

*Feedback on:*

## **The Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw**

16 September 2019

*For clarifications and questions, please contact:*

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### **Context**

1. At the Governing Body's 22 August 2019 business meeting it resolved to direct staff to formulate a new Statement of Proposal for the Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw for consideration by the Regulatory Committee (or its equivalent) and the Governing Body, following consultation with Local Boards.
2. Initial advice on the following potential elements of a future Statement of Proposal will include:
  - areas prohibited and restricted for freedom camping taking the recommendations of the Hearings Panel and previous submissions from the public into account
  - a general rule that regulates freedom camping outside these areas
  - any other specific proposal for possible inclusion in a Statement of Proposal that is communicated to the Chief Executive by a councillor or Local Board before 30 September 2019.
3. At the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's 27 August business meeting, it delegated authority to Chairperson, Chris Makoare and Deputy Chairperson, Debbie Burrows to input into Auckland Council's submission on the Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw (resolution: MT/2019/132).
4. The due date for local board input into the Statement of Proposal for the Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw is 30 September 2019.
5. All of the specific proposals for possible inclusion identified by Local Boards will be incorporated into the staff advice and reported back to the Regulatory Committee (or its equivalent) and the Governing Body in the new term.

### **Relevance to the Local board**

6. Local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. Local boards also have a role in representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance.
7. At the local board's 26 June business meeting it resolved feedback on the initial Freedom Camping Bylaw development (resolution: MT/2018/94). The local board's prior feedback can be found in Attachment A.
8. In February 2019 the Chair and Deputy Chair presented to the Hearings Panel on the initial Statement of Proposal.
9. Every three years local boards set their strategic direction through a local board plan. The Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw has relevance to the following outcomes and objectives the 2017 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan:

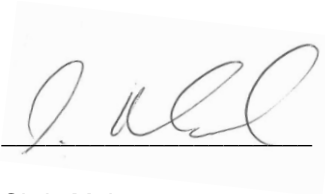
Outcomes	Objectives
<b>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is an active and engaged community</b>	Our community is a safer place.
<b>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is a community that cares about its environment</b>	Demonstrate environmental leadership and support community sustainability initiatives.
	Clean, beautiful waters and waterside areas.
<b>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is the place to be</b>	Our suburbs and town centres are sought-after destinations to live, work and play.
<b>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki has quality infrastructure to match growth</b>	Safe and improved community facilities.
	Good-quality open spaces.
	Other infrastructure needs.

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board feedback on the Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw:**

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board provides the following input:

- a) recommend that the following sites be prohibited from freedom camping:
  - i) Allenby Reserve
  - ii) Domain Reserve
  - iii) Ian Shaw Park
  - iv) Mt Wellington War Memorial Reserve
  - v) Onehunga Bay Reserve
  - vi) Panmure Basin (Ireland Rd Entrance)
  - vii) Panmure Basin (Peterson Road entrance)
  - viii) Panmure Wharf Reserve
  - ix) Pt England Reserve (by GI Pool and Leisure)
  - x) Pt England Reserve (end of Pt England Road by sports field)
  - xi) Waipuna East Reserve
  - xii) Flat Rock Reserve
  - xiii) Gloucester Park North
  - xiv) Hamlin Park
  - xv) Jellicoe Park and Onehunga War Memorial Pools
  - xvi) Onehunga Bay Reserve
  - xvii) Panmure Basin (Cleary Rd entrance)
  - xviii) Taumanu Reserve (Onehunga Foreshore)
  - xix) Waikaraka Park (Captain Springs Rd entrance)
  - xx) Fergusson Domain
- b) endorse in principle the consideration of the following general rules, noting that the it is not the purpose or intention of the proposed bylaw to manage homelessness and a humane approach to enforcement will be taken to protect vulnerable members of the Auckland community:
  - i) a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside residential homes (unless the resident has granted permission for the vehicle to be parked outside their home)
  - ii) a prohibition of all freedom camping in vehicles parked directly outside commercial premises, educational facilities, healthcare facilities, playgrounds, and swimming pools
  - iii) a maximum number of nights stay at any specific site

- c) recommend ensuring that:
  - i) there is sufficient budget and resources to administer the bylaw effectively
  - ii) there are sufficient resources available to educate freedom campers about the bylaw and what this means for them
  - iii) there are sufficient resources to educate community members about the bylaw and how they can report compliance breaches
- d) recommend that the bylaw should direct all freedom campers using non self-contained vehicles to camping grounds as they provide the appropriate facilities to accommodate them
- e) recommend developing a permit scheme/booking system where freedom campers need to register in order for them to held accountable.



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Chair  
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board



Debbie Burrows  
Deputy Chair  
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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