

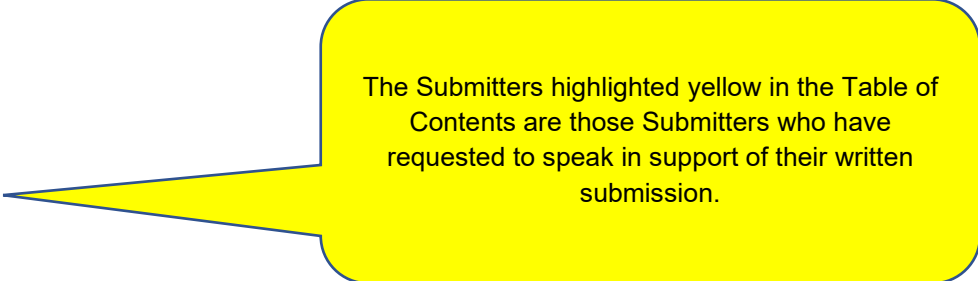


Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022 Review

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The impacts of people and Freedom Camping on what land we have left, particularly along the coastal edges of Kiritehere will only exacerbate the issues we currently face, which is another reason I do not support the Freedom Camping Bylaw. <p>Kiritehere Community and the environment have suffered since Council implemented the Freedom Camping Bylaw in 2019. I request that all areas in Kiritehere be PROHIBITED in the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022.</p>

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5	Ronald Takerei	Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee	<p>03rd August 2022</p> <p>Review of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw</p> <p>The submitter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I, Ronald Takerei, the secretary for the Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee (RMC) appreciates the opportunity for our Committee to submit on the review of the Waitomo District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022. Advice of consultation was received on the 08th July 2022, with submissions due by 05th August 2022. 2. Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee (RMC) is one of seven forums established to represent marae in a specific geographical area within Maniapoto and are a branch of the Mandated Iwi Authority named, "The Maniapoto Maaori Trust Board" 3. The Maniapoto Maaori Trust Board (MMTB) must comply with two Acts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 1) - Section 56 of the Maaori Trust Board Act 1955 provides for representation of specific sections or divisions of stakeholders/beneficiaries (i.e. marae, land owners). 5. 2) - The Maniapoto Maaori Trust Board Act 1988 under Section 5-7 provides for membership of the Board and Section 8 makes specific mention to Regional Management Committee (RMC) and how they comprise of people elected to represent the interests of marae in the Maniapoto area. 6. Hauaauru ki Uta RMC is a collective of seven marae within the Waitomo District Council (WDC) area, consisting of Marokopa, Pohatuiri, Tokikapu, Kaputuhi, Te Kauae, Te Korapa Tuu and Rereaamanu with a representative that sits on the Maniapoto Maaori Trust Board, our local mandated iwi authority. 7. These seven marae are also affiliated with the Ngaati Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust (NMMPT). 8. The Ngaati Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust provides an Education Training Service, a Community Service and a Trades Service. The Ngaati Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust provides a comprehensive social, welfare and health service for all whaanau within the Maniapoto rohe who chooses to use them. 9. Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee fully supports the submissions and statements provided by whaanau members of Kiritehere. 10. Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee fully supports the submission from the Marokopa Environmental Team on behalf of Mirumiru marae of Marokopa. 11. Due to the remote areas like Kiritehere, Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee agrees with the statement that if monitoring requirements are not carried out consistently or ceases, then this can have a detrimental impact on our surrounding environment and over time, our natural environment, 12. This can also have an adverse effect on our Kiritehere community and our cultural values as maaori. 13. Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee do not wish to be heard with regards to this submission, however a representative from our Committee may be present at the hearings in support of those whaanau members that are connected to Kiritehere who have submitted against. Please refer to the contact details above. <p>Naaku iti nei – Ronald Takerei – Secretary for the Hauaauru ki Uta Regional Management Committee.</p>

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Policy 19 NZ Coastal Policy Statement enables Council to impose a restriction on public walking access to, along or adjacent to the coastal marine area where such a restriction is necessary to protect dunes; or to protect sites and activities of cultural value to Māori. Allocating an area for freedom camping right next to the sand dunes without monitoring and signage will continue to cause issues. 2. Impact on mana whenua – visitors causing decimation of cultural sites. Kiritehere has significant history. There are numerous sites of significance dotted throughout Kiritehere and along the coastline. In 2019, Council did not undertake the appropriate due diligence when Kiritehere Cemetery was included within the Bylaw. In 1907 the entire site was gazetted as a cemetery and it remains gazetted as a cemetery to this day. 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The Freedom Camping Bylaw prioritises the protection of visitor health and safety but does not provide for the protection of the health and safety of Mana Whenua, cultural sites of significance to Māori or the natural character and amenity of the area. Self-contained and non-self-contained freedom camping remains a health and safety risk to the area as the Bylaw does not provide for the regular and consistent real-time monitoring to ensure visitor compliance. 2. Impact on mana whenua, mana tāngata – visitors causing decimation of cultural sites. Kiritehere has significant history. There are numerous sites of significance and waahi tapu throughout Kiritehere and along the coastline. In 2019, Council did not undertake the appropriate due diligence when Kiritehere Cemetery was included within the Bylaw. In 1907 the entire site was gazetted as a cemetery and it remains gazetted as a cemetery to this day. Although the Cemetery will be removed from the Bylaw through this review, it remains irresponsible of Council and prejudicial of Mana Whenua to permit camping on or near cemetery and then refuse to change the Bylaw until now. This whenua (the whole area) is significant to our hapū. Decimation of the cemetery, the native plants and the place we call home is a call to action for us all. Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw has trampled the mana and affected the mauri (lifeforce) of the whenua, and prejudiced the national significance of our relationship with the area. In addition, permitting the continuation of freedom camping in the designated yellow zone next to the Cemetery neither protects the area nor eliminates the risk to community health and safety. 3. Decimation and disregard of native flora and fauna, sites of significance to Māori and the national significance of Māori relationships with the areas ecology. An increase in visitor numbers and a lack of Council signage results in visitors walking over the dunes to access the beach exacerbating the erosion of the dunes, decimating native flora & fauna and Sites of Significance impacting on the sustainability of the areas ecology. Mana Whenua have partnered with Waikato Regional Council Coast Care to undertake regenerative planting caused by visitors to the area attracted by Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw. Policy 19 NZ Coastal Policy Statement enables Council to impose a restriction on public walking access to, along or adjacent to the coastal marine area where such a restriction is necessary to protect dunes; or to protect sites and activities of cultural value to Māori. Allocating an area for freedom camping right next to the sand dunes without monitoring and signage will continue to cause detrimental impacts. 4. Degradation of road quality. Increased traffic volumes have degraded the quality of the roads causing potholes and significant dust during the summer months posing potential risk to respiratory health. There has been no increase in road maintenance to accommodate for the increased traffic volume since 2019. The roads have been noticeably worse since the Bylaw was implemented in 2019. Lack of traffic monitoring by Council means that there is no data to inform strategic planning and provide a responsive capital works programme that meets the needs of the Community. 5. Increased refuse dumping has been evident since the implementation of the Bylaw in 2019. Council have failed to provide additional rubbish bins to cope with the increase of visitors. One kitchen sized rubbish bin is not sufficient. There have been issues with visitors putting the rubbish in the toilet as the bin is full. General waste/rubbish is often left by visitors. Council should not be designating sites for camping without sufficient facilities to service the volume of visitors as it creates a problem for those on the ground in the local community. The Bylaw's intent to provide for the health and safety of visitors prejudices the provisions for the health and safety of local communities. 6. Freedom Camping Fires. Schedule 2 (g) states 'No person may light any fire while freedom camping...'. However, because Council have not actively monitored Freedom Camp activities, evidence of non-compliance continues unchecked. This is compounded by Council's negligence to seriously consider the implications for visitors using tents, who may be forced into non-compliance of Schedule 2 as evidenced at designated sites. As a result, the area's ecosystems are disturbed by the taking of rocks for fire pits and not just by the fire itself or the ongoing risks to the ecology when visitors fail to restore affected systems before leaving. 7. No benefit to local community or economy. Freedom camping does not provide any money directly into the local area economy within Kiritehere or Marokopa. There are no petrol or convenience services within 52kms. The local ratepayers carry the cost of freedom camping. Council have not invested any money into the local area since introducing the Bylaw in 2019 and this has a significant detrimental impact on the environment and the health and safety of the community. Kiritehere Community does not benefit from the freedom camping but have had to respond to the environmental impacts of Council's decision at their own cost. That is, financial, psychological, spiritual, cultural and physical costs. The Bylaw prejudicially prioritises protection of visitor camping opportunity over the protection of community health and safety or any benefit to the long term survival and sustainability of the natural environment. 8. Inability to enforce the consequences of non-compliance. Council have not actively monitored the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019 and therefore, have demonstrated inability to enforce the consequences of non-compliance. This is unacceptable, irresponsible and conveys a prejudicial disregard since 2019, for the detrimental consequences of the Bylaw on the health and safety of the ecological communities of Kiritehere which, includes its human communities. An effective monitoring system would have provided meaningful benefits for all stakeholders, mitigated undue pressure on local communities including Marokopa and provided real-time data/evidence to inform compliance status and the relevant responsiveness measure. Monitoring provisions could have involved NOTICE upon registering intent, of AUTHORISED INSPECTION at any time during the intended Freedom Camping period. However, registering intent from isolated locations such as Kiritehere is technologically unachievable, unfeasible and, the designation of FREEDOM camping essentially invalidates justification for effective monitoring and enforcement of consequences of non-compliance. <p>I submit that the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022 will only serve to justify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) WDC's continued inaction regarding the detrimental impacts of Freedom Camping in the area as outlined above and; (ii) WDC's continued negligence regarding responsibility to enforce the consequences of non-compliance. <p>Therefore, I submit this evidence as Just Cause to extend the prohibited freedom camping zone to ALL public access areas throughout Kiritehere, in perpetuity!</p>

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26	Rangi Marama Joseph		<p>I oppose absolute, Freedom Camping sites within Kiritehere as proposed within the WDC's Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022. I submit in support of te mana, mauri and health of the whenua of Kiritehere in its entirety and the physical, spiritual and cultural health and safety of nga whanau and hapu of Kiritehere and Marokopa communities. This submission seeks to extend the prohibited Freedom Camping zone to include all public access areas throughout Kiritehere for the reasons listed at 1 through 8 below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The negative impact/degradation to Kiritehere natural environment since the implementation of the Freedom Camping Bylaw in 2019 is evident. This includes but is not limited to the designated yellow zone next to the Cemetery Reserve. The Freedom Camping Bylaw prioritises the protection of visitor health and safety but does not provide for the protection of the health and safety of Mana Whenua, cultural sites of significance to Māori or the natural character and amenity of the area. Self-contained and non-self-contained freedom camping remains a health and safety risk to the area as the Bylaw does not provide for the regular and consistent real-time monitoring to ensure visitor compliance. 2. Impact on mana whenua, mana tāngata – visitors causing decimation of cultural sites. Kiritehere has significant history. There are numerous sites of significance and waahi tapu throughout Kiritehere and along the coastline. In 2019, Council did not undertake the appropriate due diligence when Kiritehere Cemetery was included within the Bylaw. In 1907 the entire site was gazetted as a cemetery and it remains gazetted as a cemetery to this day. 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No benefit to local community or economy. Freedom camping does not provide any money directly into the local area economy within Kiritehere or Marokopa. There are no petrol or convenience services within 52kms. The local ratepayers carry the cost of freedom camping. Council have not invested any money into the local area since introducing the Bylaw in 2019 and this has a significant detrimental impact on the environment and the health and safety of the community. Kiritehere Community does not benefit from the freedom camping but have had to respond to the environmental impacts of Council's decision at their own cost. That is, financial, psychological, spiritual, cultural and physical costs. The Bylaw prejudicially prioritises protection of visitor camping opportunity over the protection of community health and safety or any benefit to the long term survival and sustainability of the natural environment. 8. Inability to enforce the consequences of non-compliance. 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However, registering intent from isolated locations such as Kiritehere is technologically unachievable, unfeasible and, the designation of FREEDOM camping essentially invalidates justification for effective monitoring and enforcement of consequences of non-compliance. <p>I submit that the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022 will - as demonstrated by the 2019 Bylaw, only serve to justify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) WDC's continued inaction regarding the detrimental impacts of Freedom Camping in the area and; (ii) WDC's continued negligence regarding responsibility to enforce the consequences of non-compliance. <p>Therefore, I submit this evidence as Just Cause to extend the prohibited freedom camping zone to ALL public access areas throughout Kiritehere, in perpetuity!</p>

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27	Tanya Rae Hemara		I strongly oppose freedom camping within Kiritehere as proposed within the Freedom Camping bylaw. I request that all areas in Kiritehere be PROHIBITED.

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Council do not actively monitor the Freedom Camping Bylaw. This is unacceptable in remote areas like Kiritehere. How does Council know the impact on the environment or the Community without undertaking monitoring? Monitoring provides a number of real benefits for both the council and the community. Monitoring can give early warning of issues or problems before they become serious. Monitoring shows that current approaches are not working and helps us to respond effectively to any changes using data/evidence. This submission is evidence that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is not working in Kiritehere and is causing significant issues on the environment and the Community. 5. Increased traffic volumes have degraded the quality of the roads causing potholes and significant dust during the summer months. There has been no increase in road maintenance to accommodate for the increased traffic volume since 2019. The roads have been noticeably worse since the Bylaw was implemented in 2019. 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Without monitoring the Bylaw, how will Council know if visitors are staying over the 14 days? 14 days is too long for the lack of services that Council provide. The existing rubbish bin is not of sufficient capacity/size to accommodate one visitor for 14 days. <p>Kiritehere Community and the environment have suffered since Council implemented the Freedom Camping Bylaw in 2019. I request that all areas in Kiritehere be PROHIBITED in the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2022.</p> <p>Maria , e mihi ana ki a koe.</p>

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29	Tama Blackburn		<p>I oppose the freedom camping bylaw. I don't believe there is enough adequate infrastructure, servicing and monitoring to ensure the bylaw stipulations are followed and enforced. Most notably the lack of sufficient and safe toilets, cooking facilities, rubbish bins. Also the degradation of precious native flora and fauna, the roads due to increased traffic flows, and urupa. Health, safety and respect for the local communities and environment is crucial to making this work right.</p> <p>I would suggest hiring local Tangata Whenua to service the entire west coast to ensure tikanga and manaakitanga.</p> <p>Until these issues are mitigated properly, I will not support the freedom camping bylaw.</p>

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Council do not actively monitor the Freedom Camping Bylaw. This is unacceptable in remote areas like Kiritehere. How does Council know the impact on the environment or the Community without undertaking monitoring? Monitoring provides a number of real benefits for both the council and the community. Monitoring can give early warning of issues or problems before they become serious. Monitoring shows that current approaches are not working and helps us to respond effectively to any changes using data/evidence. This submission is evidence that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is not working in Kiritehere and is causing significant issues on the environment and the Community. 5. Increased traffic volumes have degraded the quality of the roads causing potholes and significant dust during the summer months. There has been no increase in road maintenance to accommodate for the increased traffic volume since 2019. The roads have been noticeably worse since the Bylaw was implemented in 2019. 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In 2019, Council did not undertake the appropriate due diligence when Kiritehere Cemetery was included within the Bylaw. In 1907 the entire site was gazetted as a cemetery and it remains gazetted as a cemetery to this day. Although this has been removed from the Bylaw through this review, it was not appropriate for Council to allow camping on a cemetery and then refuse to change the Bylaw now. This whenua (the whole area) is significant to our hapū. Decimation of the cemetery, the native plants and the place we call home is a call to action for us all. Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw has trampled the mana and affected the mauri (lifeforce) of the whenua. 3. Freedom camping does not provide any money directly into the local area economy within Kiritehere or Marokopa. There are no petrol or convenience services within 52kms. The local ratepayers carry the cost of freedom camping. Council have not invested any money into the local area since introducing the Bylaw in 2019 and this has a significant negative impact on the environment and the wellness of the local community. Kiritehere Community does not benefit from the freedom camping, we have to deal with the negative impact of Council's decision. 4. Council do not actively monitor the Freedom Camping Bylaw. This is unacceptable in remote areas like Kiritehere. How does Council know the impact on the environment or the Community without undertaking monitoring? Monitoring provides a number of real benefits for both the council and the community. Monitoring can give early warning of issues or problems before they become serious. Monitoring shows that current approaches are not working and helps us to respond effectively to any changes using data/evidence. This submission is evidence that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is not working in Kiritehere and is causing significant issues on the environment and the Community. 5. Increased traffic volumes have degraded the quality of the roads causing potholes and significant dust during the summer months. There has been no increase in road maintenance to accommodate for the increased traffic volume since 2019. The roads have been noticeably worse since the Bylaw was implemented in 2019. Lack of traffic monitoring by Council means that there is no data to inform strategic planning and provide a responsive capital works programme that meets the needs of the Community. 6. An increase in rubbish has been evident since the implementation of the Bylaw in 2019. Council have failed to provide additional rubbish bins to cope with the increase of visitors. One kitchen sized rubbish bin is not sufficient. There have been issues with visitors putting the rubbish in the toilet as the bin is full. 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