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Full name of submitter: Richard Petrucci
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 Phone: 021 165 9023 Email: RichardMPet@gmail.com
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 21-11-14

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My submission(s):

I object to the freedom camping proposal because:

- ① Freedom campers contribute very little to the local economy.
- ② Freedom campers cost the local community by
 - A) Someone has to clean up after them, usually the council
 - B) Their very presence deters legitimate customers from patronizing the shopping centre.
 - C) The presence of freedom campers will give Twizel a bad reputation amongst the tourist community.
- ③ The rubbish left behind will find its way into neighbouring properties and will have to be removed at ratepayers' expense
- ④ No other councils encourage freedom campers, why should MPC be the first?
- ⑤ Council instead should encourage rental companies to only rent self contained camper vans.



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Full name of submitter: Robert Scott Barr Young & Susan Jane Young
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My submission(s):

We oppose the provision of freedom camping areas within Ruizel township at the 2 sites noted in the Strategy, - Warepo Road and at the Town Centre,

Freedom camping is an activity which should be confined to areas outside of township areas. There is one camping area in town and a parkover property for NZMCA members behind the Combined Services. If people wish to camp in town they should use these facilities.

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Full name of submitter: ROBERT JOHN WAIDE
 Postal address: 64C MACKENZIE DR
 Phone: 03 4350001 Email: _____
 Signature: R J Waide Date: 20.11.2014

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My submission(s):

DO NOT WAIT THE FREEDOM CAMP
ING BECAUSE THEY MIGHT LEAVE A
MESS BEHIND THEM



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Full name of submitter: Rose Golding

Postal address: 26 Mt Cook St. Twizel

Phone: 03 4350445 Email: _____

Signature: R.A. Golding Date: 17th Nov. 2014

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My submission(s):

Freedom Camping.

There should be NO. Freedom camping anywhere in the Twizel township.

We have two excellent camping grounds & that is where camping should be done.

It is a no brainer really.

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Full name of submitter: Rosemary Jane Brown _____

Postal address: P. Box 39, Lake Tekapo 7945 _____

Phone: 6806 516 _____ Email: Rosemary-Brown@xtra.co.nz _____

Signature:  _____ Date: 1 November 2014 _____

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My submission(s):

I support the Freedom Camping By-law for the Mackenzie District. In particular, I support the prohibition of Freedom Camping in the MDC carpark and in the area of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

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Full name of submitter: Rupert Power

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Phone: 0275557227 Email: power@student.christchurchcollege.com

Signature: Rupert Power Date: 20/11/14

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My submission(s):

The idea of allowing freedom camping in the Twizel Township ~~does not~~ is not a good idea. Why have freedom camping beside the new pre school, Twizel pool and Highschool. Aswell that its only a stones throw away from the centre of town. For there is a camping ground just over the park where issues and waste can be managed appropriately. That is why I believe it is unnecessary to have freedom camping here in the Twizel township.

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Full name of submitter: Sandra Jane Nelson

Postal address: 57 Totara Drive, Twizel

Phone: (03) 4350-190 Email: deansandy@xtra.co.nz

Signature: [Signature] Date: 19/11/14

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57 Totara Drive
Twizel

19 November 2014

Submissions at Mackenzie District Council

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to submit against the proposed freedom camping areas within Twizel township.

My main reason is regarding the safety of our children, as both of the proposed areas are close to the areas where children frequent (skatepark, pool area, school field, youth centre, proposed new crèche site; Musterer's Hut playground).

I am also concerned about toileting outside of vans, in our public spaces.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Sandy Nelson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandy Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'N'.

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Full name of submitter: Sharon DODDS

Postal address: 25 Hunter cresc

Phone: 4353181 Email: dodds@extra.co.nz

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

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My submission(s):

We do not want
freedom Camping.

We have 2 camp grounds
and do not want people
staying in our town centre.
Dropping their rubbish &
Leaving their toilet waste

A very big NO



Creditors

From: sarahandgrant@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, 20 November 2014 2:42 p.m.
To: Mackenzie PA
Subject: Freedom Camping

Dear Mackenzie District Council Members,

As a parent of 2 children and 2 teenagers in Twizel, I am not keen for freedom camping to take place in Wairepo Road or behind the events centre. The youth centre runs from 6-8pm and 8-10pm for the older youth. I would not feel comfortable having freedom campers able to camp in these areas. It encourages strangers with campervans to be in a place where our youth hang out, which in all honesty I consider, has a very real potential, to be unsafe for our youth. There are many more suitable sights in the Twizel area. Please reconsider this proposal and consider the safety of our young people!

Sarah Thompson
19 Temple Drive
03 435 0469
sarahandgrant@gmail.com
20/11/14

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Full name of submitter:

SHAWN MICHAEL NORMAN

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Phone:

03 435 0622

Email:

shawn@highcountrynz.com

Signature:

Shawn Norman

Date:

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My submission(s):

- ① I strongly object to the suggested Freedom Camping in Twizel, both at WAIREPO ROAD and at the area shown close to the gym. There are adequate camp grounds both on Mackenzie Drive and at Lake Ruataniwha
- ② I believe there should be no freedom camping within Twizel's 50km/hour Zone and Domain
- ③ Just as the Tekapo Commercial Area is proposed "Freedom Camping Banned", so should the Twizel Commercial Area also be "Freedom Camping Banned"
- ④ "The Lagoon" and environs at Lake Ruataniwha - that is, the family swimming and picnic area - should also be "Freedom Camping Banned"
- ⑤ These few suggested restrictions leave plenty of Freedom Camping sites available in the area. "The Pines" at Lake Pukaki; many pull-offs on the Mount Cook Road, Lake Wardell, Waiarepo Arm etc etc

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Full name of submitter: SHEENA ELIZABETH BUCHAN

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 21.11.14.

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My submission(s):

To belong to the "FREEDOM CAMPERS ASSN"
 you HAVE TO HAVE YOUR OWN TOILET.
 FREEDOM CAMPERS DO NOT HANG AROUND TOWN.
 THEY LIKE BE OUT OF TOWN.
 THE PEOPLE YOU ARE TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE
 ARE NOT FREEDOM CAMPERS. THEY ARE
 PEOPLE HOLIDAYING ON THE CHEAP AT
 OUR EXPENSE
 You will just ENCOURAGE THEM TO
 COME IN & WE ALL KNOW THE MESSSES
 THEY LEAVE NOW.
 OTHER TOWNS THAT HAVE THE CAMPING
 PLACES HAVE SO MUCH BOTHER WITH
 THE RUBBISH & THEY LEAVE.
 THEY HIRE A CAMPERVAN WITHOUT FACILITIES
 THEY CAN GO TO A CAMPING GROUND
 LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!
 THEY DO NOT HAVE MONEY TO SPEND
 IN OUR TOWN!

Freedom Camping Submission.

From Sheila Preston, 6 Pioneer Drive, Lake Tekapo

14/11/14

Freedom camping is of great concern not only to the residents in Tekapo but to the tourists also. If we don't get it right now it's going to be a bigger problem in the future with the huge increase in campervans all over New Zealand.

Some councils are already making good progress so hopefully the Mackenzie District Council will be able to make a strong stance on the problem.

Already work has been done on providing overnight parking for campervans with toilet facilities. While that is to be commended they are not the problem. The biggest problem lies with the smaller campervans with NO toilet facilities and people sleeping in their cars.

There should be NO overnight parking in any residential area of the village. No resident should have to wake up and find a campervan on their doorstep especially when they have No toilets on board.

Ideally ALL campervans without toilet facilities should be directed to the camping ground where they have all the necessary facilities.

All too often we see campervans parked outside the local toilets so the owners can wash their dishes and themselves. Surely it would be better for them to camp in an area that provides all the facilities for them.

I hope our councillors will listen to the public and take the appropriate action.

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STELLA MARGARET SWENEY

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Signature:

Stella Sweeney

Date:

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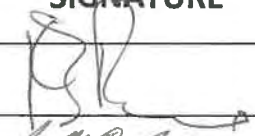

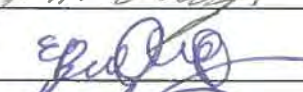
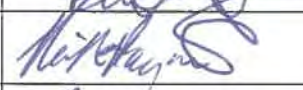
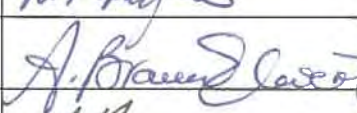
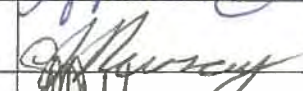
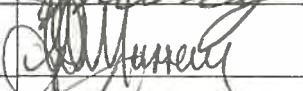
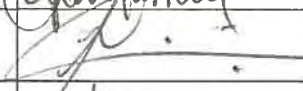
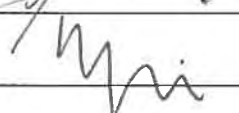

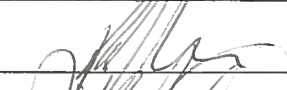
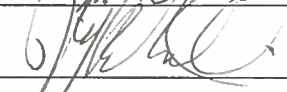
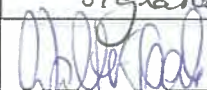
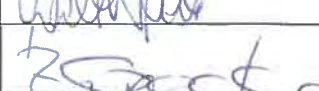
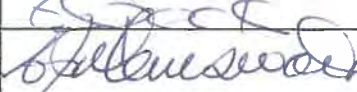
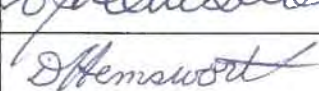
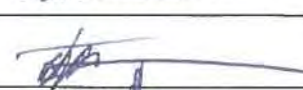

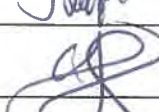
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This Submission is supported by: **DAVID + JOY SLADE**

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FREEDOM CAMPING SUBMISSION (TEKAPO)

This submission applies to Lake Tekapo township and adjacent areas, however much of the discussion also applies to the whole of the Mackenzie District.

Support for changes:

We support the changes that have been made to ensure the MDC bylaw is inclusive of the changes to Freedom Camping Act, 2011 where the purpose of the legislation is to address negative effects of freedom camping. We support:

1. **Definitions:** The new MDC bylaw has clear definitions taken from the Act, including those for self-contained camping and certified self-contained vehicle.
2. **Areas where Freedom Camping is encouraged within Tekapo:** Four designated sites x 5 parks within the Tekapo urban area are clear and welcoming for self-contained camping.
3. **Prohibition** of Freedom Camping at the Church of the Good Shepherd and Lake Tekapo Commercial centre is strongly supported.
4. The restriction of Freedom Camping within 20m of lakeshores to ensure open access is supported.
5. **A \$200 instant fine:**
Previously prosecution for illegal freedom camping required a court prosecution. The ability to enforce an instant fine is welcome.
6. **A 'Carry-in –Carry Out Philosophy** is welcome; some additional provision for rubbish/recycling – perhaps at dump stations is needed to support the message of “clean-green, environmentally friendly camping.
7. Providing appropriate signage and information is welcome.

Recommendations for Changes to the Strategy/Bylaw:

1. Clarity & Duplication of Information:

The MDC Freedom Camping Strategy has useful information and good intent; however, the Bylaw does not state that it must be read in conjunction with the MDC Freedom Camping Strategy therefore the information/maps re designated sites where people may camp may well not be read alongside the Bylaw. **Section 5.1 of the Bylaw** should include reference to the designated urban sites where Freedom Camping is permitted with the relevant maps in a Schedule. Further information that is found in the Strategy could be included under explanatory notes that do not form part of the Bylaw. This approach would also avoid the considerable duplication that is present in the dual approach and may also assist social media websites to extract fully the accurate information.

2. **Definitions:** It may be useful to add to the definitions: “Licensed *camp ground*: a camping ground that is the subject of a current certificate of registration under the Camping Ground Regulations 1985”. This is preferred to the use of “formal camp ground” as the word formal is open to interpretation in terms of camping. The status of camping areas such as Lake Alexandrina and Lake Macgregor needs to be clear as they are increasingly popular with tourists in non-self-contained vehicles.

3. **Clarity of Information:** The MDC Strategy states “Freedom Camping is provided for and encouraged in appropriate locations where vehicles or camping is self-contained”. The word “appropriate” is open to interpretation.

In terms of Tekapo the proposed Strategy/Bylaw would therefore permit camping in Murray Park, on street roadside verges including Pioneer Drive, firebreaks, Council paper roads (eg off Beauchamp Place, Sealy Street), on the SH8 roadside spaces in front of Lochinvar subdivision and on some of the parking area at Tekapo Springs. These locations, which

are currently used by Freedom Campers in both self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles, are not acceptable to the community. We support Freedom Camping in designated FC parks within the town, in licenced camp grounds and in areas outside the town boundaries in fully self-contained vehicles.

We note the approach of QLDC:

Freedom camping and 'parking up' overnight:

Under Queenstown Lakes District Council Bylaw, it is not permitted to freedom camp or 'park up' in an occupied vehicle overnight in a public place in any town.

Persons found freedom camping or occupying a 'parked up' vehicle overnight on any street, reserve (including the lakefront), car park, rest area or road lay-by will be required to relocate to a designated camping area.

The QLDC is very clear; "Freedom camping within our township, residential areas, parks and gardens is not acceptable."

Prohibiting camping in any urban areas is also the position taken by the Thames/Coromandel District Council. Their policy states that as a Council they will:

1. Encourage responsible freedom camping within the Thames-Coromandel District in way that ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers, that is balanced with the protection of the environment, and the wellbeing of our visitors and residents, both now and in the future and complies with legislative requirements

2. Ensure that the Thames-Coromandel District derives a positive benefit - social, economic and environmental, from the freedom camping community.

Thames/Coromandel lists in Schedule A of their new revised bylaw the urban areas where Freedom Camping is not permitted. MDC is requested to take a similar approach to both these Councils by listing in a schedule all urban areas in the district stating a prohibition on camping. The justification under the Act 2011 is as above "to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers that is balanced with protection for the environment and the wellbeing of visitors and residents." This approach does comply with legislative requirements as noted in the recent Justice Cooper High Court ruling on Freedom Camping:

"There is a rational link between the bylaw provisions and the objective of controlling the adverse effects of freedom camping."

It was also appropriate for the council to extend prohibitions to nearby urban areas, he said.

"A prohibition only in a reserve or at the beachfront might simply result in the problem migrating elsewhere in the vicinity."

Justice Cooper also rejected the argument that prohibiting freedom camping in some areas was contrary to the bill of rights in terms of freedom of movement.

Under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 councils can prohibit freedom camping in specific areas to protect the area or people, but not impose blanket bans." (Judicial Review of Freedom Camping Bylaw; Hamilton High Court, 25 August, 2014).

4. Enforcement:

It may impractical and costly for a council official/enforcement officer to wait around until a person who may have infringed the Freedom Camping Bylaw to appear and it may also be difficult to get them to provide the personal details needed for enforcement (language barriers etc.). Thames/Coromandel District Council states that the new law allows tickets to be issued to vehicles, just like parking tickets, with the new Act also requiring rental car companies to keep records to enable fines to be collected from offenders. We support the MDC Bylaw being clear that this provision is included. 10.3 (a), (b) would read better in the reverse order.(c) could read *Infringement information may be passed on to rental van/car companies for collection of fines.*

5. Social Media:

Many Freedom Campers rely on apps and websites (eg Camping NZ App; Camper Mate; rankers.co.nz/respect) to locate camping sites. Social media is powerful in providing information to other campers. An example is Hayman's Road, Lake Pukaki being described and promoted as the best Freedom Camping experience ever. It is described as having a toilet (thus encouraging non-self-contained vehicles). Hayman's Road is not specified as a Freedom Camping site in the MDC Strategy/Bylaw. **Hayman's Road, Pukaki** is obviously well used as a Freedom Camping site. To preserve the environmental quality of this area could be at significant cost to MDC ratepayers. It is recommended the toilet be removed and this area limited to certified self-contained camping vehicles.

On websites **the Pines, Lake Tekapo** is also described as a wonderful camping site. Under the new MDC Bylaw this site would provide unrestricted Freedom Camping for both contained and non-self-contained camping as a toilet is available. This area has previously seen up to 20 campervans staying overnight. With the inclusion of tents the Pines, Lake Tekapo, could see significant numbers camping. There is no facility for rubbish disposal and the question is whether it would be wise to restrict this area to a specific number of certified self-contained vehicles to try and encourage responsible camping.

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My submission(s):

FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

THERE SHOULD BE NO FREEDOM CAMPING IN THE
TWIZEL TOWNSHIP.

WE HAVE 2 VERY GOOD CAMPING GROUNDS

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STRATEGY FOR MAKENZIE DRIVE
AND WAIREPO ROMOS. "TWIZEL"

CAMPING SHOULD BE DONE AT THE
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THAT ALREADY EXIST AND HAVE
THE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES.



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P.T.O.

I do not want freedom camping in our town area, close to play areas.

We have 2 campgrounds where they can toilet, wash, dispose of rubbish, meet fellow campers.

I would rather them not ^{camp} beside rivers, lakes, but that does not mean move them ~~to~~ into town.

Perhaps that big area beside the new petrol station at the Sth entrance to town would be more appropriate.

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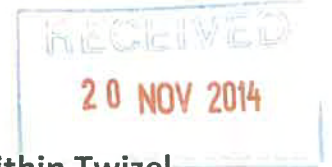
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We are concerned about the proposed location behind the Events Centre for two reasons.

(1) This is currently a play area for children using the skate park & a thoroughfare for children walking to and from school. We feel that locating a freedom camping site near a site with such high utilisation by young people is likely to lead to problems. There are dangers associated with allowing strangers access to such an area, the likelihood is that there will be increased rubbish from these campers, and it doesn't seem like it would be a particularly relaxing spot to sleep given the noise children make.

(2) The youth centre is currently located near this proposed freedom camping site and it is also adjacent to the proposed site for the new preschool building. We do not believe it is sensible to allow strangers to camp near either of these establishments. We feel it would be off-putting to potential users of our service.

We are not anti-freedom camping but we do feel it should be located outside town boundaries and in more appropriate setting. We are unclear on how the site restriction will be policed - we currently experience campers parking outside our existing building and blocking car spaces and are aware that many parents are uncomfortable about this.



Submission to MDC Freedom Camping Strategy 2014.

I object strongly to the setting up of freedom camping areas within Twizel, particularly in the two areas specified.

I don't think a line-up of camper vans is a good look on the Wairepo Road site at the entrance to town, and any rubbish (or worse, human waste) left behind after their morning departure would also be an eyesore.

The same applies to the second site; I don't think it is fair on the permanent residents just across the road to have to look at a line-up of campers each evening, and once again, any resulting mess left in their wake.

School children cross this area early in the morning on the way to school, and would be the first to come across anything left behind.

While the majority of self-contained campers are probably responsible visitors, there will always be those who don't want to fill up their toilets, or - how can I put this delicately - cause odours in the confined space, so will sneak out under cover of darkness and do their business.

If Freedom campers want to camp in town they should go to the existing camping grounds. There are plenty of places on the outskirts and surrounds of Twizel where they could 'Freedom Camp' - isn't that what it's all about?

These campers are not renown for spending much money where they stop, particularly during the proposed hours, when they would usually already have their provisions on board having passed through bigger towns and cities, so I cannot see them contributing to local businesses in any significant way. Instead, it would be a cost to ratepayers as presumably someone will have to be paid to monitor these sites, and clean up any mess.

Towns up and down the country are having to deal with rubbish issues and human waste often left behind by freedom campers, it is a big problem and as tourism grows, one that is only going to get worse, so why do we want to invite those problems into our town?

I urge the MDC to abandon the idea of setting up freedom camping anywhere within Twizel.

Val McMillan

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My submission(s):

Subject (Freedom Camping)

I am opposed to all Freedom Camping
with In the 100kms Speed Zones.

There is many other areas that Should
be considered before the two that Have
been listed with In the town Centre.

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MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUBMISSION RE: Camping Strategy 2014

Camping Bylaw 2014

Our submission – a strategic approach

Lake Tekapo is one of the more iconic and most unique places in the world – we have got an incredible asset in the views, landscape, peacefulness of this area.

All decisions made from now on, should take that into consideration: we have to protect, to enhance, to improve if we want to become a successful destination and not just a stopover place.

Therefore all camping/freedom camping/car parking/ vehicle access etc. should be planned and directed so that no visual distraction is created. With vehicles, people camping and signage.

In front of the lake, the lake itself and either side of the lake we have to protect the views, appearance and ambience of a natural, beautiful and (almost) untouched landscape – this is our future, our asset.

We fully support Stella Sweeney's submission please see attached and would like to add, that the Pine tree situation/ownership, who is responsible, will it be under the authority of the Council to reinforce the freedom camping issues over there or under current landlords....

Best regards

Zita & Walter Speck

FREEDOM CAMPING SUBMISSION (TEKAPO)

This submission applies to Lake Tekapo township and adjacent areas, however much of the discussion also applies to the whole of the Mackenzie District.

Support for changes:

We support the changes that have been made to ensure the MDC bylaw is inclusive of the changes to Freedom Camping Act, 2011 where the purpose of the legislation is to address negative effects of freedom camping. We support:

1. **Definitions:** The new MDC bylaw has clear definitions taken from the Act, including those for self-contained camping and self-contained vehicle.
2. **Areas where Freedom Camping is encouraged within Tekapo:** Four designated sites x 5 parks within the Tekapo urban area are clear and welcoming for self-contained camping.
3. **Prohibition** of Freedom Camping at the Church of the Good Shepherd and Lake Tekapo Commercial centre is strongly supported.
4. The restriction of Freedom Camping within 20m of lakeshores to ensure open access is supported.
5. **A \$200 instant fine:**
Previously prosecution for illegal freedom camping required a court prosecution. The ability to enforce an instant fine is welcome.
6. **A 'Carry-in –Carry Out Philosophy** is welcome; some additional provision for rubbish/recycling – perhaps at dump stations is needed to support the message of “clean-green, environmentally friendly camping.
7. Providing appropriate signage and information is welcome.

Recommendations for Changes to the Strategy/Bylaw:

1. **Clarity & Duplication of Information:**

The MDC Freedom Camping Strategy has useful information and good intent; however, the Bylaw does not state that it must be read in conjunction with the MDC Freedom Camping Strategy therefore the information/maps re designated sites where people may camp may well not be read alongside the Bylaw. Section 5.1 of the Bylaw should include reference to the designated urban sites where Freedom Camping is permitted with the relevant maps in a Schedule. Further information that is found in the Strategy could be included under explanatory notes that do not form part of the Bylaw. This approach would also avoid the considerable duplication that is present in the dual approach and may also assist social media websites to extract fully the accurate information.

2. **Definitions:** It may be useful to add to the definitions: “Licensed *camp ground*: a camping ground that is the subject of a current certificate of registration under the Camping Ground Regulations 1985”. This is preferred to the use of “formal camp ground” as the word formal is open to interpretation in terms of camping. The status of camping areas such as Lake Alexandrina and Lake Macgregor needs to be clear as they are increasingly popular with tourists in non-self-contained vehicles.

3. **Clarity of Information:** The MDC Strategy states “Freedom Camping is provided for and encouraged in appropriate locations where vehicles or camping is self-contained”. The word “appropriate” is open to interpretation.

In terms of Tekapo the proposed Strategy/Bylaw would therefore permit camping in Murray Park, on street roadside verges including Pioneer Drive, firebreaks, Council paper roads (eg off Beauchamp Place, Sealy Street), on the SH8 roadside spaces in front of Lochinvar subdivision and on some of the parking area at Tekapo Springs. These locations, which

are currently used by Freedom Campers in both self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles, are not acceptable to the community. We support Freedom Camping in designated FC parks within the town, in licenced camp grounds and in areas outside the town boundaries in fully self-contained vehicles.

Most nights there are people camping near Dog Statue and along different locations on Pioneer Drive. Often campers “scout” the areas before – and drive in after darkness....!

Areas in front of Dog Statue are increasingly used by trucks/milk tanker drivers to park up and have their rest periods....

We note the approach of QLDC:

Freedom camping and 'parking up' overnight:

Under Queenstown Lakes District Council Bylaw, it is not permitted to freedom camp or 'park up' in an occupied vehicle overnight in a public place in any town. Persons found freedom camping or occupying a 'parked up' vehicle overnight on any street, reserve (including the lakefront), car park, rest area or road lay-by will be required to relocate to a designated camping area.

The QLDC is very clear; “Freedom camping within our township, residential areas, parks and gardens is not acceptable.”

Prohibiting camping in any urban areas is also the position taken by the Thames/Coromandel District Council. Their policy states that as a Council they will:

1. Encourage responsible freedom camping within the Thames-Coromandel District in way that ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers, that is balanced with the protection of the environment, and the wellbeing of our visitors and residents, both now and in the future and complies with legislative requirements

2. Ensure that the Thames-Coromandel District derives a positive benefit - social, economic and environmental, from the freedom camping community.

Thames/Coromandel lists in Schedule A of their new revised bylaw the urban areas where Freedom Camping is not permitted. MDC is requested to take a similar approach to both these Councils by listing in a schedule all urban areas in the district stating a prohibition on camping. The justification under the Act 2011 is as above “to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for freedom campers that is balanced with protection for the environment and the wellbeing of visitors and

residents.” This approach does comply with legislative requirements as noted in the recent Justice Cooper High Court ruling on Freedom Camping:

"There is a rational link between the bylaw provisions and the objective of controlling the adverse effects of freedom camping."

It was also appropriate for the council to extend prohibitions to nearby urban areas, he said.

"A prohibition only in a reserve or at the beachfront might simply result in the problem migrating elsewhere in the vicinity."

Justice Cooper also rejected the argument that prohibiting freedom camping in some areas was contrary to the bill of rights in terms of freedom of movement.

Under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 councils can prohibit freedom camping in specific areas to protect the area or people, but not impose blanket bans.

4. Enforcement:

It may impractical and costly for a council official/enforcement officer to wait around until a person who may have infringed the Freedom Camping Bylaw to appear and it may also be difficult to get them to provide the personal details needed for enforcement (language barriers etc.). Thames/Coromandel District Council states that the new law allows tickets to be issued to vehicles, just like parking tickets, with the new Act also requiring rental car companies to keep records to enable fines to be collected from offenders. We support the MDC Bylaw including this provision.

5. Social Media:

Many Freedom Campers rely on apps and websites (eg Camping NZ App; Camper Mate; rankers.co.nz/respect) to locate camping sites. Social media is powerful in providing information to other campers. An example is Hayman's Road, Lake Pukaki being described and promoted as the best Freedom Camping experience ever. It is described as having a toilet (thus encouraging non-self-contained vehicles). Hayman's Road is not specified as a Freedom Camping site in the MDC Strategy/Bylaw. Hayman's Road, Pukaki is obviously well used as a Freedom Camping site; to maintain a clean toilet and rubbish disposal in this area would be at significant cost to MDC ratepayers. It is recommended the toilet be removed and this area is

limited to certified self-contained camping vehicles only with an occasional check from enforcement personnel. On websites the Pines, Lake Tekapo is also described as a wonderful camping site. Under the new MCD Freedom Camping Strategy/Bylaw this site would provide unrestricted Freedom Camping for both contained and non-self-contained camping as a toilet is available. This area has previously seen up to 20 campervans staying overnight. With the inclusion of tents the Pines, Lake Tekapo, could see significant numbers camping. There is no facility for rubbish disposal and the question is whether it would be wise to restrict this area to a specific number of certified self-contained vehicles to try and encourage responsible camping.

There is not one single night during the summer months, without any campervans, tents, station-wagons parked up along the “Pines Beach” area and the nearby forest.

We can observe plenty of people going about their “toilet – routine” – so much for “Lake Tekapo – untouched”.....!

6. Same Rules:

Within the MDC area there are a number of DOC campsites. It is recommended that MDC follow the lead of other Councils and ensure the Freedom Camping Bylaw is consistent with DOC camping regulations, including enforcement strategy. This allows for the possibility that DOC staff that regularly travel throughout the District can enforce the Bylaw and may apply instant fines if required. DOC staff can also provide useful information for travellers about Freedom Camping. Mackenzie District Information sites can reciprocate by providing information re DOC campsites reinforcing the message that Freedom Camping in the district requires responsibility in terms of all forms of waste/rubbish disposal/recycling. It is further recommended that DOC campsites in the district are promoted in the MDC information on Freedom Camping.

Summary:

We are supportive of Freedom Camping in our beautiful district. We also note the difficulties more heavily populated areas in NZ have had in trying to manage those campers who have little or no sense of responsibility towards the environment. We understand the MDC seeking to use an “encourage and inform” approach, however, we are strongly of the view that if our Bylaw is not sufficiently clear and firm

we may have a problem that could get out of control. Particularly via social media promoting free camping on/near lake shores/rivers.

We support the position that if you are in a certified fully self-contained vehicle you may camp on public land outside town/urban areas and in camping grounds or identified parks in designated sites within towns. We request non-self-contained vehicles or those who wish to camp in tents and similar, are subject to more stringent restrictions and be prohibited in urban and other areas so that our environment is protected as well as the health and safety of people who may visit the area. To this end we suggest further research into camping sites promoted by social media and analysis into the effects on the environment as part of the process of applying restrictions.

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Freedom Campers are budget

- Freedom Campers are budget conscious Tourists and contribute little ^{to} the local economy.

Making provision for them in our town will be at a cost to the rate payer for the policing of self containment of camper vans and the disposal of rubbish and other 'deposits' which will be left behind by the inevitable souge camper.

- We already have an adequate Freedom Camping site at Lake Hardell, large enough to accommodate a dozen camper vans.

Why introduce more sites in the township.

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My submission(s):

Dogs in the Market Place are running around or being tied to our Poles and this can cause trouble for children - adults, not everyone likes dogs. There is a bylaw in Twizel which needs to be enforced

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My submission(s):

Why are these mobile shops allowed
to be open around our town.
We have to make a living and these
people take Trade away from us.



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My submission(s):

All dogs must be on leads within the shopping area at all times. Owners must pick up after their dog in any area of the town & enforce fines for failing to do so.



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My submission(s):

That Mobile Shops & Traders should be ban from trading within 300 metres of the Village Centre Zoning - meaning all commercial areas & this includes Poplars & MCH to be fair to all the businesses that support the town yearly. Have no problems being at the lake but they should not be allowed to take away from the permanent businesses.



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My submission(s):

Mobile Shops + Traders

There should not be any mobile shops or traders any where with in Twizel.

As a business owner I am strongly against these people coming in to town for a short time taking the cream which local businesses rely on to keep their business viable.

In the middle of winter when the market place is pretty well empty it's difficult so we really do need the summer visitors to keep our businesses going.

We pay a lot of rates to the council, in return I think we should receive some support from you.

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My submission(s):

I support the by-law of the Mackenzie District Council for the prohibition of mobile traders, hawkers etc in the open heritage zone of Lake Tekapo.

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