing motorists AND clearly visible from State Highway 8.
- * Who is pushing for this policy to be implemented? It is our view that NO Freedom Camping should be permitted anywhere within the Machenzie District.

 Director

21/11/14.

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Map 12



Map 13

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Full name of submitter: MALCOLM DODDS

Postal address: 25 HUNTER CRES TWIZEL

Phone: 034353181 Email: DODDS@XTRA.CO.NZ

Signature: [Signature] Date: 21/11/2014

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My submission(s):

I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSAL
TO ALLOW FREEDOM CAMPING
IN TWIZEL TOWNSHIP.

① HOW CAN THE FULLY SELF
CONTAINED BE POLICED

② ARE THE EXISTING CAMPGROUNDS
BEING FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED
FOR THIS

③ DO WE REALLY WANT
TO ENCOURAGE SMALL CAMPER
VANS WITH NO FACILITIES
IN TOWN USING THE
PUBLIC TOILETS FOR
THESE.



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Full name of submitter: Margaret Armstrong
 Postal address: 5 Maryburn Road Twizel 7901
 Phone: 0274358246 Email: r-marmstrong@xtra.co.nz
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 18.11.2014

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My submission(s):

All Freedom Camping should be 80 km from
Twizel Town Centre, to be fair to all
parties - ratepayers - business people - general
public.

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I do not want free camping sites within the town belt. There are plenty of areas in the near vicinity that could be used i.e. Lake Wardell for one.

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The areas suggested are too close to residence & children playing.

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Full name of submitter: Maria McDonald

Postal address: 41 Omaha Crescent Twizel

Phone: 0212160164

Email: mm@twizel-school.nz

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 19-11-14

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Full name of submitter: MARIANN ELIZABETH POWER

Postal address: P.O Box 25

Phone: 0275301881 Email: mepower@hotmail.co.nz

Signature: ME Power Date: 20.11.14

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My submission(s):

It is inappropriate to have freedom camps in town when there are plenty of camping ground options. Camping grounds are able to put / keeps the checks and balances in place. We are exposing our ~~own~~ town to unnecessary issues through having freedom campers in town.

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Full name of submitter: Marion Edith Seymour
Postal address: Ferintosh Str, P.O. Fairlie - 7949
Phone: fax 03-4350512 Email: —
Signature: M.E. Seymour Date: 18.11.14

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My submission(s):

Strongly Oppose - Freedom Camping within Twizel

1. No campers what so ever within the town.
Imagine driving into the town and seeing them lined up at either of the suggested sites? You have to be realistic. It's a nice aspect, now you suggest mini camp sites to stare at located them at Lakes Wairarapa & Pukaki. They can drive into town, as most of them only want groceries. Are you trying to support meat houses and discourage established holiday parks of business? Why would Mr Bishop only want on board toilettes, & they are the very ones with the more expensive campers who can afford to pay camp fees. How can discretion be policed?

2. Mr. Bishop should come and park at our road gate, and witness the rubbish, I am forever collecting up, - a lot of filthy tissue and toilet paper, along with human waste and the sight and stink of on-board facilities pumped out onto the ground. Recently, I caught a fellow with his pants down, in the trees, right behind the mail box. A hastily stop to his business! They had on-board facilities, and his explanation to me, that if he (they) did not use them unless necessary, he did not have to stop as often to pump out.

3. We are forever getting all types of camper-vans coming in asking for free parking, or help themselves across hay paddocks to the lake to do so. The same as above, repeated. When questioned, most say "No money", but can afford camper vans. We now have a sign at the gate Private Property - No Entry, but to no avail. You need to put most substance and thought into your strategy, along with research.

ack
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Full name of submitter: Mark William Russell Hervey _____

Postal address: P.O.Box 546 Timaru _____

Phone: 03 6860058 _____ Email: mark.hervey@herveys.co.nz _____

Signature:  _____ Date: 6.11.14 _____

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My submission(s):

Reference freedom camping by law

I submit that one of the issues not addressed by the proposed by law is the length of time

Freedom campers are permitted to stay in permitted camping areas.

The issue of time needs to be addressed

Extensive stays in one particular area limits use by others as to general recreational activities and creates a health and safety risk. These risks are already identified in the proposed by law and refer to but not limited to human waste and rubbish. These limitations are common to the proposed change and are general throughout the district.

I submit that any area within 50 meters of a lake or waterway used by freedom campers be limited to one stay, on a continual basis, of 5 nights. This will ensure freedom campers move on and allow others to use the area



ACK JH
12.11.14

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Full name of submitter: Michelle Eve Pearce

Postal address: 9 Bendrose Place

Phone: 03 4350688

Email: me.pearce@clear.net.nz

Signature: M.E Pearce

Date: 9th November 2014

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It has been brought to my attention that Mackenzie District Council is looking at Allowing FREEDOM CAMPERS to camp within the Twizel Commercial Area
I am strongly opposed to this happening

This area is the main commercial centre within TWIZEL and is
Subject to a high number of Children, Workers and Visitors in the early morning, daytime and evening. Freedom camping should be prohibited in this area:

This area is the commercial centre of TWIZEL. The key function of the area is to facilitate and enable the operation of commercial businesses. The public areas in this location are used for car parking associated with the surrounding businesses. This Area has also recently been allocated to Twizel Early Learning Centre In order to protect access to the area for businesses, customers & children it is not appropriate for freedom camping to be provided for within this area.

We have a 2 Camping Grounds in Twizel one about 4kms away from the town centre & the other one, well within walking distance to the town centre.

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JH

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 15-11-14

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My submission(s):

I do not think that freedom camping should be encouraged, or allowed in the Mackenzie Basin, and especially in Twizel township.

Reasons for this are

- ① Using the surrounding areas as a toilet
- ② Rubbish left lying around
- ③ Visual pollution with a "gypsy" camp look
- ④ Unfair to local camping ground businesses that pay rates & provide a service
- ⑤ Ratepayers will have to pay a contractor to police these areas and also to clean up
- ⑥ Detrimental affects on adjoining property values

The council in allowing a freedom camp at the entrance to Twizel will be giving the wrong impression to visitors arriving to Twizel.

Council would have been better advised to encourage development such as Meridians new building to the front of Twizel, rather than allow a gypsy camp, to be established.

Who is going to monitor these camps to ensure there are no long term stayers, no undesirable elements etc.

All camping in Twizel & the Mackenzie should be in/at established Motor Camps!
No where else in the world is freedom camping allowed, so why here.

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Phone: 027 222 8156 _____ Email: nyree.schaar@gmail.com _____

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As a family, we have spent many camping holidays in NZ and overseas, in self-contained campers, and at times have freedom camped ... responsibly. However many of these sites that we have camped at have been soiled with human excrement and rubbish. For those of us who camp responsibly there are always those that don't... unfortunately.

My first concern is with the Wairepo Road, Twizel site, as the owner of the adjacent Musterers Hut Café I am very concerned about the resultant rubbish and worse still excrement that will be left behind each morning. The playground and mini golf course located in front of the café, and only a few metres away from the proposed site, will provide the perfect location for people to 'do' their business overnight. Is this what we want our local and visitors children to come across each morning when they come to the playground to play?

While I own the playground equipment – it is still on council land, will the council staff clean this up?

We will have an influx of people wanting to use the toilets first thing in the morning, our toilets are for the use of our customers, and most freedom campers who do at times park in our car park overnight invariably come in and use the toilets without buying anything.

Who will monitor whether these 5 camping spots are being used by self-contained campers only? I assume they will not all arrive at 5pm so if a non self-contained camper arrives late or after dark, who monitors this?

Is the council expecting us as Twizel business owners and residents to police this and ask them to move on, at the risk of being told to 'b.....r off' as we have no official authority?

The other Twizel Town sight on Mackenzie Drive behind the Mackenzie Four Square is also of great concern, not only for the rubbish and excrement, but as a safety issue for our children going to school.

Twizel Area School classes start at 8.50am and this area is very close to the pedestrian crossing that many children use to cross Mackenzie Drive, and take the safer route to school via the skate park to avoid the traffic around the Market Place

Campers will not be expected to vacate this area until 9am – children are walking to school around this area from 8.30am, this places them at risk of not only traffic accidents from campers moving around at this time but also 'stranger danger'. A situation that will only increase when the Early Learning Centre is built close to this area in the future.

I know that my concerns focus on those campers who do not camp responsibly, however we

need to realize that these sort of campers are around, and yes they do ruin it for others that do follow the rules.

Encouraging freedom camping in town will not mean these campers will spend money in our town, it is simply a free site to stay overnight and then move on. Those campers that pay to stay the night in one of our fabulous camp grounds are the ones that are far more likely to support the town and spend money at local businesses and restaurants.

I wish to ask the council to reconsider both Twizel Township proposed locations, as I believe that the detrimental effects of these campers will far outweigh any advantages.

Yours faithfully

Nyree Schaar

Owner of Musterers Hut Café

Twizel Area School Board of Trustees Chairperson



07 November 2014

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NZMCA SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING STRATEGY AND BYLAW 2014

INTRODUCTION

1. This submission is made by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. ("the NZMCA") on the Mackenzie District Council ("the Council") draft freedom camping strategy ("the strategy") and bylaw 2014 ("the bylaw"). The NZMCA is a strong advocate for responsible freedom camping in certified self-contained ("CSC") vehicles and the draft bylaw directly affects tens-of-thousands of NZMCA members who enjoy freedom camping – many of whom regularly visit the Mackenzie District.
2. The NZMCA was established in 1956 to foster and advance the motor caravan movement by providing relevant services and information, promoting fellowship, vehicle safety, road courtesy and protection of the environment. Today, over 56,000 New Zealanders are members of the NZMCA and share a passion for exploring our country at leisure in their purpose-built motor caravans.
3. Motor caravanning is a traditional recreational activity that enables New Zealanders to provide for their social and economic wellbeing. Travelling in a CSC motor caravan enables people and the communities they visit to provide for their health and safety, while minimising adverse effects on the environment.

SUMMARY AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The NZMCA supports the main thrust of the strategy and bylaw. We commend the Council for proposing a permissive regime and make the following recommendation to improve the strategy:
 - a. **Amend Goal 4:** the implementation list should specifically include the NZMCA as we are a relevant and key stakeholder.

GENERAL COMMENT ON THE BYLAW

5. We agree with the staff recommendation to delete sub-clause 9.1 of the initial draft bylaw and instead rely on the provisions under new sub-clause 9.1 (previously 9.2 under the initial draft)¹. Our support for new sub-clause 9.1 is on the understanding that Council will exercise their power under this provision appropriately and only when absolutely necessary.

BENEFITS OF A PERMISSIVE FREEDOM CAMPING MANAGEMENT REGIME

Economic benefits

6. Motor caravanning is worth over **\$650 million to New Zealand's economy** and recent research has reinforced how significant the industry is to local economies, in particular those dependent on the tourist dollar. For example;
- A report published in October 2012 concluded campervan hirers in the year 2011 spent on average \$195 per day during their travels². The Tourism Industry Association came out in support of these findings stating campers were contributing to communities all around New Zealand, supporting local business and jobs, and their spending was not limited to tourism operators rather spread across a wide range of businesses in the community;
 - In February/March 2014 the Central Otago District Council surveyed 1,000 campers at popular freedom camping spots across their district. According to results: the average camper spent \$91 a day while visiting the district, 78% were domestic visitors, and 64% over 60 years of age. The Council's Parks and Recreation Manager, Mathew Begg, noted that this spend was quite significant to the community³;
 - A survey carried out in March/April 2012 at Ferry Road, Taupo (a restricted freedom camping area) showed the average motorhome visitor spent \$401 per visit. Also of note, over 100 local businesses signed a petition to the Taupo District Council supporting the preservation of freedom camping at this site;
 - A survey carried out in March 2012 at the Murchison town centre, by CB Marketing Consultants in Nelson, showed the average NZMCA couple spent \$117 per day in local businesses.
7. The domestic market is undergoing a significant growth phase with the NZMCA alone forecasting over 80,000 individual members in the next five years. That equates to approximately 50% more domestic motorhomers on the road by the year 2020. NZMCA members travel throughout the year, especially off-peak seasons, and therefore provide much needed economic benefit to small business communities outside the peak holiday periods.

¹ As noted on page 19 of Mackenzie District Council Planning and Regulation Committee Agenda for Thursday, October 16, 2014

² Understanding the Value Created by Campervan Tourists in New Zealand, COVEC (NZ Market Research Company)

Social benefits

8. Areas that permit freedom camping generally suffer less from vandalism and other undesirable social behavior as campers provide free security for the area. Many community clubs and associations have formed reciprocal relationships with the NZMCA allowing our members to park overnight for the security it provides to their facilities. This positive benefit from allowing freedom camping is frequently overlooked.

Environmental benefits

9. In addition to the benefits associated with CSC camping, NZMCA members value the places they stay and take special care to look after and improve them. Members regularly volunteer their time with local organisations and authorities to tidy up sites, pick up litter, and plant vegetation.
10. The NZMCA would appreciate an opportunity to speak to this submission at the hearing.

Yours faithfully

THE NEW ZEALAND MOTOR CARAVAN ASSOCIATION INC.



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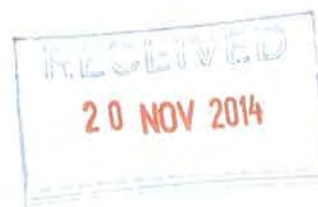
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My submission(s): I am against the proposed freedom camping area (Map 13) Town Centre, behind the supermarket, Twizel. I feel that there are enough other and more scenic places for campers, and that a carpark behind a supermarket is not going to draw more people in with its exquisite views of... the back of the supermarket. This is already a much used area.

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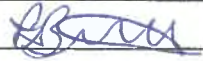
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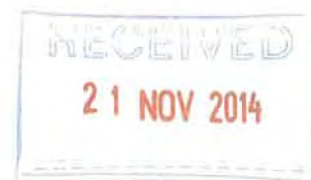
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Phone: 03 4350507 _____ Email: info@twizelholidaypark.co.nz _____

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Signature: P. Cameron Date: 21/11/14

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My submission(s):

I Strongly disagree with the proposed freedom camping bylaws in the Twizel town centre and surrounding township for the following reasons.

A. We have excellent camping grounds - already in place within walking distance to the town centre. We all need to promote these ^{local} businesses.

B. Who is going to supervise these freedom campers and manage their environmental footprint? i.e. - litter.
- Will our recycling depots be overflowing with campers rubbish bags even more than they are presently.

C. We are creating a unique tourist destination not a village of freedom campers - Keep it special and classy! please

Personal experience on our Farm:-

- Toilet paper blowing everywhere on windy days.
- Our sheep dogs constantly rolling in human faeces.
- Leaving rubbish bags hidden behind rocks & tussocks.
- Apprehending freedom camper ~~doing~~ "number 2's" defecating on the farm - ~~the~~ the reason being that they don't wish to ~~put~~ poo! in their camping potties keeping their campervans fresher!

➡ this is one of the main reasons campers soil our beautiful environment.

• Fire risk.

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Mackenzie District Council

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Signature:

R. Richards

Date:

6-11-14.

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My submission(s):

We think Freedom Camping should be on the fringe of town well away from any public conveniences.

We don't want to see them doing their washing in the toilet handbasins as is happening in other towns.

Adjacent to the new proposed early learning centre would also be inappropriate where the people would be in full view of the children often sitting around chilling out having a G&T, Beer or Wine.

Also has been our experience with the campervan communities down the canals.

These groups can quickly become a real problem with bad behaviour and leaving rubbish lying around.

This would not be a good look right in the centre of town.

We are not entirely prejudiced against Freedom Camping but a number of these campers have little or no respect for the bylaws regarding Freedom Camping and irrespective of where the Freedom Camping area will be will you be prepared to police and enforce the bylaws applied to Freedom Campers?

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My submission(s):

I believe that freedom camping should be restricted to areas outside the town limits.

The proposed area behind the events Centre is a thoroughfare for children walking to school & is an area utilised by children playing on the skate park.

I am concerned that it is dangerous to locate freedom campers in this area & that our children's safety must remain paramount.

I also feel that this will not be policed effectively & whilst restricted to 5 campers this number will grow.

I think that people wishing to take advantage of the interior of the township should pay for the privilege at the holiday park.

I am sure there are many more appropriate sites around Twizel which are likely to be more comfortable for the campers as well.

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Full name of submitter: Ray + Gill Frew
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My submission(s):

FREEDOM CAMPING IN TWIZEL. NO NO NO !!!

Has the Council gone mad.

There is one camping ground in the Twizel Township and one camping ground by Lake Ruataniwha whom charge a very moderate rate for Self Contained Motor Homes / Freedom Campers.

Encouraging Motor Home Camping on the Streets of Twizel – really !!

It seems a bit strange to have two proposed sites by Lake Ruataniwha when there is One large Camping Ground already between the two proposed sites.

Nil fee camping sites is something we don't need !!

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Full name of submitter: Rebecca Mary Harnett

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My submission(s):

I do not think that freedom ^{Camping} should be encouraged, or allowed in the Mackenzie Basin, and especially in Twizel township.

Reasons for this are

- ① Using the surrounding areas as a toilet
- ② Rubbish left lying around
- ③ Visual pollution with a "gypsy" camp look
- ④ Unfair to local camping ground businesses that pay rates & provide a service
- ⑤ Ratepayers will have to pay a contractor to police these areas and also to clean up
- ⑥ Detrimental affects on adjoining property values

The council in allowing a freedom camp at the entrance to Twizel will be giving the wrong impression to visitors arriving to Twizel.

Council would have been better advised to encourage development such as Merriapians new building to the front of Twizel, rather than allow a gypsy camp, to be established.

Who is going to monitor these camps to ensure there are no long term stayers, no undesirable elements etc.

All camping in Twizel & the Mackenzie should be in established Motor Camps!

Freedom Campers are free loaders who contribute little to the local community, economy.