
**Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to hear
submissions to the Camping Bylaw Revocation**

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Tuesday 27 August 2013, commencing at 9.05am

Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio (Chairperson), Councillors A Boswijk, I Barker, G Collingwood, R Copeland, K Fulton, P Matheson, R Reese, D Shaw, and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Acting Chief Financial Officer (T Hughes), Manager Administration (P Langley), Manager Strategic Response (C Ward), Policy Adviser (S Yarrow), and Administration Adviser (L Laird)

Apologies: Councillor J Rackley, P Rainey, and Councillor E Davy

1. Apologies

Resolved

***THAT apologies be received and accepted from
Councillors J Rackley, P Rainey and E Davy.***

Boswijk/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register and no interests with items on the agenda were noted.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

His Worship the Mayor advised that additional submitters would speak at the meeting and an updated hearing schedule had been tabled with the additional documents (1583863).

4. Submissions to the Camping Bylaw Revocation

4.1 Peter Patullo, Tasman Bay Backpackers

Mr Patullo spoke about the proposal to revoke the Camping Bylaw, and said he disagreed with some of the Council initiatives.

He said that freedom campers are generally people with limited spending. He added that local accommodation providers would lose revenue should freedom camping be allowed in the city, as would Council owned campgrounds. He said ratepayers would be left to subsidise services for freedom campers.

Mr Patullo said his backpacker hostel was located close to Neale Park and often freedom campers staying in the Park used his facilities without paying.

In response to a question, Mr Patullo recognised that should the Council further restrict freedom camping different rules would need to apply to self-contained campers.

4.2 Cynthia McConville

Ms McConville endorsed the comments made by the previous presenter, Mr Patullo. She said she inferred from the proposal that the Council sought to push freedom campers into town.

In response to question, Ms McConville said in her opinion the number of freedom campers in Nelson had increased, particularly with the growing number of camper van hire companies.

In response to a further question, Ms McConville said freedom camping should be limited to areas that have adequate facilities, particularly toilets. She added that the environmental issues associated with freedom camping should form the basis of any change to the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

4.3 James Imlach, NZ Motor Caravan Association

Mr Imlach could not attend the hearing yet requested his presentation be tabled (1584262).

It was requested that at the meeting to deliberate on the submissions, information as to whether the bylaw was promoting inner city car parks as an option be provided.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.28am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date