

26 August 2013

Memo To: His Worship the Mayor and Councillors

Memo From: Linda Canton

Administration Adviser

**Subject: COUNCIL MEETING – TO HEAR SUBMISSIONS TO THE CAMPING  
BYLAW REVOCATION – 27 AUGUST 2013**

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At the time of distributing the agenda for the above meeting, the submissions period was still open. Please now find enclosed an updated Hearing Schedule and Copy of Submissions, which includes all submissions received after the agenda was issued.

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**Tuesday 27 August 2013**

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9.05	13	Cynthia McConville	
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**Bev McShea**

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**Would you like to speak at a Council hearing in support of your submission?**

No

**Your submission**

I oppose the repelling of the current bylaw.

Council public relations has put forward that "there are fewer complaints about freedom campers, therefore the public is becoming more tolerant". This is a RIDICULOUS, unsupported assertion.

Why are there fewer complaints? Because we've made it harder for freedom campers.

Keep it that way. A few more campervans may mean a few hundred dollars a day going into the pockets of a handful of merchants, meanwhile 40,000 residents have to suffer the sight of ugly campervans with massive branding, crowded parking and so on.

Council does not work for merchants only. Respect the wishes of ratepayers.

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**Would you like to speak at a Council hearing in support of your submission?**

Yes

**Your submission**

As a Nelson resident and a NZ citizen I fully support the Council's proposal to revoke the Camping Bylaw (220). Furthermore, I fully support a permissive approach to freedom camping throughout New Zealand. We are fortunate to live in a country which is sparsely populated, with world class opportunities for both locals and visitors to appreciate the outdoors in non-commercial and wilderness locations. A permissive approach to freedom camping is not only consistent with the worldwide image of New Zealand, as a country in which the outdoor experience can be fully appreciated, but also something which many New Zealanders really value.

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**Would you like to speak at a Council hearing in support of your submission?**

No

**Your submission**

self contained freedom camping should be encouraged, it has no disadvantages and to ban it is extremely short sighted of any council. Encouraging people to stay in the nelson region by welcoming freedom camping can only be good for every level of the economy.

**~~Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?~~**

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No

**Your submission**

Yes, please revoke the law so more locals can have affordable weekend breaks.

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**

**Bev McShea**

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**Would you like to speak at a Council hearing in support of your submission?**

No

**Your submission**

Please revoke Camping by-law 220

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**



**Bev McShea**

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No

**Your submission**

I believe a self contained camper van should be allowed to park and overnight freely within reason throughout our district. Campers in vehicles or tents without provision for collection of domestic refuse and litter (A rubbish bin or bag) and without the facility to retain human waste (a portable toilet with suitable storage capacity) should be restricted to certain sites only.

These rules should be able to be enforced via powers granted to suitably qualified council staff or contractors backed by a fine if necessary.

Penalising responsible campers for the sake of those that leave a mess is lazy policy making.

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**

**Jackie Scrivner**

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**Your submission**

Yes, I am in support of getting rid of the current camping bylaw. I feel the freedom of New Zealanders to be able to explore our beautiful country is fundamental to each kiwi having a rich life no matter how much money you have. I also believe with responsible freedom camping you encourage more activity around our country which will have greater economic benefits to each region. We should be supporting all New Zealanders and visitors to our country to experience the amazing potential that we have, and not restrict it to the wealthy, especially as camping in camp grounds is becoming very expensive and there is now fewer camp grounds in the prime spots. Lets work towards making every single kiwi live a rich life. Thank you, Brendon

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**

**Jackie Scrivner**

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No

**Your submission**

As I took the time in 2011 to express my concerns regarding the planned Camping Bylaw, I now like to express my appreciation about the plan to revoke this Camping Bylaw.

As people in general are more motivated to express their concern than to express their appreciation, I fear that you might get more submissions expressing disapproval than approval.

I rather live in a country that supports individual freedom than collective restriction.

I think we all know that in any society exist antisocial and careless individuals and we have long learned (or should have) that antisocial behavior cannot be regulated via laws and can only be responded to with consequences. Otherwise we soon have to outlaw picnicing in public places as well.

I still cannot understand why camping should be outlawed in public parks and reserves, as it is there where you find the public toilets and it would provide a marvelous opportunity for meeting and exchange between residents and visitors.

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**

**Bev McShea**

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**From:** Submissions  
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Yes

**Your submission**

see attached

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**

Freedom-camping-bylaw-feedback.docx - [Download File](#)

## Background

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the national law) is at odds with the Nelson Bylaw. From our understanding, it seems the main problem NCC have is that the national law says you cannot make a bylaw that imposes a “blanket ban” on freedom camping. The old NCC bylaw does this. Therefore the NCC has to abolish the bylaw as it cannot be enforced.

The National Law is now in effect. What it says is

- you cannot freedom camp in MOST areas . The council specifies these (in Nelson that is residential and park land)
- you can freedom camp on public land that is not excluded, as long as you don't litter (\$200 instant fine enforceable by Police)

NCC would like campers that are not self contained to camp near public toilets (not sure on the position of Neale Park). However the 3 big carparks in the centre are ok to camp, which of course raises the question of tourist safety – we would be concerned about tourists being robbed or hurt by unruly behaviour and especially in the weekends.

Aside from the issues of toilets and the waste from these toilets, we see other just as important issues.

- Safety (as talked about above)
- Health (contaminated drinking water, poisoning through gas cooker or heater fumes in enclosed spaces)
- Fire risk (a gas cooker on the boot of your old car next to the fuel tank)
- Loss of income for local accommodation providers
- Crowding out other paying “legitimate” users from popular park areas/attractions (110 000 freedom campers in the Nelson region in 2011 as per government statistics)
- Free-loaders at hostels trying to use facilities causing thousands of dollars in damage, cost (power & wear and tare) for owners
- Cost of providing facilities like Neale Park toilets for ratepayers not acceptable, cost of enforcement by security companies.
- Most freedom campers are actually from Countries where freedom camp is NOT permitted (in Germany you even have to pay to use a public toilet). Uk=not permitted, France=not permitted,
- Ratepayers are losing as council owned campgrounds miss out (Council effectively competes against its own ratepayers by offering free camping as opposed to \$6 camping on ratepayer owned campgrounds)

We also question the argument that these freedom campers are benefitting the local economy in a meaningful way.

- The van they buy is most likely bought from another overseas tourist, so there is no money staying in the country. They will also sell it again to an overseas tourist.
- They may shop in an Australian owned supermarket - no money staying in the country

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- These tourists will also take advantage of the many wonderful activities that they can do for free in the region (walking the Abel Tasman) which at the end of the day is subsidised by our rates and taxes. The issue here being just how much more do we as an industry need to subsidise our visitors (of note here is why legitimate users rightly complain that the hut fees on the Abel Tasman Park walk have gone up to \$35 per night).

### Summary

The language used states - "The message from central government has been quite clear. We should welcome freedom camping, which is popular with kiwis and international visitors alike"

While they may not be spending on accommodation, they will be shopping, eating out, and trying out lots of local activities so there's still a huge economic benefit for our town. They'll also tell others of the friendly reception they got in Nelson, encouraging further visitors to come to our beautiful city.

*We have issue with this summary, much of our concerns being raised above.*

- We would question how many Kiwis freedom camp in the style and way that is in question here
- Many of these tourists shop in foreign owned supermarkets and will embark on "free" activities
- Their impression of Nelson after a Friday night camping in Buxton Square may not be encouraging to other visitors

**Natascha Van Dien**

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a submission on the proposal to revoke by law 220 on Freedom Camping. This submission is presented on behalf of the NZ Motorhome and Caravan Forum, an on-line discussion forum with around 3600 memberships.

We regret that we will be unable to present our submission in person.

Thank you for the opportunity to present it.

Mark Howard

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## **Submission to Nelson City Council on Revocation of Freedom Camping Bylaw 220**

**on behalf of The NZ Motorhome and Caravan Forum**

### **Introduction**

A submission on the proposal to revoke the 2011 Freedom Camping bylaw (220).

This submission is on behalf of the NZ Motorhome and Caravan Forum ([www.nzmotorhome.co.nz/NZMotorhomeForum](http://www.nzmotorhome.co.nz/NZMotorhomeForum)), an online community with over 3500 members who share the common interest of motorhome and caravan travel in New Zealand

A large number of Forum members freedom camp responsibly, that is, using Certified Self Contained (CSC) vehicles (complying with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001). With the passing of the Freedom Camping Act (FCA) and some District Councils' response to it, this topic has been the subject of much discussion on the Forum's pages. Members are widely concerned at the potential loss of opportunities for responsible owners of CSC vehicles.

### **Basis of Submission**

- The Forum's submission is to support the council's proposal to revoke the existing Freedom Camping bylaw which essentially imposed a blanket ban on any sort of camping or overnight parking outside of registered Motor Camps
- It is noted that council intends to use provisions of the Nelson Resource Management Plan, the Reserves Act, individual Reserve Management Plans to control Freedom Camping in the city.
- We are concerned that these plans, in their current forms, will serve to frustrate council's stated aim: "Nelson wants to be welcoming to visitors who camp responsibly." because they apparently (currently) prevent the use of your more attractive parks and reserves for overnight parking by CSC vehicles.



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- We have a further concern that Council believes that it can employ the infringement regime embodied in the Freedom Camping Act in circumstances where no “offence” has been committed.

### **Economic Benefit to District**

Your businesses need all the assistance that they can get from their council and we imagine that council spends a significant amount of money on promotions to attract visitors to spend time - and money - in the city.

Once these promotions have successfully attracted people to visit, why would you then require motorhome based visitors to stay in either the CBD or an industrial area rather than allowing them to choose to stay in one of your many attractive parks or reserves? If visitors find the park-over opportunities offered by the city agreeable, they are more likely to stay (and spend) for an extra day or two.

There are in excess of 25,000 CSC motorhomes in NZ and their occupants spend freely wherever there are ample attractions and outlets such as in your city: supermarkets and other shops, bakeries, cafes and restaurants, gas stations as well as your many tourist attractions and activities. Recent report (2012) on behalf of the NZ Tourism Board suggest the average spend for such visitors is \$195 per day.

If your city is truly welcoming to these visitors, the economic benefits, through longer stays, will be substantial.

### **There is Camping - and there is Camping**

The reserve management plans and the Reserves Act, which you will be relying on to govern Freedom Camping, probably contain rulings about where “camping” is and is not allowed.

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We ask that you consider 2 aspects of this:

**1. There are vast differences between activities that can be defined as “camping”.**

The picture below shows one activity which is described as “camping”. There is significant impact on the land, vegetation and any nearby residents. It is questionable how environmentally friendly the toilet and ablutionary facilities are in this sort of situation.



This is clearly very good, wholesome family fun - but we fully understand that you would wish to protect your reserves and residents from this sort of camping activity within your council boundaries. Such camping is rightfully to be restricted to designated camping grounds and backcountry areas.

The following activity is also described as “camping”.

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We hope that you agree that the parking of a self contained motorhome overnight represents a very different impact on both the reserve and on any nearby residents, even if it were to be encouraged within park in the residential areas of your city.

The picture was taken in the Hackett reserve in the Aniseed valley.

### **2. What effects of Camping would you be seeking to mitigate by a prohibition?**

It is accepted that tenting and “camping” *in vehicles without self-containment* should be properly restricted (generally) to registered camping grounds. In the case of the vehicles with no self-containment, you may decide to allow overnighiting in some public reserves where public toilets are available.

Therefore, in seeking to mitigate negative effects, you only need consider the effects that a

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*self-contained camper* would have on the environment:

a. Access by residents

If this is a valid objection, it may be addressed by signage, which directs parking to a particular acceptable area and between particular acceptable times.

b. Damage to land and vegetation

Signage restricting stays to a certain number of days (so that grass cover is not damaged), specifying maximum vehicle weight and, if necessary, prohibiting the use of awnings and ground mats would be enough to eliminate these risks. In fact some other councils have found that the incidence of motorised hooligans, causing damage to reserve grass areas, has been significantly diminished when CSC vehicles are encouraged to stay overnight.

c. Visual effect for residents.

The intention of government through the FCA was to allow freedom camping as the default position. Restrictions could be imposed for a number of reasons: the views of residents was not one of them.

Having said that, on balance, the owners of self-contained campers do not present the same social and visual risks as do the users of sleeper vans and touring station wagons. We expect that these risks, nevertheless, would be adequately managed through the imposition of a maximum number of night's stay and a maximum number of vehicles. In some places you may consider it appropriate to limit the use of awnings and outside furniture in order to reduce visual impact.

The impact of self-contained motorhomes and campervans, in all these areas, is minimal and can be managed. We contend that management will be of greater benefit to your city than will the prohibition of overnighting from the majority of your city.

## Review of Resource Management Plans

We ask that you seriously consider taking these two aspects of:

- the breadth of the definition of camping,
- and the minimal effects of CSC overnight parking,

into account when you review your reserve management plans, with a view to expanding the number of places that visitors can park overnight beyond merely urban car-parks, to include some of your more attractive parks and reserves,.

One of the outcomes that you hope will arise from your proposal to revoke the current bylaw is that:

*"[Campervanning visitors] will also tell others of the friendly reception they got in Nelson, encouraging further visitors to come to our beautiful city."*

We believe that will not happen until such time as you find a way to give visitors more attractive choices of park-overs by reviewing your reserve management plans in a way that allows you to offer such places in your parks and reserves.

If it is your intention to allow overnighting in some of your reserves merely by not actively policing its prohibition, that is a poor substitute for having appropriate laws in place because law-abiding visitors (the sort that are preferred, we expect) will see that overnighting is prohibited and move on out of your city: they will not test your leniency.

## Use of FCA Infringement Regime

We note that council intends to use the FAC infringement regime to control freedom camping:

*With this option Council can also use the provisions of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 to manage the effects of freedom camping and can issue instant fines of \$200 for some offences under the Act such as causing damage to an area or its flora or fauna, depositing waste or failing to leave an area when requested to do so by an enforcement officer.*

We agree with most of this statement but doubt that you may impose an instant fine on someone for "failing to leave an area when requested to do so by an enforcement officer" since that is not defined as an offence under the FCA.

### **Conclusion**

We thank you for the opportunity to present these submissions:

- we support your proposal to revoke the existing freedom camping bylaw
- we urge you to review your reserve management plans with a view to freeing up more parks and reserves for freedom camping.
- we ask that you take another look at the circumstances that allow you to employ the FCA infringement regime.

We regret that we will be unable to present our submissions in person.

**Mark Howard**

on behalf of

NZ Motorhome and Caravan Forum

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NELSON CITY COUNCIL

Nelson City Council Public Consultation Submission form

The Nelson City Council wants your opinion. Please tell us what you think.

Please type or print clearly. Remember to read the submission writing guidelines (over) before starting.

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?  YES  NO # of pages

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Public information

Submissions to Council consultation are public information. Your submission will be included in reports, which are available to the public and the media.

The consultation/proposal my submission relates to:

Proposal to Revoke N.C.C. Camping Bylaw (Bylaw 220)

My submission is:

1. The Brixton Square & Montgomery car parks where camping is allowed under the proposal, need careful monitoring by Council enforcement officers. We wonder what authority they will have to ensure 'good behaviour' and to move campers to more suitable spots.
2. We see the area in Tahunanui as suitable for camping - again if monitored. We suggest both 1 & 2 need good signage and some means of ensuring vehicles move out before day time users of the areas arrive.
3. We point out that rental vehicles will not all be collected from local outlets. We suggest information on freedom camping need to go to rental outlets in all the main centres.

I thank you for enabling my organisation to participate in this session.

Date August 19th 2013 Signature Queenie Ballance.

Help with making a submission overleaf...



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**Bev McShea**

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**Would you like to speak at a Council hearing in support of your submission?**

No

**Your submission**

We are pleased that Nelson is now becoming more welcoming to tourists in CSC motorhomes. As members of the NZMCA we have travelled in the NI and frequently get comments from NI members who have travelled through this area re feeling unwelcome in Nelson. One member told us that they went on to Richmond Mall and stocked up ,spending \$500 there because they couldn't find anywhere to park in Nelson.

I would also like to suggest that directions to the transfer station and hours open be placed in a prominent position at the areas you have designated for camping .

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**



**Bev McShea**

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**Would you like to speak at a Council hearing in support of your submission?**

Yes

**Your submission**

I object to relying on the sole use of existing statutes and regulations to manage freedom camping i.e. the Resource Management Act and the Reserves Act. The working party has let down the people of Nelson and let down travelers and visitors to our City by failing to provide a suitable area for freedom campers without facilities in their vehicles. These people will continue to come to Nelson and some of them will continue to disrespect our environment. The employment of enforcement officers and the ensuing fines is unnecessary. This Council needs to consult with the community and identify a suitable area for freedom campers who are without facilities.

**Would you like to attach a file in support of your submission?**

**Bev McShea**

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Good afternoon,

Please find a copy of the NZMCA's submission attached.

Kind regards,  
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## New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

20 August 2013

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### **SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED REVOCATION OF THE CAMPING BYLAW 2011**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. ("NZMCA") appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Nelson City Council ("the Council") proposal to revoke the Camping Bylaw 2011 ("the Bylaw").
2. The NZMCA has a membership base in excess of 50,000 New Zealanders who are passionate about exploring New Zealand, at leisure, in their purpose built motor homes and caravans. The NZMCA's purpose is to foster and advance the motor caravan movement by providing relevant services and information, promoting fellowship, vehicle safety, road courtesy and protection of the environment.
3. In consultation with the Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Conservation, and Local Government New Zealand, the NZMCA developed a draft model freedom camping bylaw to promote nationally consistent and lawful bylaws made under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
4. The model provides a starting point for local authorities who are contemplating freedom camping bylaws. We are preparing to send all local authorities a copy of the model by the end of August 2013. A copy will be sent to the Nelson City Council for future reference (acknowledging the proposal to revoke the Camping Bylaw does not introduce a new bylaw made under the Freedom Camping Act).
5. The NZMCA wishes to collaborate with the Council to promote responsible overnight parking across Nelson and ensure the Council's overall approach

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to managing overnight parking is consistent with the permissive intent of the Freedom Camping Act.

### **SUMMARY AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. We commend the Council for recently undertaking a thorough assessment of the camping-related issues within Nelson, and in the process concluding that in order to comply with the Freedom Camping Act it is necessary to revoke the bylaw and (for the time being) not replace it with a new bylaw under section 11 of the Act.
7. We support revoking the current bylaw as proposed and, if it were deemed necessary, would also support the Council adopting a new bylaw made under section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act provided it was consistent with the legislative requirements.
8. The Nelson Resource Management Plan ("NRMP") and various individual Reserve Management Plans ("RMPs") have prohibitive policies towards responsible freedom camping. To achieve a consistent 'permissive' management regime, we recommend the Council:
  - a) **Reviews** the NRMP with a view to permitting overnight parking in certified self-contained ("CSC") vehicles within the Residential and Open Space and Recreational Zones, and
  - b) **Reviews** the relevant RMP policies with a view to permitting overnight parking in CSC vehicles, and allow Council the discretion to permit overnight parking on reserves during special events.
9. We recommend a review of these policies is included within the Council's 2014 work plan.

### **NELSON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

10. Although the Freedom Camping Act may not override the objectives, policies and rules that apply to overnight parking under the NRMP and RMPs, it is recommended the Council moves to adopt a consistent management regime across its planning framework. You can achieve this by amending the NRMP and RMPs, bringing them into line with the permissive intent of this proposal.
11. We suspect overnight parking in CSC vehicles (as an activity) was not contemplated when the NRMP and RMP policies were originally drafted, therefore it may not be the Council's intention to rigorously enforce these policies on those overnight parking in CSC vehicles.

12. Nevertheless, under the proposal and referring to the map of freedom camping areas<sup>1</sup>, the Council still prohibits overnight parking across the majority of urban areas and reserves. We submit that in many "prohibited" areas there may well be suitable sites (e.g. reserve car parks) for CSC vehicles to park overnight. Retaining the restrictive policies under the NRMP and RMPs will be at odds with the rationale behind this proposal, which implies the revocation of the bylaw is necessary as the Council wishes to comply with the Freedom Camping Act and permit responsible freedom camping as Parliament envisaged.
13. There are numerous occasions when people may decide to park overnight within the urban/town boundary, for example visiting family and friends, or preferring to park within close proximity to local amenities. If these visitors are not causing problems that would lawfully justify restrictive policies under the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the RMA") or Reserves Act 1977 ("the RA") (and we suggest they wouldn't), then the Council must review these plans.
14. We accept that Council will unlikely use the enforcement tools under the RMA or RA for minor misdemeanors. However, it could if it so desired and many visitors will assume this to be a high probability as two local authorities are well known for their strict enforcement regimes, fining people for relatively minor offences under the Freedom Camping Act.
15. Despite the Council's motivation for revoking the bylaw, we expect many NZMCA members will have reservations over visiting Nelson because of the restrictive policies under the NRMP and RMPs.
16. We also submit that continuing to prohibit freedom camping as proposed may inadvertently create issues associated with irresponsible freedom camper (i.e. those in non-CSC vehicles) within rural environs, as this is where prospective campers are effectively directed to overnight park. Will the Council have sufficient resources to adequately monitor this potential issue? By permitting overnight parking in urban areas the Council may minimise rural issues and improve monitoring of the activity.
17. We would appreciate the opportunity to speak to this submission at the hearing.

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<sup>1</sup> The map of permitted and prohibited areas provided to the NZMCA by the Council in a letter dated 18 July 2013.

## Bev McShea

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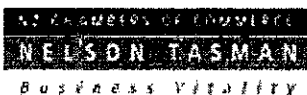
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20 August 2013

## Submission to Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council re Freedom Camping

### Background

This submission is made by the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce on behalf of our 530 members. We welcome the opportunity to be heard in support of our submission

### Submission

As part of our local government election priorities in 2010 the Chamber identified a key issue for our region as inappropriate vehicle based camping. We continue to believe the priority for council in this area is to welcome visitors and minimise inappropriate vehicle based camping.

Control of inappropriate vehicle based camping will contribute to:

- o Safer conditions for Tourists & New Zealanders freedom camping
- o Less irate locals and rate payers taking matters into their own hands
- o Controlled environment for those wanting to freedom camp
- o Better communication to ancillary services, petrol stations, supermarkets which will help educate those not travelling in commercial vans.

We do not support the encouragement for vehicles to park overnight in central city car parks as proposed in Nelson, especially without significant additional security. Such a policy has the potential to have two negative impacts:

1. Exposing tourists to some of the worst experiences of Nelson at night
2. Putting the safety of property and people more at risk.

We urge both councils to adopt policies that encourage vehicle based camping to use campgrounds, motels and backpackers to ensure they have a safe and pleasant experience and contribute to the health and protection of the environment. We urge councils to impose restrictions on inappropriate vehicle based camping.

Dot Kettle  
CEO

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