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Attention: Responsible Camping Submissions

Tēnā Koutou,

Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document

We thank the Ministry for the opportunity to submit on this discussion document.

The Rangitikei District has several locations that are popular freedom camping sites, and two of our towns, Marton and Taihape, are considered motorhome friendly by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association. The Rangitikei District Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to consider the regulatory settings that will best support the implementation of the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Bill.

Council is aware of the submission prepared by Taituarā, and generally supports their position on the questions posed in this discussion document. Where Council has additional feedback to give alongside that submitted by Taituarā, it is listed below.

Self Containment Documentation

Council agrees with the preferred option identified for the self-containment certificate, which is to include details of the vehicle's facilities in the documentation. Alongside the points raised in the discussion document, Council notes that for our District, which is predominantly rural and has many areas without cellphone reception, Officers may not have access to online information. Having facility details on the self-containment certificate is therefore preferable to only entering this information in the online register.

Enforcement

While Council acknowledges the comment that \$1000 may be seen as overly high, it is our position that the higher infringement fee is a stronger deterrent, and is appropriate when there is actual damage to the area, flora or fauna.

Ngā mihi

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Mayor of the Rangitikei District