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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Access to the wonderful features we have here - especially Caroline Bay

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Timaru is so central to lakes, mountains and cities

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There has been rubbish left by some campers here, along with lack of awareness on where/how to park safely

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During the peak of the summer season, this is more obvious

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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
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14. Please tell us why.

If there are straight rules and guidelines, our District would be in line with other councils throughout the country. We would have a consistent approach this way.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Areas that are animal/ pet friendly.
Limit days available for campers, to allow others to enjoy our space too. (Especially throughout the summer months)

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

As above

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It would be ideal for just certified self-contained in these areas; however, it would be unreasonable on tenting people. Camping should be a fun and relatively inexpensive activity. If tenting campers could look at having their own portable facilities (Porta potti)

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

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This is a good amount of time to check out the area camped in. Also, if the space is a busy well utilized area, it will give other campers options to visit

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It is never pleasant to camp in an area which is overcrowded

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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- ☒ Mount Peel conservation area

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

There are some good facilities around the area for freedom campers to use.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Allowing freedom camping and providing facilities encourages more visitors to the district. More visitors means more money spent in the area supporting local businesses.

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There are some residents in the district that do not like freedom campers. I think we need to do better in promoting the benefits of freedom camping.

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I think it would be good to have a by-law to clearly show where freedom camping is not permitted. This could help residents that don't like freedom camping understand that they are allowed to camp where they are.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

A map of areas where freedom camping is allowed and not allowed.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

A lot of districts have clearly defined freedom camping areas and non-freedom camping areas.

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We need to encourage as much responsible freedom camping as we can. It brings revenue to the district. People will argue that freedom camping is taking away from businesses like camping grounds but freedom campers will use camping grounds when they want to and move to another district for freedom camping when they don't.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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- ☒ It depends on the site. The Bay for example could be 2-3 nights. Other more remote areas I support longer stays.

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High use freedom camping sites need to have turnover in my opinion. In less busy/more remote areas it is less important.

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If there is enough room to accommodate the freedom campers, why cap numbers.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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the diverse freedom camping locations

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Freedom camping is growing in NZ More people especially retirees and families are heading off on extended trips around NZ. Areas that dont embrace freedom camping will be by passed by these group of nomads. In the past freedom campers were young people on their big OE visiting NZ but that is the past things are very different now. The freedom campers of today can bring revenue into our retail sector which benefits everyone in Timaru

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So people can pack out what they pack in.

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3-5 is enough time to take in an area and enjoy what it has to offer.

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Most areas are small. having larger groups staying can put to much pressure on the facilities.

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Variety of options for our visitors.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Better accessibility for those on a limited income, youth from other countries and those thinking of moving to Timaru.

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South Beach - rubbish being left out,

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fires being lit in summer

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14. Please tell us why.

Some guidance and compliance monitoring is needed

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

More rubbish bins at parks, better access for visitors to use shower/toilet facilities.

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Seperate areas for campers within easy reach of scenic spots.

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Gives them no reason to leave rubbish or effluent. Supports a consistent national approach to freedom camping.

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Allows one day to recover from a long drive and one day to pack up ready for the next leg as well as 2 days in the middle to spend seeing the sites and enjoying the town and surrounds (and spending money in the district).

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should be limited by the size of the reserve/facility itself. This also allows for others to use that space.

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NZers still need to have the ability to stop at the side of the road and take a nap if they are tired due to travel or illness. They also need to be able to park up in suburban areas on the road if their vehicles are road-legal (they may be visiting whanau or friends). This all needs to be more clearly defined.

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opens up the district as one of the few places to freedom camp unrestricted to tourists

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If people do not have to pay for accommodation they will spend more money in our district hopefully, however, our motels and camping grounds may suffer

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Not in our area, but when holidaying in other areas that allow freedom camping there is a lot of congestion, littering, people with dogs toileting everywhere and bringing them onto places that are not dog friendly.

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14. Please tell us why.

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strict rules and education on these rules to make it clear that if there is anti-social behavior or any breaches of the rules, it will not be tolerated and there will be consequences/fines.

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Want Caroline Bay to be clean and green and not over populated with people camping there. They always bring dogs too.

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Respondent

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The availability of suitable freedom camping sites within the District

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

The benefits include cost savings, access to remote and scenic locations, and a unique off-grid camping experience.
It can be a budget-friendly way to travel and useful access to suitable camp sites for our overseas visitors and NZ nationals.

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The majority of freedom campers are responsible people who will not create any issues. There are always a few exceptions who may cause litter or nuisance issues when camping.

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Don't believe Freedom Campers cause any particular issues for the Timaru District.

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It is a means of being able to regulate this activity and control the few people who do not comply with reasonable Freedom Camping expectations.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Need to be cautious that with the introduction of pay per night sights at Caroline Bay don't compete with our local camp ground commercial operators activities. One or two sites might be OK but Council should not create any further of these within Timaru township.

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Where the Council has worked together with the NZ Motor Caravan Association to craft a suitable By-Law.

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There has been recent moves to regulate those who use Freedom Camping sites to be in CSC vehicles. The cheap campers who do not have any on board toileting facilities need to be prevented from Freedom Camping sites. Some of these vehicles display counterfeit CSC stickers on their vehicles.

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Best to have a simple consistent rule that would also be consistent with other Freedom Camping sites around NZ

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Sites need to have a maximum capacity, but in many ways this is self regulating, as if and when a site is full, people will go elsewhere. I can't imagine (outside of Caroline Bay) that any of our local sites would ever be overfull.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Please engage with/collaborate with the NZMCA to craft a By-Law that works for all. They have the expertise in this area having worked with many Councils to "get it right".

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Respondent

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The ability to park up and enjoy the immenities

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The Caroline Bay freedom camping carpark by the skate park, is not big enough for large vehicles, causing larger vehicles to park across the parking areas, this reduces the amount of parks available. if the Carpark closer to the beach was used this problem would be solved. Limiting the amount of nights one can stay in Caroline bay would encourage long term campers to move to areas that will accommodate long term campers.

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Summer can be worse in the Caroline Bay area, and this is increased when carparking is needed for other events. In the summer I would like to see the freedom camping area moved to the grass area of caroline bay, it can be limited by installing temporary fencing, this would allow for the sealed carpark to be used for carparking. I also feel that the \$20 per night fee is too expensive and will put people off coming to the town. NZMCA charges \$5pp/pn for members to park at their parks. Most freedom campers would agree that \$5pp/pn is acceptable

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A freedom camping bylaw will allow Council to limit the length of time people can stay at a particular site, it will give their officers more power to move people on and give out infringements. Especially instant infringements if the vehicle is not certified self contained.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Limiting the time allowed to freedom camp at any one site. Lowering the cost pp/pn at Caroline Bay. At the moment it looks like a money making exercise.

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Encourage NZMCA to set up a park close to Timaru CBD, this will allow members who don't have a vehicle (such as tow behind a motorhome) to be able to walk to the CBD area. Council has a lot of land that is currently not being used, so setting up a parking area would be of benefit to the community and encourage campers to come to the district. The alternative is having a dedicated Motorhome day parking area in Caroline Bay, this accomodates large motorhomes and caravans, allowing people to stop and enjoy the area. Encouraging event organisers using Caroline Bay to include a CSC motorhome/Caravan parking area for their events, these events could then be advertised with NZMCA, thus encouraging more people to the district.

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Allow tenting anywhere there is a toilet onsite, accept Caroline Bay. All other areas should only be CSC vehicles.

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if you have several areas around the district that allows for freedom camping then people can move around if they want to stay in the area longer. NB: 1-3 Nights, most travelers like to stay 2 or 3 nights. Anymore than 3 and they need to move to a camping ground or Park over property.

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Every camping/parking area should have a limit, this prevents over crowding.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

The infringements for not complying with the bylaw or national regulations when freedom camping need to be high enough to act as a deterrent, the Council also needs to specify what they are going to use the money generated by the infringement for. EG. Upgrading toilet facilities at freedom camping sites for example.

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Respondent

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Anonymous

28:17

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Your details

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Lynley Simmons

2. Organisation (if applicable)

3. Contact detail/s *

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Being able to camp in our self-contained caravan on Caroline Bay during the Carnival

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

They bring money into the district as most freedom campers are non-residents

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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People freedom camp in the Timaru Library carpark - particularly over summer. The staff and parking wardens try to move them on, but that is sometimes difficult.
They leave rubbish and urinate in gardens and on the asphalt.

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This summer was not nearly so bad at the Timaru Library carpark as a sign was erected saying "No Camping"

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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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14. Please tell us why.

As a freedom camper it is great to be able to stay in the various spaces around NZ.

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Self-contained only on Caroline Bay to ensure it stays clean for all to enjoy.

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Unlimited would allow people to basically live in one spot.

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Most freedom campers obey the rules. It is only a handful that spoil it.
I don't believe a bylaw will solve the problems that the handful create.
Those of us who have certified self-contained vehicles respect the rules. The problems generally come from the overseas tourists who use the small campers and tents that are not properly self-contained, which is a wider problem for the government to solve - not local councils.

We appreciate being able to camp on Caroline Bay and realise it is a privilege not a right. Please don't take this away as an option.

View results

Respondent

12

Anonymous

14:03

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Sue McCall

2. Organisation (if applicable)

NZMCA

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Being able to participate in the community and meet locals

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Many people are travelling now. We spend our money on food and local attractions as well as gifts and other necessities where we camp and freedom camping get more people into the area. We often visits sports and play golf also..

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We have seen locals or people visiting on their cars dump rubbish

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14. Please tell us why.

We have not experienced any problems with anyone freedom camping even those who are living in there cars.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Controlled spaces to stay two nights. Toilets and rubbish facilities are always appreciated by freedom campers and locals

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Toilet and rubbish facilities and spaces that are patrolled and telling people to move on instead of giving fines

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Easier to manage

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

No

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Respondent

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Anonymous

05:46

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Your details

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we may do as we now have a motorhome

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brings money to local business - food , fuel etc

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tourists often like to stay a few days

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there would be a self regulated limit anywayif there is no room - there is no room

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

14

Anonymous

07:21

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Your details

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Paul Karl

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

open spacesI spend money

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none

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12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
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14. Please tell us why.

to control bad behavior

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

more enforcing of rules

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where do tenting people go to do there toileting

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a good lenght of time to see sights and relax

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to help with keeping sites safe and in good order

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View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

08:23

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- ☒ Not used any places on offer as too small parking area

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

I love the town

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

The revenue this brings to the businesses

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I use the NZMCA app so I leave comments there which I understand you can read

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14. Please tell us why.

Make sure the new self containment is firmly enforced with any fake displays fined promptly

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Longer stays, decent sized parks as motorhomes are much wider than a car

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There is no point in driving to a more remote location and only for two nights

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

16

Anonymous

29:48

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

No cost involved and ability to stay with animals.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

The cost of commercial camps in some cases is prohibitive so freedom camping saves money we then spend in local other businesses, cafe's, supermarkets, etc

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The problems come from freedom camping in non certified vehicles. The new certification system will in some ways fix this issue but only if there is enforcement.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Covid had an affect on the "traveller" vans but I see a resurgence of small SUV and small vans that are displaying the green registration card and a green sticker on the rear. How these have been certified is not clear.

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- ☐ No
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14. Please tell us why.

A bylaw is only practical if there is enforcement.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Make freedom camping available as widely as possible ensuring if it in a parking area the site is big enough. I have had occasions where a van has parked so close within the line markings neither of us could open our doors. An enforcement/ambassador would be of great benefit.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Whangarei council had a freedom camping ambassador and we had interaction with him for some time and discussed his role with him and believe it was of benefit to all the community.

If there were to be a bylaw

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My preference is as little restriction as possible. Where there are suitable toilet, rubbish facilities, water etc available then no restrictions. Each site needs to be treated on its merits.

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Depending on the facility available most self contained vehicles will probably need to move after 3/4 nights.

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Over crowding leads to an unsafe environment for everyone. Space is needed in case of fire. I am aware also of concerns of local residents and there right for peaceful occupation.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

17

Anonymous

07:09

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

I have not had the opportunity to fc here yet.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Freedom campers do spend money in the districts they stay at.

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As a general rule csc campers are more responsible.

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Discourages permanents and gives sufficient time to explore the area

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Keeps the area manageable for groundskeepers.

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View results

Respondent

18

Anonymous

06:41

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

ease of being able to camp locally in nice areas

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

extra income from sales

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none

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nope

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14. Please tell us why.

never seen any problems

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none

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should be available for responsible campers of all type

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thats long enough to do everything and see everything local

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nope

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

nope

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Respondent

19

Anonymous

23:50

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Scenery

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Money spent in cafe, pub restaurant, shops

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None, every one there were friendly and enjoying the area

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14. Please tell us why.

I've stayed in places like kaikoura where they have forced campers into small managed areas which causes friction amongst campers being on top of each other, an a negative view of the town, bad feedback about the town on social media.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

The problem is that one or two spoil it for the majority. the new law requesting people to have fixed toilets isn't working. they may have a fixed toilet but they're still not using them. the best solution for any council is to provide a suitable large enough area with some sort of toileting facilities whether that be a long drop or something else.

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I camped to a freedom camping site which also allowed tents and you didn't have to be self-contained because there was toilets. it was somewhere in North Canterbury but I can't remember where. They had a lovely welcoming sign with a donation honesty box with a guide donation of five dollars per night. Explaining that this fee went towards keeping the toilets clean and the grass mown. There were four camper vans and a young couple in a tent and we were talking in the evening and saying what a lovely place it was and it was worth putting the \$5 in the honesty box to keep places like this going. I realise that not everybody would be prepared to pay for these facilities, but I like to the way this done.

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No one likes overcrowded sites

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- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Lovely area handy for town facilities but also nature walks

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Any campers able to stay for low cost have more money to spend at local cafes and businesses

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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No problems noted

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

No problem noted

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We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

So many restrictions

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Clearly show freedom camping areas, good signage

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Westcoast have toilet facilities and water at designated freedom camping areas

If there were to be a bylaw

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Most areas not suitable for tents

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Te Moana should have up to 5 days

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Too many causes environmental issues

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Clear signage of where to take rubbish needed

View results

Respondent

21

Anonymous

04:29

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

David

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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Lovely beach reserve, good shopping

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Income from tourism

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Need to clearly and enforce state the rules

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NZMCA sites and POPS

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23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Work with NZMCA

View results

Respondent

22

Anonymous

12:04

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Rob Coulter

2. Organisation (if applicable)

NZMCA

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Relaxation

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Brings money into the district

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Nil. NZMCA members have to be self contained and stay within the rules of the Association

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N/A

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☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Not necessary for fully self contained vehicles

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16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

In peak season, Grey district have toilets cleaned four times a day in freedom camping areas & rubbish bins emptied twice a day. They encourage tourist to their area

If there were to be a bylaw

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Encourage domestic and international tourists to the area

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One nights stays would spend less in the area

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Safety, to stop overcrowding

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View results

Respondent

23

Anonymous

09:29

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Allan Henderson

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

It's Free

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Ltd restrictions, we are fully certified and life full time on the road

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We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
- ☐ All of the problems
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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

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As certified self contained, we are , self reliant and. An dispose of our waste appropriately.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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It's a great amount of time to park up in one and explore the district, do shopping, laundry , sight seeing etc

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To try and avoid overcrowding, which can lead to negative impacts on the site

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

24

Anonymous

09:48

Time to complete

Your details

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3. Contact detail/s *

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I love the area

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When I was there last year, I did shop local, and we visited cafes and petrol stns. Being able to freedom camp keeps our costs down so we can spend on other things locally

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14. Please tell us why.

The current rules saying you have to have a fixed toilet is not welcoming for me and my family, we camp in a roof top tent and can't have a fix toilet the cost would be to much to switch to a caravan. But we are responsible and carry a portable toilet with us. As an area where we would spend money we would not be able to stay there if u say we must be certified self contained, please help look after your local travels from NZ

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But where toilets are not available you must take a portable toilet. You don't need to be certified self contained.

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No thoughts because caravans and their owners take up so much room

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

25

Anonymous

28:36

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Having a full self contained vehicle we enjoy the peace and quiet and scenery. Not being in camp grounds which are noisy crowded. We then spend our money in cafe, shops etc

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Not being pushed into camp grounds which are crowded and overpriced. The scenery, outdoors going to different places.

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Why only put up problems. There's lots of positive. You have taken rubbish bins away from many areas.
I usually walk round the road also picking up rubbish thrown out of car windows. Not always the freedom campers

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14. Please tell us why.

You are trying to force people into the overpriced camp grounds. Watch out or people won't stay in the area and move on. You don't have any designated motorhome parking in Timaru and now I find it not motorhome friendly. Do want us to spend money in the town or just force people into the campgrounds.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Put public toilets on the highway. There is virtually none. You need income in from people in motorhome or green stickers vehicles.

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You can freedom camp in many carparks in other towns overnight from 5pm to 8am
Security for the area as campers are there. Check out the West coast they actually welcome people. These people can also season work for businesses if you have 1 designated area like other towns

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Since you put the charge on at Caroline Bay I tell people to avoid it.
Self contained vehicles green stickered are aorted

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Needs to see the area if you only allow 1 or 2, they are better off at the lakes etc where people are made to feel welcome, not biffed out

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You have more things to worry about like rates, budgets. Sweat the big stuff not the small stuff. How much money have you spent on this survey, staff costs and wages

View results

Respondent

26

Anonymous

47:46

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

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Private citizen

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- ☐ N/A - have not freedom camped in the Timaru District
- ☒ Open space as (Self contained) & I do not like people close by.

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

The scenery and quietness.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

We always spend money.

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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10. Please tell us more about any problems you have experienced or are aware of.

Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

Never found any problems from other campers. Only the local idiots who do not obey any law.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Have not experienced any problems from campers as the appreciate being able to enjoy the environment.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☒ N/A - haven't seen any problems
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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

The only time that a bylaw would be of use is when the locals become unruly.
By putting all campers in one place at same time is when problems become evident.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Make more spaces available. Over crowding is the main problem that all of NZ has.
Thats why I do not participate in stopping at designated locations. Open spaces throughout the country.
Also more toilets, education from local councils instead of ridiculous fine. When council employees start talking about why you are there, better to say hope you are enjoying your visit to our district. And please help us keep it clean and tidy. As I have said previously enjoy our district as well as keeping it tidy.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

As number 15. Enjoy.

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Self contained is very important.
Please do NOT make it CERTIFIED SELF CONTAINED.
This is a can of worms which will not be addressed correctly.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☒ 1-2 nights
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- ☐ Other

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The small van folk do not need to stay any longer. The large vans of which most are NZMCA MEMBERS should not need to use this type of freedom camping.

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The word I use is freedom (SPACE)
So find more locations for you freedom campers.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

All I ask is that you recommend (Self Contained) please NOT Certified as this will become a cost to the council.
From my experience education to all freedom campers goes along way to solving a problem that was caused by NO education at the boarder in 2012 when the World Cup was held.

View results

Respondent

27

Anonymous

17:33

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Colin Preston

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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As mentioned we haven't freedom camped there, but would like to.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

I think the benefits are that we spend money virtually everywhere we stay.

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We have not experienced problems freedom camping anywhere.

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N/A

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14. Please tell us why.

It tells us what we can and can't do. We make every effort to follow rules when we are effectively guest in someone else's territory.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Having enough spaces and not parked too close together.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

The only other thing that would help us is a rubbish bin, we are quite limited on how much we can store.

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Sorry I am unable to answer this.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

I think it is awesome that Councils provide freedom camping locations. It is great to visit and explore new towns, knowing when we arrive there is somewhere to park.

View results

Respondent

28

Anonymous

21:33

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Tony kerr

2. Organisation (if applicable)

Member of NZMCA

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The local areas, particularly if facilities are available e.g.clean toilets.

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Brings visitors into the area who spend money locally. Opens up our area for others.

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Christmas time at Caroline Bay due to the numbers. Needs stricter control and organised parking.

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14. Please tell us why.

There needs to be a legal requirement that can be controlled and monitored.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Improved facilities and a bigger area at Caroline Bay that is seperate from a casual parking area.

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Improved facilities eg, toilets/showers.

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Again, depending on size and facilities.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

The carpark by skating ring should not have campers, freedom or otherwise. A seperate area inside Caroline Bay should be provided with improved facilities.

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Respondent

29

Anonymous

14:18

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- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Safe sites

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Campers spend money in the area - groceries, fuel, attractions, cafes & restaurants

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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10. Please tell us more about any problems you have experienced or are aware of.

Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

While camping in Caroline Bay a few years ago I noticed a peep hole in the wall in ladies toilets.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
- ☐ All of the problems
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- ☐ Less than half of the problems
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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Cameras in freedom areas and patrolling areas more often. In our travels around the country we have seen people dumping boot loads of rubbish bags in the rubbish bins indicating these people seem to be locals and not campers.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

If there were to be a bylaw

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If there are user pays toilets provided on site, non SC vehicles would be acceptable but if toilets are not provided only SC vehicles should be allowed

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
- ☐ 3-5 nights
- ☐ 6-7 nights
- ☐ No limit
- ☒ 3

20. Please tell us why you think this.

Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

Most SC tanks will only last 3 days

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23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

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Anonymous

10:23

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It's FREE

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Everybody will spend some money somewhere at sometime, it is also a basic human right to be able to exist and not be or feel harassed

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- ☒ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Don't fix what isn't broken!!

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

More freedom camping areas

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Better/more public toilets

If there were to be a bylaw

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There is too much restrictions on the free movement of nz citizens

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Often some sites the stay requirements can be longer,especially for nz citizens

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Respondent

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Nice Grass Areas provided by Council relatively Safe

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

We spend money in the District by way of Fuel Food Groceries or Treats

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If there are no Toilet Facilities then CSC Vehicles should be the only ones allowed.The Areas need to be Enforced and those without the CSC Green Sticker after June 2026 should be Fined

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The Areas do not need to attract Riff Raff,and need to look Attractive and Friendly to All,Perhaps a couple could be made a longer time so Families are able to stay during Holidays as they are able in Selwyn District

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If it's full it's full most of us can use common sense n move on if full.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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10. Please tell us more about any problems you have experienced or are aware of.

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Overfilling council rubbish bins, excrement left behind, over staying

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12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
- ☐ All of the problems
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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Not sure what a bylaw entails. There are enough NZMTA camps in the region, why does the council need to supply free camping to free loaders who spend minimal amounts? They aren't the type of tourists we want or need. the council has a good range of camp grounds where they can park up for \$20 a night and everything is taken care off.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Remove freedom camping entirely, saves the council money

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Nope

If there were to be a bylaw

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19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

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20. Please tell us why you think this.

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As explained earlier

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23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

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Anonymous

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

The ability to do so and have choices

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Ability to spend time in the area

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None except people leaving rubbish

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More semi rural options

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Like sites with clean water or bins

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Less rubbish and use of own facilities

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Respondent

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Anonymous

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Your details

1. Name *

Lynley Boyd

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

halfway point for our travels. Close to town & supermarket & eating establishments

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

they spend money on food, fuel &, if treated right, will tell others

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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have only once come across a problem at the Port (by the roller rink) where we usually stop over & that was 2 rental campervans allowing their grey water to run out on the ground. BY the way, the dump station there is a bit awkward to use.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

have not encountered any other issues

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14. Please tell us why.

unfortunately no bylaw is going to stop some of the bad habits/behaviour. It is the people NOT the vehicles that are the problem.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

please allow non certified vehicles to park up in places where there are toilets. We are fully selfcontained but not certified (a money making racket) & because we have a port a potti are unable to be certified anyway.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

yes. Allowing non certified vehicles to park up where there are toilets.

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I put "other" because you never gave uncertified vehicles as on option

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depends on where the freedom camp is. If in a carpark eg the roller rink carpark, then a couple of nights. If in a big reserve then maybe more nights can be allowed

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In any place that has marked car parks, I believe there should be, at the very least, a car park space between every vehicle for safety reasons especially fire. In unmarked places then there should be approx 3 metres between vehicles for the very same reason. This would then limit the number of parks available.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Just that if a vehicle is certified self contained then they do not need the use of a public toilet so it would be great if they were directed to a place that has no facilities, leaving space for those that are not, or unable to be, CSC

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Respondent

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

It's nice and quiet

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Can camp longer

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10. Please tell us more about any problems you have experienced or are aware of.

Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

There are always inconsiderate people no matter where you visit

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

When overseas tourists visit with their small cars and vans that don't have toilets or bathrooms

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Rules keep people safe

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Only allow certified self contained vehicles

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

As above and have check that people are certified self contained

If there were to be a bylaw

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Keeps everyone safe

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

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Gives you time to explore the area and utilize the services in the area, thus putting money back to the local community

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Stop overcrowding and keep people safe

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

36

Anonymous

06:57

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Ray

2. Organisation (if applicable)

NZMCA

3. Contact detail/s *

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

In tye places I have camped I always felt safe and I understand the rules imposed on me and I am happy to comply

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Bringing money into the district. To promote our beautiful town.

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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I have not experienced any problems

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A longer stay possible maybe 5 days in a month period

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23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

37

Anonymous

31:00

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Rayma White

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Love staying on Caroline Bay for the Christmas new year carnival

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Out of town people shopping locally, going to restaurants, buying fuel, and food.

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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No problems at all

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

No problems ever existed

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Freedom campers I have seen are all well behaved respectful tidy clean quiet

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Allow them to camp free of charge and encourage them to spend money in your town

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Freedom camping for events as long as they are officially self contained

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They all should be certified self contained then these no problems with toilets water showering cooking etc

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Because likes of your new year Caroline Bay carnival goes on for approx 10/15 days which would be good to stay that long but not too long that some people might stay permanently.

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Plenty of room for everyone

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

If you insist on charging \$20 per night for self contained motorhome/caravan for your Christmas new year Caroline Bay carnival we will not be returning. We have enjoyed this time in Timaru for many years supporting this great carnival and your retail area, restaurants, bars supermarkets, service stations. We noted this year that your local community did not support the festival like other years and quite honestly if the campers hadn't been there your carnival would have been very unsupported.

Please think about your retail community they need all the outside support they can get.

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Respondent

38

Anonymous

61:55

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

As a fully self contained Motorhomer with over 20 years experience of looking after and respecting our wonderful country. I leave only my tyre marks. No rubbish, no noise, no wild party's, no clotheslines with clothes hanging from them and toilet paper and human waste.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

You only need to talk to retailers, hotels & clubs, service stations and dairies in small towns likes of Waimate, Reefton, Murchison and see the huge amount of business freedom campers bring to these small towns.

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Having freedom camped at Caroline Bay and supported Timaru's Caroline carnival for a number of years. We also go purchasing at the shops in town. Restaurants, clubs and bars, coffee shops etc etc

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Everything has been fine for most years. Except this year, when the local council decided to start charging to stay at Caroline bay over the carnival period. Which meant much less money being spent in town and at the carnival. Looking around at the. Very small amount of motor vehicles parked at carnival this year if I wasn't for the support of the freedom campers, the carnival would have been a financial disaster. Local people were not supporting it.

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14. Please tell us why.

Leave the certified self contained visitors alone and let them support your town before they all leave and not return.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Allow certified self contained vans and Motorhomes to stay in your town without being hassled. Get rid of all tents pitched in these areas which seem to be local people that don't understand how to keep the place clean and tidy

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

As I stated earlier check with small towns likes of Waimate, Reefton, Methven, Murchison and see what they have to say

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23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Please be very careful on the amount you, the council want to charge freedom campers. Make sure it's not to much. Check what all other places charge

View results

Respondent

39

Anonymous

05:20

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Lana Hay

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Nice to have an area where you can camp with no charges

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

It is free and you can spend your money on getting there

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People having dogs where they aren't meant too

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More monitoring of people camping

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Respondent

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Anonymous

19:11

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Your details

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Björn Sohl

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Beaches and city close together

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

We bring a good amount of money into the district especially when allowed more than three nights a spot. Think fuel/diesel, groceries for family of 6, attractions etc

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Don't have any problems with freedom campers, what we see as full time traveller all around the country is most problem are caused by local youngsters leaving rubbish around. Most freedom campers/overseas tourists love the outdoors and are more environmentally aware than the local kiwis with their McDonald/KFC rubbish etc.

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As said we think it is better to allowe more spots to stay or even open up the whole district so everybody will spread out more instead of putting all in one little carpark and create problems that way.

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Open up more spot or even whole district.
More public toilets and rubbish facilities

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Look at south Waikato district with their free toilets / showers rubbish/recycling collection and beautiful camp. No problems there because there are so many spots to go.
Same as the Waimea Katie I district? You can stay any where as long as you don't block a drive way. Every domain is well looked after and free to use.

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More time to explore the area so more money send in the community

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As said open up more so we can spread out better

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Caroline bay is not freedom camping if you have to pay \$20 a night!! That's camping

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Respondent

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16:55

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I can spend money on other activities in the are Meals food shopping

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we have uncouncted people doing their washing cleaning themselves parking incorrectly overcrowding etc that is why we do not stop there. I do not believe freedom camping is approached here

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over the summer. Most of those we have encounter are not New Zealanders. May do not know the rules

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

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14. Please tell us why.

this we help stop many problems as long as it is fair.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Stop freedom camping in high population areas. ie The Bay

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

A lot of area are well patrolled. Rubbish bins in areas

If there were to be a bylaw

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I have seen people dump rubbish use areas as toilets. Throw out used water. Areas need to be monitored which is a cost to council

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Prevents campers setting up semi permeant camp sites, Avoids comgestion

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areas can become overcrowded. Causes bad feeling in cramped situations

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

42

Anonymous

06:42

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Alan

2. Organisation (if applicable)

NZMCA

3. Contact detail/s *

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Free

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Money spent in the district

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More policeing of the existing rules

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Over crowding

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

43

Anonymous

06:11

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Kate Waldock

2. Organisation (if applicable)

NZMCA member

3. Contact detail/s *

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Beautiful area

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Brings visitors to the area to spend money in local economy

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No problems

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Compliance officer could be useful

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Regular refuse collection and compliance officers

If there were to be a bylaw

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Too many will make it unpleasant for all

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

44

Anonymous

16:11

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Donna Broome

2. Organisation (if applicable)

Cbay Aquatics/Timaru District Council

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

It's an incredibly beautiful area....lots to explore.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Bringing in business, money and people. The tourist dollars. The word of mouth that they share in their community is good for Timaru.

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N/A

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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

The more you try to alienate a group of people, the more likely it is to stir up division, tension and escalate into violence. Make them feel welcome and valued, not ostracized.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Offering more areas and facilities that encourage responsible and respectful use of our district. Other districts do this, and it works well.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Central Otago, Buller and Southland (others too), all have designated sites for freedom camping for set days. There are toilet facilities, outdoor kitchen, water, rubbish and recycling facilities, picnic tables. Some also have showers for a small fee. They are used responsibly. I know, because I have been to them.

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It eases pressure on toilet facilities if they also have their own available.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

It allows enough time to enjoy the area, but not for so long that others cannot use it. 3 nights is good.

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To not over-crowd the areas and cause disturbance issues or pressure on toilet facilities.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

There is a lot to be lost by a district in tourist dollars if the freedom camping movement is not embraced and supported. It is a growing trend not only for people travelling, but also those who are retired on the road. It is a large, tight-knit community where word of mouth spreads fast about unfriendly areas which are then avoided. Most are very responsible and respectful. Focus on those ones, not the few trouble makers that you get with any group of people.

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

15:25

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Peter Broome

2. Organisation (if applicable)

No

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Just nice to be able to freedom camp in such a nice place

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Brings people and spending to the district

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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I think freedom campers are more conscious nowadays

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More public toilets

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Mid cant, Buller, central Otago have nice areas with decent space ,toilet.

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Respondent

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Anonymous

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Timaru beautiful

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Its a beautiful region & tourists bring in money in lots of ways with sightseeing, gas, food, misc

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Havent experienced any negative impact

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Nope.

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14. Please tell us why.

Hvnt had any problems and surely any trouble you can cover within current law

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Be welcomin, not everyone is a tourist. Most of us are responsible campin enjoyin the country we love

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You could limit times rather than numbers. Numbers are extremely difficult to prove as to who was there 1st etc

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

You dont need bylaw, just use the law you have

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Respondent

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18:21

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Trevor McIntyre

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I enjoy the Timaru city and surroundings. There are many good camping areas that are safe and easily accessible

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

I always spend my disposable income in areas I stay. Diesel, restaurants, dairies, grocery stores, cafes, pubs,

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Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

I have never experienced any of the concerns listed above at any of the sites I have stayed at

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

☒ N/A - haven't seen any problems

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☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

We don't need more regulation initiated by the poor behaviours of a very small number of people.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Keep regulation low, be very welcoming of campers, provide good services (esp public toilets). Use Buller Council as an example

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

As mentioned above ... Buller Council. Big signs upas you enter the area are very welcoming. It creates a feeling of mutual respect

If there were to be a bylaw

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Over crowding can be off putting for other members of the public using the area

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

48

Anonymous

14:24

Time to complete

Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

The scenery and most sites have a toilet

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

They bring people to the area, these people then spend money in the area

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Makes it easier to ensure the areas are used by responsible campers

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Ensuring all campers are self contained

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Certified self contained will ensure easier policing of the area, with being able to remove and ban those who refuse to follow any bylaws

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First night is usually arriving in early or later afternoon, second night is usually after a day of sightseeing, the 3rd night gives you time to recover from 2 busy days, before getting ready to move.
This important to us of an advancing age

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Some sites get so overcrowded it can become a fire hazard with insufficient clearance between campers

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Thank you giving us the chance to voice our opinions, please remember that the majority of freedom campers respect the rights to do so.

View results

Respondent

49

Anonymous

30:45

Time to complete

Your details

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Overcrowding, release of grey water and abluting in the environment at arundel bridge and TeMoana.

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Getting worse

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14. Please tell us why.

To better control the self containment standards.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Insistence that vehicles must have not only a fixed toilet but one that is accessible when the bed is made up and occupied, and which has a minimum of free space in front of it and beside it so that it can be practically used.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Enforcement of the need for an accessible toilet as required by Kaikoura district council

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Risk to the environment and the impact on the enjoyment by others is too great where non self containment is allowed.

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To reduce the impact on the environment and the quiet enjoyment of others.

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Sadly the new Freedom Canping Act, and CSC rules, have done little or nothing to reduce the number of vehicles that don't have a fixed toilet that is accessible and useable in a practical manner at all times, Including when the bed is made up and occupied. A Tekapo local who lives above and overlooks the the Tekapo dump station, mentioned to me that they rarely if ever see the small slider vans using the dump station, despite the fact that there can be thirty plus at the Sawdon camp site every night. Two per van plus the other CSC vehicles is a lot of people for one toilet, so where are they going ???

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Respondent

50

Anonymous

22:35

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Concerns about some freedom campers being unhygienic, impeding access to public areas, staying long term as well causing disruption for penguins, and when they are permanent, discharging waste that may be harming vegetation and waterways. Self-contained is a misnomer when people are emptying their waste beside or into a waterway.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Worse over time. More tourists and homelessness may be contributing to it.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
- ☐ All of the problems
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- ☐ None of the problems

13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

I've seen unhygienic and disruptive stuff from freedom campers particularly around Nelson and Southern Lakes regions. It would reflect badly on South Canterbury and if it became like the issues seen the the areas mentioned, when we pay rates and live in the area, we should be comfortable knowing that it may help prevent that happening here.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Only temporary freedom campers, especially in areas aside from designated ones. Some one to regularly check on the sites. All self contained.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Outside Wanaka there is a designated spot with only self contained freedom and a portaloo. It is far enough from a waterway that there is unlikely to be anything leaking/discharged into it and it's away from native bird sites or native bush. Easy to monitor if there are permanent, unhygienic or disruptive people there.

If there were to be a bylaw

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There is less likelihood of the freedom camper being unhygienic. However, it is difficult to monitor if a freedom camper is discharging waste from their self contained vehicle into or beside a waterway.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☒ 1-2 nights
- ☐ 3-5 nights
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- ☐ No limit
- ☐ Other

20. Please tell us why you think this.

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It's impermanent. Where there are self contained campers with vehicles that are going to work each day and they are camped up for most of the time for months on end there is greater chance of issues with the campers. I feel this is the role of camping grounds.

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The more freedom campers, the more likely there are issues with disruption for locals who want to use an area or in the case of Caroline Bay, for penguins to be disrupted.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

I am all ok about respectful and responsible freedom camping and it sounds great on paper. The reality is that other districts have had major issues with them so I think we need to look at they examples ie. designated spots only, self contained only and temporary only.

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Respondent

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1. Name *

Kevin Pateman

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

free access to great nature spots

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

enjoyment of our natural spaces for leisure time. Freedom campers spend money in the district, food, petrol, activities etc

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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14. Please tell us why.

Members of nzmca so we have protocols to respect and be aware of

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

more use of and availability to use the grass area on Caroline Bay, this will have money being spent in CBD, proximity is the key here.

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Reefton have a great FC right next to the town shopping centre.

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It's obvious

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encourage people to stay in the district

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as long as there is space and remains comfortable why not

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

consider the economic benefit, in particular Timaru CBD/Caroline Bay

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Respondent

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Bring able to park for free then explore and see the tourist places

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Meeting other travelling folks and learn where to visit

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

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Self contained freedom camping means they take their rubbish away.
They have toilet, bathing facilities onboard etc

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Most travellers only come in late evening and gone early morning.
They just want a sleeping spot

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We lived in a 5th Wheeler for 10 years on the road.
We have explored most of NZ. Any Towns that are motorhome friendly certainly got our support

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

mostly quiet

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

out of the way places

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only self contained untill toilets supplied

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Size of the freedom camp area

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

54

Anonymous

04:42

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Richard

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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We need these areas for tourism and to get away. Not everyone can afford \$200 for a motel

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The additional income and tourism. Timaru is far less popular than it should be. We really need to encourage people here

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View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

14:37

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Tui Williams

2. Organisation (if applicable)

TeaTimeTuiProduction (tea producer)

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That they had better clean up their rubbish or else.

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I know if trash rubbish or faces or urine are left they're out

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In winter it could be these people are actually full time living in vehicles sad but as long as they're clean respectful it's fine

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More money, the public will tell any riff raff that happens it won't fly here and call police if trouble like they get aggressive. Public or myself would absolutely as I know many would be very direct with rubbish leavers, in timaru someone is always watching we go their to watch out for exactly that

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Caught littering your out, no second chances, that sign is needed.

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Motueka people look after each other, takaka not so much, timaru won't stand for nothing, you don't need to pay someone there are tracks all around them being used and timaru people are fit with great sense to know.

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Destruction of biodiversity, too much noise and trash for one site

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If there are no limits it costs money

View results

Respondent

56

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09:17

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We still need areas where families can camp in a tent without impact on the surroundings.

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Too many creates problems with rubbish and toilets

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

No

View results

Respondent

57

Anonymous

182:47

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Neil Boyce

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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3. Contact detail/s *

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Locations

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Vehicles must be self contained. But tents do not. Where is their waste going?

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Respondent

58

Anonymous

14:52

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There are plenty of camping opportunities in the District

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Human waste around the areas

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Gives the Council powers to sort issues if they arise and sets a baseline

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Emphasis that the preference is to use the range of existing camping facilities

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Probably self policing eg people move on if too many already camping there

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View results

Respondent

59

Anonymous

30:26

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Howard Brockie

2. Organisation (if applicable)

Geraldine TOP 10 Holiday Park

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slightly better nowadays as less freedom campers around compared to the pre covid era

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14. Please tell us why.

If there is a bylaw in place the situation can be controlled and enforced

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Limit the numbers at any one site and the max length of stay

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Freedom camping has its place but areas should not be provided in the centre of the towns

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Yes so that rubbish and toilet facilities if provided are not over run

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Freedom camping has its place, but it is not up to ratepayers to subsidize other people's holidays so it should be limited. Also, it should not happen in areas where commercial sites are available. These sites pay rates etc. to council who then use these rates to provide facilities in direct competition to the commercial sites

View results

Respondent

60

Anonymous

29:14

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Kirini

2. Organisation (if applicable)

N/A

3. Contact detail/s *

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I believe that access to suitable freedom camping sites must be provided by Council along with the appropriate guidance by means of a well researched and sensible by law.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Freedom Camping encourages longer stays within the District which means more opportunities for local businesses to engage with tourists. As not all tourists have the financial means to stay in the usual places - hotels, motels etc.

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☒ Yes
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14. Please tell us why.

I believe that access to suitable freedom camping sites must be provided by Council along with the appropriate guidance by means of a well researched and sensible by law. Limits on the number of vehicles, nights per month/30 day period. Defined spaces make compliance easier to enforce... Reduce/remove the opportunity for misunderstanding the by law.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

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Research a range of bylaws around the country and talk with those in the know, specifically James Imlach @ NZMCA

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Even though there is a national law around freedom camping which is ok, local Council knows their environment and local conditions.

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It ensures a regular turnover of the spaces and reduces issues as long as the sites are checked on a daily basis - am & pm.

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Most locations country wide have a limit this ensures no over crowding and unruly behavior.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Do the necessary research and form the bylaw that reflects the needs of the community while ensuring Freedom Camping is seen as a positive for the Timaru District.

View results

Respondent

61

Anonymous

39:47

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Your details

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'Good' freedom camping encourages people to spend time in the district and explore, spending money and adding vibrancy to the area. Unwelcoming freedom camping laws not only discourage people from spending time in the district, it leaves a 'bad impression' that reflects on decisions people make in the future. I know personally I avoid areas with treatment of freedom campers when planning a trip that does not include freedom camping.

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Bylaws might be appropriate only if they are used to address specific problems. Enforcement of a smaller, target set of bylaws (and national laws) is far more effective at management of problems than broad bylaws that are not enforced.

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Open up suitable and multiple areas that are adequately sized to non-self-contained vehicles (obviously requiring toilets). Tasman a few years back dropped portaloos in carparks (at peak times) and allowed non-self-contained campers, moving the pressure away from out-of-town facilities that could not cope with the numbers. Self contained campers often want a nicer spot than a muddy gravel pit under a bridge (Winchester is a great location.). A QR Code/Website on a sign to for people to make donations helps with costs, most 'freedom campers' are after 'Free as in free speech, not free beer' and happy to contribute a fair share.

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CSC merely means the vehicle has toilet facilities and water/waste water on board. If a site has toilets, determining if a site can handle non-CSC and tents is really a capacity issue with likely hood dumped waste water. If you corral non-csc into a few small sites, you have a problem at those sites. If capacity is the issue, increase capacity and invite people into your district.

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A limit is required - but it depends on the location and capacity issues and why people are typically visiting. Most FC sites are 'transit' and a few nights restriction is fine for most people, but if the capacity is not an issue don't be needlessly restrictive

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If limits are needed, the limit should be enforced with marked acceptable sites to FC. If you put a number limit on (say 10 vans in a 20-space carpark), who is to say who the first 10 in were and who should leave if it becomes over-subscribed. With designated sites, non-campers can then clearly see that rules are, or are not, being broken. Enforcement officers have an easy job. FCers are setup to move on if a site is full, just make sure there is enough capacity in a reasonable distance for demand.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

If you want to maximize the opportunity for Freedom campers, FC location are best placed walking distance to hospitality. Kaikoura NZMCA park is a short stroll to what has become a very busy fish and chip shop. Few pubs would object to Freedom campers being a short walk away from their front door. Make the most of this and encourage FCing in the center of small towns.

View results

Respondent

62

Anonymous

05:19

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Kirsty

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Friends can camp in our lovely district fully self contained and not worry about the busyness of campgrounds. More natural.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Bring in tourists and more money plus word of mouth advertising.

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Think it's enough time to enjoy but not too much to make a mess or annoy others.

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Too many people during peak times will not be a good look and cool environmentally be a problem. Not only that overcrowding would mean it wouldn't be as nice an experience for the people camping there

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

No

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Respondent

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Anonymous

14:31

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Only wanting to sleep overnight don't want to spend on camping. Will spend my budget in cafe or shops instead.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Allows more people to visit & stay.

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If busy authority needs to ensure rubbish bins are emptied frequently.

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14. Please tell us why.

One bad visitor should not ruin it for everyone. Locals are just as likely to dump rubbish or leave a mess.

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Regular drive by of police or security firms.

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Other sites would depend on facilities provided such toilets & rubbish disposal.

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Allows a few days to visit.

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To be able to manage & less likely to have issues if designated park spots.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

We specifically come to Caroline Bay over New Year & it has been fabulous to have Freedom Camping...however should not lock public toilets overnight.

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Respondent

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Anonymous

08:58

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Your details

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The people you meet and the locations

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Visitors to areas and spending at local shops

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Haven't had any problems

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Haven't seen any reason to change the present rules

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

To be able to just park up, relax and explore the area without having to pay a fortune when you don't even use the amenities ie: power, showers, toilets because you have your own

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Without them having to pay to park up somewhere they will have the money to spend in the area on other things

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I just feel that the ares need to be "policed" more often to keep an eye on the law breakers. As an NZMCA member, it annoys me that there are so many that park up in our beautiful spots and break the laws

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It appears to be the same

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

You would need to employ someone to keep an eye on the spots

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Employ "rangers"

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Exclud restrictions like what time you can enter and what time you have to leave by

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Certified self containment will help protect our environment

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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20. Please tell us why you think this.

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If you find a lovely spot, you kinda want to just park up and enjoy it, have a holiday. There's nothing worse than having to pack up after 1 nights stay and find somewhere else to go. That's not relaxing

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Some spots have limits on how many can stay at one time but in all seriousness, some of the restrictions are ludicrous. If it was too full, most would move on anyway.
Some spots say a maximum of say, 2 vans so you look at that and think, may as well not go because there's more than likely 2 vans there already. If you do go and look, sometimes it's empty, other times there's 2 vans there but you could easily have like 6 vans there

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Please just enforce the "self containment" requirement better. We were parked up at a freedom camping spot in Cromwell 2 days ago and there was a small van with a green "self containment" sticker on the back door and the male occupant went down to the lake side on 2 occasions that we witnessed and urinated. It just needs to be policed better to be honest.

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Respondent

66

Anonymous

194:50

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Your details

1. Name *

Julie

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

The beautiful scenery, great people you can meet. The freedom to come and go as you like

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Money for local businesses

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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No problems experienced after 16 yes camping

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

The long drop toilets need to be serviced more regularly over summer time. But the campers also keep them clean

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I see no need for one. My experience is that it all runs relatively smoothly or can be easily sorted

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Having good facilities at the sights so people are more inclined to look after them

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Less at Caroline bay especially in peak season
Everywhere else should be available

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To have enough room

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

67

Anonymous

24:50

Time to complete

Your details

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I love that it's free and although I only have stayed one night at Waitohi it meant I enjoyed staying in our district

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Generally bringing people into the region as they tend to bypass for the lakes

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I can't change the Cbay one, sometimes it feels quite packed but it's generally okay. but I have been into Te Moana and felt so uncomfortable. Seems like long time residents and a lot of dirt bikers

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only been to Te Moana once and don't feel comfortable going back

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I think it would be good, even a charge system but keep extremely low for locals, have a restricted time period somehow and more for visitors?

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as above

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unsure, i think it's self policing as people would get uncomfortable if they couldn't exit an area and prevent people from blocking the space

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

keep it free or cheap for the locals

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Respondent

68

Anonymous

40:23

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Encourages people to spend time, money and discover the district, meet interesting people from around the country and world

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Encourages visitors to the district, they spend money on hospitality, services, retail, participating in national and regional events in the district

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Be more enabling and excepting for freedom camping, supply support and ensure campers are aware of attractions and services in the district. Publicise the district welcomes freedom camping

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Good clean, well maintained facilities, easy access to waste disposal

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There is a limit facilities are able to safely manage and they all have a limit on space

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

I don't feel we need a bylaw, some guidance yes. There will be a cost of enforcement which I don't believe would balance with the benefits. Yes there is cost to service the sites but there's also opportunity for the district encouraging freedom camping. Build on the cycle trails, walkways, facilities and services.

View results

Respondent

69

Anonymous

14:10

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Your details

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Nicola Pridham

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- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

I'm a homeowner and resident in Timaru so do not freedom camp in Timaru, however I enjoy freedom camping in other areas.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Building the brand of Timaru as a place where we welcome all people to a spot which is easily accessible without shunting people out to remote areas for camping. If they can camp on council reserve land, they then have easy access to cafes, restaurants and shops to help support our community, plus spread the word wider as an inclusive community for where all people are welcome.

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Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

I walk frequently in these areas and do not notice negative impacts.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

I walk frequently early mornings at Caroline Bay and whilst during summer there are more freedom campers, I do not see them causing a problem.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

As per previous response, let us be the one town that welcomes people to freedom camp in an easily accessible main part of the town. Keep in the trajectory of starting to lift Timaru into the modern era, support our community brand as a place people want to visit and promote to their friends etc to visit. Campers have the opportunity to bypass us, let's entice them here to make it easy and have Timaru support and be inclusive to all.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

More lighting in the Caroline Bay Area (as a walker I'd appreciate this for safety reasons with or without freedom camping, apart from summer it's very dark down at the bay). Ensuring signage has freedom campers gone only coming into the park from 6pm-8am.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Good turn around areas for larger campers,
Good signage for things to do and walkways,
Good lighting to keep everything safe
Clean toilets
Tap for drinking water/ability for campers to fill their water tanks

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People

Need to be self contained where there are no toilets. Some of those areas need to be available for tenters also.

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Just stop with too much regulation. If it becomes a problem later then limit the numbers. Give it a go. Encourage people To come here first.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

70

Anonymous

11:07

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Your details

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sarah foleysmith

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definitely worse since covid, lots more vans used to camp in which have no functional onboard facilities

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campers need facilities to carry water and have operating toilets, limits to the number of vehicles, better infringement system and policing of it. and limiting the camping spots- especially remove from caroline bay- there is a great top ten in timaru. I actually don't think we need any freedom camping at all- they contribute little to nothing to our community and the rate payers pay for their stay- we have multiple commercial camping sites within our district for them to go to

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often over crowded and infringing on public activities

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Respondent

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Anonymous

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defecating, urinating, rubbish, dogs, blocking public access- at all areas- especially caroline bay car park is full , washing lines, cooking meals in the carpark

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way worse each summer over the last 3 years

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

no where else in the world is their freedom camping to the extent we have. our already over extended rate payers are subsidising holidays for non contributors. No freedom camping at all for non residents

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

complete ban

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no

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plenty of commercial sites these people could book into instead of peeing into the bushes eating 2 min noodles. they contribute nothing and the rate payers foot the bill

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as per previous ansers

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block public access, not enough facilities, don't look after the area, intimidating

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

if camping is to be permitted, then lots of fines that are policed for infringements with the capacity for the campers are removed and as wide reaching as possible so it is clear and unchallengeable

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Respondent

72

Anonymous

20:18

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Kim

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

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Freedom campers (or any campers) bring revenue to the communities they visit. We have travelled extensively in our self contained caravan across the south island and you can tell the difference between towns that welcome campers and towns that do not. Alot of campers post about their experiences locally for each town and many young ones have huge followers which in turn brings more campers or travellers to the towns.

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I have never seen a major issue with freedom campers over our travels. The only one comment I would say is the campers often want to camp in close proximity to others for safety (when in Nz this shouldn't be an issue) I find sliders annoying if they are in and out of their vehicles but if they are self contained they shouldn't need to be. Most people are genuine people wanting to take in all the sights.

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I am not sure about the new fee for parking at the bay. To be honest that put us off from camping there. Nzmcas only charge 5 per adult.

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I feel restricting people in Nz is like going back in time. Let people live and travel freely. If they break rules like leaving rubbish then of course fine them appropriately. However don't make rules for rules sake or revenue sake. Anzac day is the perfect time to remember the soldiers that fought for freedom. Try to remember that when adjusting any rules.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Easier parking for longer/bigger vehicles. Maybe advertised on website of easiest places to park (even temporarily). It's really hard when visiting towns to work out if you will get fined or not for parking somewhere. Don't make it hard. Be transparent and proactive. It would be appreciated.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

It says timaru is motorhome friendly town (in nzmca app) however you click on the link and it gives you a blurb about Maori rock art. Let's do better and get that changed to say best parking temporarily is xyz and overnight is xyz.

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As per previous answers. Don't make red tape rules just because of a few making poor decisions. That would be like ratepayers firing all councillors just because a few decisions they don't agree with...

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6- 7 seems reasonable and in line with other places. Means people move from town to town and share the spread of the money.

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I didn't select on this as it is important campers keep at least 3 metre distance to each other. If there was no room at a park we use common sense and move on. Actually maybe the 3metre rule is a good idea (if not already in place)

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Maybe experience freedom camping yourself and see what you enjoy and what you don't.. nothing like seeing the world from a different perspective. Thankyou for offering a survey. :)

View results

Respondent

73

Anonymous

121:13

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Gordon Collister

2. Organisation (if applicable)

Timaru TOP10 Holiday Park

3. Contact detail/s *

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N/A

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Limited expenditure (food and fuel)
Opportunity for Timaru residents to holiday cheaply. (te Moana Gorge etc.)

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Caroline Bay. -Overcrowding. Rubbish. Damage to grassed areas. Discharge of grey water to gutters.
Te Moana- Antisocial behavior. Fires. Appropriation of large areas by groups.

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Free camper numbers have returned to pre Covid levels and shows no hint of going away.

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14. Please tell us why.

For the district to be able to exercise some level of control over the volume and type of free campers.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Cost recovery (Caroline Bay charges certainly cut back the numbers)
Limit numbers at sites.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

I see Waitaki has prohibited camping from many of their scenic spots including the harbour area and the foreshore at Kakanui as examples. This might negate some of the visual impact that can occur with large numbers in what would otherwise be very desirable free camping areas.

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Obviously sites with no toilet facilities need some level of self containment.

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Overnight transit stops 1 or 2 nights
Areas where Timaru District residents have traditionally camped, Te Moana/ Waitohi Bush could be much longer.

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prevent overcrowding and denial of access for day users. Over use of the minimal facilities (gallery toilets where provided)

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

The real problem is scale, and then to some extent cost and cost recovery.

One van parked almost anywhere occasionally is almost no problem to anyone. A couple of vans every night may be an issue in some locations and 30 or 90 vans in one place really starts to ask questions about the use of resources, the disposal of effluent and rubbish, and the sheer visual impact. Concentrating the problem by providing free facilities increases the demand and then the need for more facilities and then more demand almost ad infinitum. We have created a group of travellers both domestic and international for whom free has become the expectation.

The Timaru District needs the ability to effectively control the numbers, locations, and costs to the rate payers, of free camping

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Respondent

74

Anonymous

10:45

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Easy to access sites.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Brings a lot of people into the district who might not necessarily come.

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Gives people options without going to other places that are not suitable.

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A lot of the earlier questions are very negativity worded. It is like you are looking for evidence to fit your solution. My experience is the more capable guardian (good people at these sites) the better the outcomes. If you put a lot of rules around it who will enforced them?!?!

View results

Respondent

75

Anonymous

34:39

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Safe place for freedom campers to overnight.
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14. Please tell us why.

Clearly defines the expectations of the Council ie where you can park, how long, expected behavior etc

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Toilets and rubbish bins provided in all freedom camping areas.
Easily accessed dump stations with the correct lean to make drainage for vans easier.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

As regular freedom campers we look for a safe area to park with toilets and a form of rubbish disposal. We prefer areas that are regularly checked by council to ensure that the allocated numbers are not exceeded, the number of nights are not exceeded and campers are leaving at the nominated times and that all vehicles have the correct self containment certification.

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Believe that unless an area has toilets, camping should be restricted to self contained vehicles only. Tenting could be considered if the campers have camping loo with them.

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There should be limits but as I'm not familiar with each area I can't comment on the numbers. We have gone to camp in an area where the vans have been squashed in, this is a real concern for safety, especially if there is a fire in a van!

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

The decision to change the carnival period at Caroline Bay from free camping to paying a charge was a backward step. I have spoken to many campers who have decided not to come to Timaru as a result of that decision. These are campers who stayed there every year and spent large amounts of money in the area.

I do believe campers bring a huge financial benefit to the area. We are away regularly in our van for long periods of time and always need to buy groceries and fuel, at the very least. Cups of coffee, cafe food, eateries, tourism, shops also benefit.

Timaru needs more dump stations that are easy to access and are on the right slope to drain tanks.

I suggest you contact the NZMCA National Office to assist you with this.

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Respondent

76

Anonymous

55:23

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Your details

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Fiona Wills

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Very easy to get to and from home.

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Tourism, people spending money in the area.

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Mainly overseas freedom campers park too close to other campers, that's a safety issue.

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Definitely holiday season as there are a lot more people around.

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14. Please tell us why.

Maybe everyone can be on the same page when it comes to freedom camping in this area.

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The council should be promoting Timaru.

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More excess parking for motorhomes close to town.

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Nobody wants to be cramped in like sadines.

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I think that \$20 a night at caroline Bay is to expensive so people won't spend money in town. We are supposed to be a motorhome friendly town. Would you consider having motorhomes at centennial Park.

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Respondent

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Anonymous

21:20

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Lesley Davis

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8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Campers spend money in the district they are camping in

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10. Please tell us more about any problems you have experienced or are aware of.

Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☒ N/A - haven't seen any problems
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13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

See the Q+A section at <http://www.timaru.govt.nz/freedomcampingsurvey> for more information about what a freedom camping bylaw can and cannot do.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

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18. Please tell us why you think this.

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I think that if not certified as self contained only then you are going to run into problems with toileting unless you have onsite toilets

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

Perhaps places like behind the roller skating rink should only be 1-2 nights.

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Other - it would depend on where the site is and how many could park there

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

78

Anonymous

07:50

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Debz Brady

2. Organisation (if applicable)

NA

3. Contact detail/s *

Provide at least one of: phone number or email address.



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That's it's free & a beautiful spots

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Free & nice spots

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I haven't experienced any problems

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Because some people think it will be ok to camp to close to each other & that's dangerous if a fire does happen.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

79

Anonymous

09:42

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Darryl Jones

2. Organisation (if applicable)

Na

3. Contact detail/s *

Provide at least one of: phone number or email address.

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Having a number of suitable camp sites

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

They all purchase something from local retailers

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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No problems

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Na

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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- ☒ No
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14. Please tell us why.

What is in place is ok

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Small charge at Caroline bay site

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No

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Two sites at Caroline bay

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Standard elsewhere in the country

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Some sites are capable of handling larger numbers of campers

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

No

View results

Respondent

80

Anonymous

75:48

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Services like rubbish bins, toilets, and maintained camp sites

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

It's an affordable and accessible holiday option for locals for weekends and public holidays
Over seas visitors as freedom campers - they don't seem to have much benefit to the district as most of the attractions are free.

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Arundel bridge. Tourist confusion over give way rules and bridge street.

Caroline bay - tourists and penguins. People getting up close and using flash photography. Ignoring signage.

Milord- rubbish and using bushes as toilets.

Oneills - clicked by accident and couldn't un-select

Te-moana - people chopping trees for firewood. We have camped there several times, and seems to be hangout zone for middle eastern men playing loud music and having bonfire.

Waitohi. Bushes are toilets for cars that claim to be self contained but are not.

Winchester bridge. Speed, and lack of road safety awareness and give way rules.

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14. Please tell us why.

New ideas often cost money. Find a way to fund it that is NOT rate payers.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

I think the entire 'freedom camping' idea needs revisiting at a governmental level. We have tourists driving 4tonne - 5tonne campers on a class one licence, when their only driving experience over seas was in a much smaller vehicle if at all. Then after a long haul flight we release the jet lagged traveller's on to the NZ roads, so they can test their reaction times by driving on the opposite side of the road and compete in the pot hole obstacle course of our state highway, all while travelling at 70km per hour, oblivious to the frustration, tail backs and danger they are causing and all while they have a 'kiwi experience'.

The first thing that needs to change is the enforcing of road rules to ensure the roads in our district are safer. Tourists and freedom campers also deserve a safer experience. Road signs could be multi lingual. Information signs at major camp areas with driving tips "if you are travelling slowly - pull over..." The giveaway rules at one way bridges etc. Camp site signs could cater for various languages to help visitors make their journey safer.

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View results

Respondent

81

Anonymous

07:36

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

David

2. Organisation (if applicable)

3. Contact detail/s *

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Eliminates potential for waste to be left behind by users

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Allows others to use the sites.

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Overcrowding becomes a potential for rubbish and people to stay slightly outside permitted areas

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

82

Anonymous

44:23

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Ann Jones

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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- ☒ Opihi River

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Peaceful, not overcrowded - back to nature, yet still close to town

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Freedom Campers are independent travellers. They are normally people who appreciate space from others. Please ensure that future generations can freedom camp too.

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Surely signs explaining time limits, disposal of rubbish etc would guide a freedom camper to do the right thing. Many years ago when I used to reside in Dunedin, a freedom camper/gypsy parked their house bus beside my new lifestyle farm/house all during winter. They cut tree branches to provide heat etc. Then a second one arrived - it was at that stage I phoned DCC to move them along. DCC used a very, very old Bylaw to move them on.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Don't be over zealous with rules and regulations. Local residents should be exempt. Please let locals drive and spend a couple of nights in their area. By letting the locals do close at hand freedom camping (without self contained stickers on their vehicle and tents - have a local sticker for Timaru residents) this will aid immensely the locals spreading the word of favourable natural tourist attractions in the Timaru Area and encourage more tourists in the area.

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After living in Australia for 15 years I've seen their rural towns welcome all freedom campers as they spend money in their towns.

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I think the weather will determine if the camp area becomes crowded. If too crowded, campers will travel to another location.

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View results

Respondent

83

Anonymous

08:31

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Your details

1. Name *

Joanna McKenzie

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Tourists enjoying our sites

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N/A

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I have not noticed any problems

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☒ N/A - haven't seen any problems
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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

To make sure the areas are protected

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

N/A

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

N/A

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If there are toilet facilities at a site all kinds of freedom camping should be allowed.

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- ☐ 1-2 nights
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Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

Most campers would be ready to move on after this length of time.

21. Should there be limits to the number of freedom campers/vehicles/tents permitted in each location at any one time?

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Smaller areas should have less vehicles available.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

N/A

View results

Respondent

84

Anonymous

90:32

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Jeffrey Wilson

2. Organisation (if applicable)

3. Contact detail/s *

Provide at least one of: phone number or email address.

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The current freedom camping situation

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- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

I don't agree with the Freedom Camping concept at all.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

I don't consider there to be any benefits for the Timaru District because people who freedom camp do so because they don't want to pay to stay anywhere in the District. With that sort of mindset they are also unlikely to spend more money supporting local businesses, and so are really of no benefit at all to the District.
Freedom camping is actually a cost to the District because the District provides facilities such as dump stations, toilets, and rubbish collection without receiving any revenue from Freedom campers to cover the costs of providing, servicing, and maintaining those facilities.

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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14. Please tell us why.

If freedom camping is to be allowed in the District then the areas where it is permitted need to be regularly monitored to ensure that users are adhering to the rules. At Caroline Bay for example freedom campers also use the western carpark, the skate park area, and Marine Parade because they now have to pay \$20 per night to stay in the designated areas. Regular monitoring is a cost to the District, so freedom campers should have to contribute towards this and also the cost of maintaining the facilities provided throughout the District by paying a nightly fee to stay in designated areas.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

A nightly fee to stay in designated freedom camping areas in the District, and fines for camping outside of those areas. In reality nothing is "free" in this day and age and, just because someone has bought themselves a self contained motorhome or campervan and want to travel around the country as cheaply as they can by freedom camping, doesn't mean that they shouldn't have to pay something towards the provision of areas and facilities they expect to be able to use.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

The Waimate and Waitaki District Councils have both been charging fees for camping around the Waitaki Lakes for years now. This practice is now widely accepted if you want to camp around any if those lakes, and there is no reason why the same should not apply for staying at the designated freedom camping sites in the Timaru District.

If there were to be a bylaw

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Certified self-containment should be the minimum standard for freedom camping anywhere in NZ to protect the environment from toilet waste, waste water, and rubbish. Although they create all three types of waste themselves, some people are loath to deal with them properly themselves and will get rid of them anywhere they can. Certified self-containment won't necessarily stop that practice, but it will certainly go a long way towards eliminating it as long as there are deterrents for non-compliance

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☒ 1-2 nights
- ☐ 3-5 nights
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20. Please tell us why you think this.

Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

1- 2 nights if there is no nightly fee for staying at the site, because people should not expect to stay at a site and use the facilities provided for no cost.

3 - 5 nights at sites where there is a nightly fee imposed. I don't agree with no restrictions on the number of nights in a row that people can stay, otherwise you could end up with people staying at a prime location such as Caroline Bay for upwards of 3 weeks which has happened in the past.

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So the facilities provided don't get overloaded, and it would also be a better camping experience to have a bit of room around your motorhome or campervan rather than being all crammed in together.
Sites should be marked out, and filled on a first come first served basis.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

There should be a nightly fee for staying at any freedom camping site in the Timaru District.

View results

Respondent

85

Anonymous

23:15

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

Myra Dick

2. Organisation (if applicable)

N/A

3. Contact detail/s *

Provide at least one of: phone number or email address.

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

We used to take our self containment caravan to the Bay to use as a base for the family during the carnival. It is easy walking distance to shops, the park, the beach, the soundshell and the rides. It made it easy for the extended family to gather and spend time together.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Affordable options for families will make all the difference to quality time spent with generations, and allows families to budget to spend money on activities, dining etc.
The ability to freedom camp, in self contained vehicles, attracts consumers and benefits the local economy.
Freedom campsites provide a safe place to stay for people traveling in self contained vehicles.

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There was no option available to say that you had not noticed negative effects, nor any option to express positive views. Feedback needs to be more balanced.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

No negative feedback for Caroline Bay
The Council charging people to stay is outrageous, other than a safe and convenient place to park there has been nothing added to justify this.
People are likely to just park elsewhere, which may cause issues.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

I do think that all vehicles should be self contained, where there are no bathroom/showering or rubbish facilities.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

-Self contained vehicles only where there are no bathroom/showers or rubbish disposal.
-7 day maximum stay
- The council should NOT charge freedom campers.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

Long vehicle parking around the main shopping area, or fix the lift so disabled people can access stafford street easier.

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To allow access for everyone, reduce the likelihood of misuse

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To prevent over crowding

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

Please stop charging for freedom camping at Caroline Bay. I believe this decision impacted negatively on attendance in the 24/25 carnival. It became unaffordable for families.

View results

Respondent

86

Anonymous

36:19

Time to complete

Your details

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- ☐ N/A - have not freedom camped in the Timaru District
- ☒ Patiti Point, Orari Mouth

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

The ability to choose different locations which appeal.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

If they are staying here they are probably spending money here and visiting some of the attractions on offer. But I don't think they have to be spending money here to stay here. As long as there are not too many problems, I am happy to see freedom camping.

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Have more areas available

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Only certified self contained vehicles where there are no toilets. Non self contained if there are good operating clean toilets. Sites like Te Moana should allow tents and longer stays up to 7 days

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All freedom camping if there are public toilets otherwise just certified self contained vehicles

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

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Maximum of 3 nights which is long enough to have a good look around but stops people monopolising the parks

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To stop overcrowding

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

I think we need to be careful that we do not overly restrict peoples freedom to enjoy a camping holiday. I think that we need to be careful not to be too influenced by commercial camp ground operators who always lobby very hard against any freedom camping. We have a modern fully self contained motorhome which cost a lot of money and the only trace that we leave is a tyre print. We often pick up litter which has been left by day picnickers. If you are going to have rules requiring self containment you need to enforce them.
Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

18:58

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Your details

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Used to like Petite Point as close to cycling and places to eat out. The Caroline Bay too expensive know. Have fully self contained MH and don't need facilities so not interested in Motor camps. Nor toilets

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Exploring the town and eating at local restaurants and cafes.

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As a local who liked to "freedom camp" in Timaru I feel excluded. I agree a smaller fee for Caroline Bay - \$5 as this wouldn't discourage our visitor who do spend money locally at cafes and restaurants. The car parks are only suitable for car campers tho as Motorhomes are wider and unable to open door fully when parked. Even when all are parked perfectly

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Provide spaces that encourage and welcome Motorhome visitors. Dog friendly - on leads only. Have areas We you can park up - not where you can't. Have a better understanding of the potential for responsible motorhomers. NZMCA will be able to say the huge benefits for towns were their parks are in the towns where visitors can walk to shops, restaurants etc.

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Not all "freedom campers" are from outside the area. Many residents also use them.

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

07:51

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Free, accessible facilities and freedom to camp away from the masses

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Income to local business, accessible tourism for the region,

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None

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Over new years and christmas things can get busy. But otherwise its fine

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No idea i think we have heaps of doc sites too so its actually fine having the amount of sites we do have

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Space and the pressure on infrastructure and how they are already affected with current rules

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Overcrowding equals mess and damage

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We have experienced freedom campers at the entrance of West End Park off Onslow Street, Timaru late last year. There was a "frequent flyer" that stayed for 4 to 7 days, then would leave but came back and did this for over a month. He played loud music at night, and he bought his friends who would drink then use the trees as his toilet. When he tried to leave his battery was flat and had to get his friends to help him.

We stopped our young girls going near the entrance of the park where he was parked as we felt it wasn't safe anymore.

On phoning the Council, we were advised that there was no by law in place and they couldn't do anything to remove him. They are aware of him. Council then referred us to the Police. When we phoned the Police, unless we had proof that he was doing something illegal then they couldn't do anything either. They asked us questions like, has their registration or warrant expired? We didn't want to get that close to the vehicle for fear of retaliation. What was the registration number? Has he done anything illegal? The police referred us back to the Council and we went round in circles, with no one able to help or remove this guy from a residential area.

The other neighbours also phoned the Council not happy with this person living at the end of our street in a van. They also got the same response that no one could help as there was no by law in place.

There are gates to the entrance of Onslow Street, Timaru and we asked the Mayor to lock them to stop this "frequent flyer" coming back because we didn't have anyone that could help us. The gates have been locked since October last year, still locked which has stopped the overnight stayers.

We did note he moved to the carpark off Maltby Avenue Timaru and was there Christmas day for a few days.

We still have campers and caravans coming down the street wanting to park. They come to the end of our street, realise that the gates are locked, then they turn around and leave again. I think it's increased since fee signs were installed at Caroline Bay in 2024 as people don't want to pay. In the holiday period especially, there has been a huge increase in people looking for a place to park. I believe we would've had a bigger problem over the Christmas break if those gates had not been locked.

This area is a residential area. There is parking for day parking to assess the park, but the intention was not for people to park here overnight. The area does not have rubbish bins. From what we saw, the freedom campers friends were using the trees as their toilets and that's not ok. We have young girls who walk past the car park to use the playground and play tennis in the park. There are lots of children in this street. We oppose this site to be used for freedom campers and we welcome a by-law in Timaru for designated sites only excluding this one.

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Holidays in particular, there is a huge increase of campers/caravans wanting a free place to park. Especially since the Council installed fee signs at Caroline Bay in late 2024.

We've noticed an increase of people freedom camping.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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14. Please tell us why.

To stop people parking a caravan or camper wherever they like for how ever long they like.

To give the Council the authority to move people on if they are not meant to be parked there, with the help of the Police if required.

To have designated areas of where freedom campers can park, with restrictions of no littering, self containment and for a certain limit of time.

To protect rate payers quiet enjoyment of a residential area.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

With the cost of living, there are genuine people living in their vehicles. Council recognizing these people and making services available to help them.

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In Hanmer, just before Hanmer there is a NZMCA caravan association car park on one side of the road and a freedom camping spot on the other side with toilets. On the freedom camping side there is a designated limit of car parks, (10 from memory) first in first serve.

It works well. Freedom Camping sites should be able to provide toilets at a minimum.

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Caroline Bay needs to be looked at carefully. Especially in the summer months. Attracting people to the district is what you want. A public survey on this alone is what you need.

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Some of these sites I'm not familiar with so I can't comment on size of location, toilet facilities near etc.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

14:54

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They are free and can use a tent and they all have a toilet close by

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Can take your loved ones away cheap and explore the nature's around

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Because soon there would be no options for those of us who like to go away for a couple nights in the tent to camp. If everywhere continues to become self contained only leaves not many available options for tenters

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Having someone check in at the freedom camping locations to make sure people are abiding by the rules of each place.

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Respondent

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Your details

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The freedom camping sites are easy and quick to get to. They offer a range of different scenery and "vibes".

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Camping has been a staple activity for many families as well as tourists (local & international), creating memories which last lifetimes. Freedom camping eliminates part of the financial barrier some people may experience when wanting to camp.
Or for people with limited funds, they can use money to experience other things in the district, car museums, cafes, cinemas etc

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At Te Moana Gorge negative impacts on the physical area has been in the form of trenches dug across campsites which then make it difficult to set up in that area. I have also pointed out the fire ban to other freedom campers.
At Te Moana Gorge, most of the negative impacts on the physical environment (that I've noticed) seem to be caused by day users who take motorbikes up. They chew up the grass areas and turn them into bald mud patches.

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I'm not sure.

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14. Please tell us why.

I just don't think there are the resources to "police" new bylaws. Too many members of the public just don't care.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

From my observations, I think freedom camping works really well in our district. Living in Winchester I pass the Winchester Bridge site and it is very well used. It looks generally well looked after - particularly after the re-grassing and planting in that space.

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18. Please tell us why you think this.

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I think Caroline Bay should be self contained only as it's in the heart of Timaru.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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- ☐ 6-7 nights
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Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

This would cover long weekends like Easter, which is a particular favorite time for our family to camp.

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22. Please tell us why you think this.

This includes if you answered Other or wish to state a specific number of vehicles/freedom campers/tents for any specific site.

Most of the sites have plenty of room and I've not seen any of them bursting at the seams, except at Caroline Bay.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

14:16

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- ☐ Winchester Bridge
- ☐ N/A - have not freedom camped in the Timaru District
- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Locally accessible places to overnight with family

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Providing an option for low cost overnighting

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

My main problem is with freedom campers using the site at Caroline Bay, when there are camping options within Timaru that they could be paying for and supporting local businesses, the way that campers spread throughout the area makes the space less accessible for other users, such as those picnicking or starting the disc golf course nearby. There is an unnecessary concentration of people caused by the volume of freedom campers staying at the bay.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Caroline Bay overuse had got worse over time

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
- ☐ All of the problems
- ☐ More than half of the problems
- ☐ Less than half of the problems
- ☒ None of the problems

13. Reflecting on any problems you have stated and what a bylaw might be able to offer to address these, do you think that the Timaru District should have a freedom camping bylaw?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Regulations are required to ensure desired behaviour and activities are occurring in public spaces

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Encouraging of camping in remote sites, improvement of facilities at Te Moana, reduction/cessation of camping at Caroline Bay

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

I often sleep in my car prior to undertaking a hike or other outdoors excursion or while traveling and needing to sleep for safety reasons before continuing journey when traveling out of the Timaru District. I do not wish to be fined or penalized for such behaviour, and any bylaw should include suitable accommodations for similar low impact overnighing

If there were to be a bylaw

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See previous responses

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Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

My take of freedom camping is that it should be low impact, travel-based overnighing. Potentially 3-4 night stays would be suitable for Te Moana or Oneills

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22. Please tell us why you think this.

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No for Caroline Bay, the rest, dependent on capacity of amenities and land area

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

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Anonymous

29:04

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

I am a NZCMA camper. Have used freedom camping spots around NZ. Found them a useful locations to take my family for walks and events.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Cheap and useful locations to take my family for walks and events.

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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Freedom camping in parks or cap parks located in residential areas. People using sites as full time locations of accommodations (People living in vans etc.). Drinking/socializing, urination in public areas. Single adults camping/living in parks close to children's play areas. Loud noise affect residents of area who pay rate to live in these location. Rubbish not disposed of. Vehicles not self contained. Stickers are not evidence of self containment and the containment cards are not monitored in these areas.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

Westend park (End of onslow st) had become a haven for freedom campers. It started with one who stayed in the park for weeks. Slowly more campers (Friends of the camper) arrived and started a community where drinking and bad behavior escalated. We had to communicate the issue to the council who locked the gate to stop the issue. Still to date (6 months later) campers drive up the dead end street to gain access to the area. Camper moved from there to the top of the hill, adjacent to the children's play area. A group of these individual move around Timaru until they are moved along.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

Protect rate paying residence for noise and bad behavior. Safety of people using parks and recreational areas.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Limited designated areas in Timaru with set guidelines of use to stop people living there. Location for freedom campers away from residential areas.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

There are many options for campers. Joining NZCMA allows use of designated areas (Park over property, NZCMA Grounds, Doc Areas). All have guidelines for use which have a small fee associated. This is already on offer to all campers, though they need to be self-contained. Only allow freedom camping in limited locations allow for monitoring for freedom campers safety and compliance of vehicles.

If there were to be a bylaw

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We need to have areas, however without a bylaw freedom camping is occurring everywhere. Outside of residences homes and areas where freedom camping should be an option beside playgrounds etc. Safety in our recreational areas should be the focus. I say this as i wouldn't call most of the stayers in some locations campers. They are living in these areas.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

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1-2 nights, maybe higher based by location and camping turn over. This will allow other access.

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22. Please tell us why you think this.

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Capacity in areas can be an issue if the infrastructure is not in place to support them (Toilets, Bins Fresh water).

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

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Respondent

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Anonymous

21:56

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Your details

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Brian Tanner

2. Organisation (if applicable)

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- ☐ N/A - have not freedom camped in the Timaru District
- ☒ Geraldine,

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Freedom to do your own thing not constricted by too many rules, all though we are responsible cambers.

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Obviously firstly is cost. Also some freedom sites are more convient to stay at closer to town or sites are larger than cramped camp sites

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

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Far too many vans that have either blue or green stickers, that are obviously not self contained. We belong to the NZMCA and have a late model caravan that cost a lot to become compliant, these guys are just scroungers. The never remove their rubbish foul the trees with their toilet.

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

As volunteer hosts for DOC and NZMCA this situation of vans having bogus stickers is getting worse. These vans are giving all motor home, caravan owners a bad reputaion. As hosts we turn these vans away as they are not compliant with the rules for self containment. More should be done by local bodies to police these illegal vans.

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

If you have a law then the companies that rent these illegal vans can be prosecuted, as can the private owners of non compliant vans

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

More policing by council staff not just prosecution via tickets but education, more investigation into the main companies that rent these vans and more investigation on where these vans are getting there stickers.

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

All districts should combine notes on what works well and did not work for their area, combine your resource and have a nation wide freedom camping law that can be taken to local government for implementation. Also I advise councils to contact the NZMCA as this body has done great work on the rules around certification regarding self containment.

If there were to be a bylaw

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If all these sites have running potable water and toilets then you will get scroungers just staying for ever. If your vehicle is fully self contained then your stay will be limited to 3 - 4 days giving room for others to enjoy. Why should rate payers have to foot the expense of toilet cleaning, maintenance.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
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Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

If you are self contained at a site with no facilities this is generally the max nights, then you need to empty your wastes and refill

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strain on resources, letting others enjoy these sites.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

As volunteer camp hosts we pride ourselves on promoting good camping manners. I think councils do a great job with the resources they have at hand. We would like to be more involved in council run camps as these sites are very valuable to all motor home/caravan travellers.

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Respondent

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Anonymous

05:43

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Travellers are more likely to stay

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Respondent

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Anonymous

17:48

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Anne Smillie

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7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

Less people. Quieter.less traffic. Space

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Not found any problems with freedom campers anywhere where there are adequate rubbish bins and toilets

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14. Please tell us why.

Can't see what a bylaw would do

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Rubbish bins and toilets

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Yes rubbish bins and toilets and effluent disposal in Ranfurly

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Beautiful spots,provide facilities like rubbish bins and people will use.
Why would you not allow freedom camping is more the question

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Someone assess what is reasonable for each area

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Rather than making rules to stop/ limit freedom camping look at how to facilitate it so it works for most (will never work for all as some people really dislike freedom campers no matter what)

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Anonymous

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The ability of being able to stay away over night without having to contend with being in a crowded camp. Allows you to visit out of the way places and stay overnight

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To be able to visit different places that are less commercial

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The amount of area that is available to freedom campers. The overall area needs to be increased.
Lack of dump sites with easy access especially for large mobile homes.
Rubbish or recycling bins even if installed they are not emptied regularly and thus cause an unpleasant site and attract rodents

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Christmas time and during the summer months it would be nice to have an area for freedom campers out on the grass area at the south end of Caroline bay.

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See the Q+A section at <http://www.timaru.govt.nz/freedomcampingsurvey> for more information about what a freedom camping bylaw can and cannot do.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Please tell us why.

I believe it would make it very clear as to what the rules are for freedom camping within the Timaru area. Clear as to fees and Caroline Bay fees are too high.

15. What are one or two changes that you think would most improve freedom camping in the Timaru District?

Water supply needs to be a good distance from dump station.
More dump stations with good access for larger vans

16. Is there anything freedom-camping related that you think has worked well in other areas (outside the Timaru District), that you would like to see considered here?

If there were to be a bylaw

17. What sort of freedom camping do you think should be permitted in the following locations?

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18. Please tell us why you think this.

This includes if you answered Other or want to give us feedback about sites not listed above. Break down sites in greater detail if needed, e.g. you might think part of Caroline Bay should allow one type of freedom camping, and another part of Caroline Bay should allow a different type.

If the Park at Caroline Bay is for Freedom campers they need to be certified freedom campers only. No uncertified campers or tents. A great deal of problems have come about due to campervans especially rental van companies who supply porta potties and offer a discount if not used. Certified freedom campers have had to undergo a certified check and paid a Govt levy to hold a Green warrant to confirm they are certified.

19. What do you think is a reasonable maximum number of nights in a row that freedom campers should be allowed to stay in a location?

- ☐ 1-2 nights
- ☒ 3-5 nights
- ☐ 6-7 nights
- ☐ No limit
- ☐ Other

20. Please tell us why you think this.

Please also outline here if you think that different sites should have different rules for maximum stays.

That is usually more than enough time to spend in one place. If people are in mobile homes they often leave the site during the day to explore the area and then return only at night as a base.

21. Should there be limits to the number of freedom campers/vehicles/tents permitted in each location at any one time?

	Yes	No	Other
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22. Please tell us why you think this.

This includes if you answered Other or wish to state a specific number of vehicles/freedom campers/tents for any specific site.

I believe that the number should be derived by the land mass available with enough room for people to get in and out. If there are no toilets and showers on site uncertified caravans and tents should not be allowed.

23. Is there anything else that you want to say or want us to know?

I love the idea of being able to stay at freedom camps within the Timaru area especially when you just want a short time away. Certified vans have toilets and showers so all that is required is a dump site and fresh water taps. To have a recycling area that is cleared regularly would be a bonus but a great deal of campers take their rubbish away with them. It is the faecal matter that is left by tenters and vans with out toilet facilities that cause problems. If toilets and showers were provided to the freedom camping sites then perhaps there would an option for change however freedom campers pay a govt levy to obtain a Green Warrant to freedom camp and they are to display them in their windows and their number can be checked through the NZMCA site if people can't produce the warrant card

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

04:59

Time to complete

Your details

1. Name *

gary ryan

2. Organisation (if applicable)

winchester motor camp

3. Contact detail/s *

Provide at least one of: phone number or email address.



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☒ I acknowledge this Privacy Statement will apply to my response

5. Where do you live?

- ☒ Usually in the Timaru District
- ☐ Usually somewhere else in South Canterbury (Waimate, Mackenzie and Waitaki Districts)
- ☐ Usually somewhere else in Canterbury (Mid-Canterbury, Christchurch and North Canterbury)
- ☐ Usually somewhere else in New Zealand
- ☐ Usually outside New Zealand
- ☐ N/A - commenting as an organisation

The current freedom camping situation

6. Where have you freedom camped in the Timaru District?

Select all that apply. The list below contains the sites that Council currently encourages freedom camping at, and Caroline Bay (previous designated freedom camping sites were converted to paid overnight parking in 2024). If you select Other, please state where you have freedom camped.

- ☐ Arundel Bridge
- ☐ Caroline Bay
- ☐ Milford Lagoon
- ☐ O'Neills
- ☐ Te Moana Gorge
- ☐ Waitohi Bush
- ☐ Winchester Bridge
- ☒ N/A - have not freedom camped in the Timaru District
- ☐ Other

7. What do you most enjoy about freedom camping in the Timaru District?

i dont freedom camp

8. What do you consider are the benefits of freedom camping and freedom campers for the Timaru District?

nothing

9. Have you experienced or are you aware of any of the following problems caused by freedom campers at any of these sites?

	(1) Negative impact on physical area/ environment	(2) Negative impact on health and safety of people visiting the area	(3) Negative impact on public access to/ use of the area	Both 1 and 2	Both 1 and 3	Both 2 and 3	All
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10. Please tell us more about any problems you have experienced or are aware of.

Please break any problems down by site, and detail any site or problem not listed above in Q9. Include to what extent you are confident that any problems are caused by freedom campers instead of non-freedom campers.

winchester bridge is always allowed long term people

11. Please tell us whether have you noticed if any problems are better or worse at any particular time, and whether they are getting better or worse over time.

rubbish and overstayers

12. Have you reported any of these problems to Council before?

We want to understand how much of what you are telling us may already be known to Council, and how much is new information.

- ☐ N/A - haven't seen any problems
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Re: Freedom Camping

From submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>

Date Sun 13/04/2025 11:44

To Colleen Fairbairn [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Colleen,

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Kind regards,
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From: Colleen Fairbairn [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, 12 April 2025 17:52

To: submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>

Subject: Freedom Camping

I am supportive of responsible freedom camping at Caroline Bay and areas within walking distance to food outlets and the cycling and walking trails in our districts. Timaru, Pleasant Point, Geraldine etc. It is amazing the numbers of NZ visitors also that travel and travelling to districts to cycle. Many like to have access to restaurants and cafes. I am one of these people. I live in Pleasant Point and would stay overnight at Petite Point when it was open myself at least once a month. I and many of our NZ Motorhome/Caravan community have invested in our home away from homes and do not want to park in a caravan park. We have the facilities and don't need these nor want that

environment. The charges that have been put on for \$20 night for a carpark is, in my opinion way to much. \$5 would be fair and respectable. I have heard from 23 couples in my motorhome group who no longer stop in Timaru. They correctly say this is no longer a Motorhome friendly town as advertised.

I ask you all the please stop thinking of freedom campers as us all being people who stay and don't contribute when we stop. If you look at research from MBIE on how many tourism dollars come into communities, especially with cycling. If you provide more spaces with a small fee to enable enforcement to check the Self Containment card IN THE WINDOW then this takes away many of any troublesome people. Your biggest is the classification that allows non self containment.

I urge to councillors to please retain the vibrant travelling tourism. If you are going to continue enforcing charges (this is not freedom camping) maybe give a wavier for your own residents who pay their rates yet can't enjoy our own home towns.

NZMCA would be able to give guidance and possibly be able to provide one of their Park Over Properties or Park if you worked with them? Win win

Thank you

Colleen Fairbairn



Re: Freedom Camping Submission

From submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>

Date Wed 30/04/2025 16:22

To Glenmark Motor Camp [REDACTED]

Good afternoon April and Ian,

Thank you for your feedback. We will ensure that it is passed onto the Councillors for their consideration once the survey closes.

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Kind regards,
Brendan

From: Glenmark Motor Camp [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025 16:09

To: submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>

Subject: Freedom Camping Submission

Kiwi campers were the backbone of our business until 2011 when the Government changed the legislation to allow Free campsites. The NZMCA have bought a lot of land around the Timaru region and set up cheap camping options. The Bay and Port Loop and Patiti Point have offered campers free facilities by the Council who use our rates to pay for this service. Limit these areas that are geographically close to existing businesses, as we cannot compete with Free! The council are in direct competition with holiday parks. Ultimately parks will close and a traditional kiwi holiday will vanish.
Kind regards

April and Ian Clifford
Glenmark Holiday Park 30 Beaconsfield Road, RD 2, Timaru
Phone: (03) 684 3862
Email: glenmarkmotorcamp@xtra.co.nz



Re:

From Judy Nally [REDACTED]
Date Sun 13/04/2025 12:37
To submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>

Many thanks for this.

On Sun, 13 Apr 2025, 11:45 am submission, <submission@timdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good afternoon Judy,

Thank you for your feedback. We will ensure that it is passed onto the Councillors for their consideration once the survey closes.

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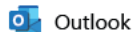


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From: Judy Nally [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 13 April 2025 08:23
To: submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>
Subject:

I have stayed in Timaru's freedom camping for many years. I thought Timaru was Motorhome friendly but I do not see any evidence of that now. There is no freedom camping anywhere at present.
Regards Judy



Re: freedom camping

From submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>
Date Mon 28/04/2025 08:44
To Lindsay Trilford [REDACTED]

Good morning Lindsay,

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From: Lindsay Trilford [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 25 April 2025 11:24
To: submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>
Subject: freedom camping

Caroline bay is not the place for freedom camping. Most are not self contained as they buy the self contained stickers online. I questioned a guy once who was urinating on the grass beside the toilet block. he told me f... off as he was permanent there. Black van GEY245. Seems he has 2 different plates that he changes. He is very abusive and i just had to walk away or i was going to get assaulted. Not enough policing of the area.



Re: Freedom Camping Survey

From submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>
Date Wed 30/04/2025 15:43
To Paul Glover [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Paul,

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From: Paul Glover [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2025 10:29
To: submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Freedom Camping Survey

Hello my name is Paul Glover from TIMARU

I'm a member of the NZMCA and to my knowledge I haven't seen or heard of any problems with freedom camping, especially down at Caroline Bay Area as I walk down there nearly every day,

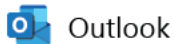
The only thing I have seen is the rubbish bins have been full to over flowing the odd time but that's after a weekend, That area attracts a lot of tourists and visitors to look at the penguins, plus it's so close to the rest of the bay and to the city centre..it is really the perfect area ...

We need these tourists and visitors to help our economy as they do spend money on food, fuel etc and with the ever increasing prices of motor camps and motels we need a place to accommodate them,

If there is a time limit implemented maybe with 3 to 5 days max and maybe to an area more dedicated for freedom camping with good signage, so that all know what TIMARU expects of them, as we are a MOTOR HOME FRIENDLY TOWN

If a charge is to be paid can it be on a per person basis and not per vehicle, as I'm on my own it would make it more fairer, and as there are a lot of single people in Motorhomes.

Yours faithfully
PAUL GLOVER.



Re: Freedom camping in Timaru

From submission <submission@timdc.govt.nz>

Date Sun 13/04/2025 11:43

To peter williams [REDACTED]

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Kind regards,
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Subject: Freedom camping in Timaru

Many retired people love to travel around NZ. They are not rich, just retirees looking to spend their time enjoying their life in NZ. These people along with other freedom camping homeland traveller's spend collectively big amounts of money in towns throughout NZ, our spend for 2 people as we travel 5 months a year around is avg of \$64 per day. During our travels we need food, fuel, night stays, vehicle warrants, repairs and maintenance of our vehicles, etc. This adds up by the thousands (believed to be around 10,000 per day and spending around \$250 million per year) of freedom camping homeland travelers traveling at any given time, and

they are looking for somewhere to stay. The longer they stay put the more they spend and councils who ignore these travelers lose the income to businesses in those regions that don't accommodate their needs, which doesn't include being told to go stay in a camp as camps don't want their campers to go outside the camp as they want them to spend their money inside the camp grounds, plus any monies spent in camp grounds comes off the available money to spend elsewhere in the region.

Freedom camping in NZ is a right of all NZers and whilst we understand it can't be totally open around residential areas it's still a requirement that the councils make available areas of pleasurable and scenic value available to csc freedom camping travelers. There are many retired persons using larger motorhomes now as these are easy to move, and spend time in, but are not suitable for carparks, so require larger areas to park in. Most travelers prefer 3 night stays as this allows time to arrive then spend a couple of days visiting and shopping in the areas around the district, 2 days doesn't do this as it's forcing people to move on quickly with no time to relax and enjoy their stay. Due to this, many don't visit districts that have these, and more, restrictions like Auckland, Queenstown, and Wanaka as examples.

In closing councils have a duty to their businesses who pay rates to help make their region a place where people want to visit and spend money, therefore by not supplying quality and quantity freedom camping areas to accommodate the real needs for these travelers they are failing their business rate payers. Each traveler the council turns away from their region is a part loss in a \$250 million plus retail trade spent just by these travelers. Please consider as open a policy as possible for all concerned.

Thank you for your time.

Peter

NZMCA 15 year member..