

Urgent decision: Franklin Local Board

8 February 2017

Sue O’Gorman
Relationship Manager

Re: Freedom Camping Pilot Project

1. Purpose

The purpose of this urgent decision is to seek your approval to include certain site(s) in your local board area for the Freedom Camping Pilot project.

2. Background

The council’s current management approach to freedom camping is largely a reactive one, with the majority of resources being deployed where risks are perceived to be the strongest. This often means addressing a risk once it has become an issue. This approach is resource intensive and does not address the problem.

A new approach is proposed to be tested through a pilot. The pilot will occur across a range of sites in the region over February and March to:

- actively manage supply by doubling the capacity for freedom campers to sleep in designated areas
- actively manage demand, by switching from a reactive approach - to a preventative one that proactively disperses campers before over-crowding occurs
- establish a quick-response team to respond to harm.

Through a workshop held in November 2016, the local board supported a detailed assessment of five sites for potential inclusion in the proposed pilot. Following this stakeholders were engaged about the proposed sites. Where the community has not supported a site, the site has not been included.

3. Reason for urgency

Due to the timing of the pilot project, the council summer recess, and the associated peak season of freedom camping, this decision is required before the local board’s next scheduled business meeting.

4. Recommendation

Staff recommend the Franklin Local Board approve the following sites for inclusion in the freedom camping pilot to run for two months from early February 2017. The site at Umupuia Scenic Reserve will not be included in the pilot. The Clevedon and Orere Point sites will be subject to a separate urgent decision.

Site	Approval (Y/N)
Hamiltons Gap	Y
Rosa Birch Park	Y
Te Toro Reserve	Y
Waiuku Service Centre	Y
Whitford Point Reserve	Y

Authorised for release:



Signed by Sue O'Gorman
Relationship Manager, Franklin Local Board

Date: 9th February 2017

Signatories



Angela Fulljames
Chairperson, Franklin Local Board

Date: 9th February 2017



Andy Baker
Deputy Chairperson, Franklin Local Board

Date: 9th February 2017

Additional information

Sites approved for inclusion in the pilot will be prepared for limited use by campers overnight and where necessary service levels will be adjusted to ensure that toilet and waste management facilities are able to cope with the activity. Any additional costs will be funded out of existing budgets and will not impact local development initiatives.

Attached to this memo is land-owner approval documentation outlining how the pilot will be run in the Franklin Local Board area. Only campers with a certified self-contained vehicle will be allowed to stay at temporary freedom camping spots in the Franklin Local Board area.

Staff have reviewed service levels at the pilot sites to ensure infrastructure is appropriately managed. Where a site is not coping with demand and risks are unable to be effectively managed, sites will be removed from the pilot, in consultation with the local board.

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