

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 8 June 2021
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth
Venue: Street, Collingwood

Golden Bay Community Board

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	A Langford
Deputy Chairperson	G Knowles
Members	D Gowland
	A Grant
	Cr C Butler
	Cr C Hill

(Quorum 3 members)

Contact Telephone: 03 525 0054
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Website: www.tasman.govt.nz

AGENDA

1 KARAKIA, OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence for this meeting was previously granted to Deputy Chair G Knowles.

Recommendation

That apologies be accepted.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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Nil

10 CLOSING KARAKIA

7 REPORTS

7.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

Decision Required

Report To: Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date: 8 June 2021
Report Author: Jess McAlinden, Team Leader Customer Services
Report Number: RGBCB21-06-1

1 Summary

1.1 The Chair's report is included for the agenda

2 Draft Resolution

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Chair's Report.

3 Items from Public Forum

3.1 The Board will discuss items raised in Public Forum.

4 Community Development Operations Update Report for Golden Bay

4.1 The Community Development Operations Update Report for Golden Bay is attached.

5 Graffiti removal

5.1 The Board requested this item be included in the Chairs report for further discussion.

5.2 Points for consideration include

- Extent of the problem on Council assets.
- Financial impact of a removal program vs status quo

5.3 It has been noted there has been an increase in graffiti on the concrete ramps at the Library Carpark Skate Park. While this is not desirable, it is currently contained to this area.

5.4 If graffiti is noted and unwanted outside of this area on another Council asset, then Property Services can be contacted to request removal.

6 200-300 Year Plan

6.1 It was suggested in Public Forum that the Board undertake consultation with the community to establish a 200-300 year plan for Golden Bay.

6.2 The Board should consider what this would look like, and how it would be implemented.

7 Historic Wharves

7.1 Cr Butler has requested this item be added to the Agenda for discussion, in order to report back to Council regarding the status of the Small Wharves Restoration project.

7.2 Deputy Chair Knowles provided an update at the last Community Board Meeting advising a new chair had been found for the Trust and that the project was in progress.

8 Easter Trading

8.1 At the full Council meeting on 20 May, 2021, Council passed a resolution to approve the Board request that Council delegate to the Board the power to propose and do all that is necessary to change the Local Easter Sunday Trading Policy as it relates to the Golden Bay Ward, up to but not including its adoption, under the Shop Trading Hours Act 1980.

8.2 The Board can now move forward with the process.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Community Development Operations Report for Golden Bay

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS UPDATE REPORT – 13 MAY 2021**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides the Golden Bay Community Board with an update on some of the key highlights of the Community Development Department's operational work on our approved work programmes since our last report at the 1 April 2021 Operations Committee meeting. This report covers the work undertaken by the Reserves and Facilities and Libraries section of the Community Development Department.

2. Libraries Update – Glennis Coote

- 2.1 This is an update of the Libraries activities from 1 February 2021 to 30 April 2021.

Events and Programmes

- 2.2 During the last three months, our Kotahitanga Cloak was on display at libraries across the District. The cloak was the result of a project during the Christmas school holiday period in which we encouraged library visitors to decorate a paper feather with words or symbols relating to kotahitanga, unity and togetherness, for Waitangi Day.



Kotahitanga Cloak at Richmond Library

- 2.3 Our 1000 Books Before School programme launched in Richmond, Takaka and Murchison in February. The programme aims to encourage parents and caregivers to read aloud to children from birth. By the end of April, 143 children from the Richmond, Motueka and Murchison areas had enrolled in the programme. The programme was developed by Motueka Library staff in partnership with the Motueka Family Service Centre. More than 500 children have enrolled in the programme since it was launched in Motueka in November 2017.
- 2.4 Takaka Library hosted two local history talks in collaboration with Golden Bay Museum. Local identity Geoff Rennison talked about "The hippie years at Totaranui:

how a small team of staff created a revolution in green management” and Warwick Briggs gave a photo presentation of “The Dragon’s Teeth: the horror country between Boulder Lake, Adelaide Tarn & Lonely Lake, 40 years of Dragon’s Teeth journeys”. The talks proved to be extremely popular with more than 80 people attending each talk.

New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme Funding

- 2.5 We have established a number of new initiatives with the funding received from the New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme.
- 2.6 A project to record local oral histories and store these in our digital repository is underway. The new oral history collection is intended to be an online living archive of our local voices with a rich, highly representational range of Tasman District’s voices, across all demographics.
- 2.7 As a first step we have reached out to Tasman’s eight iwi to let them know about the project and to find out how the oral history collection could be of most use to them, so that we can make sure that the oral history collection is representational of and useful to iwi. The oral history collection will be representational and inclusive of the different stories of local iwi and people can contribute their story in te reo Māori or English.
- 2.8 Our new Pop-up library has visited events and places around the Tasman District. At the pop-up library, people can sign up and renew memberships, borrow books, learn about the library e-resources, events, activities and all the services our libraries have to offer. The Pop-up Library has been located at Children’s Day at the Aquatic Centre, the Langford Store at Bainham, the Tiny House Expo in Motueka, Skatepark Girls’ Takeover at Richmond Skatepark and the Richmond Council Office. Feedback has been extremely positive and since the launch in March, there have been 220 user engagements at the pop-up library.



Pop-up library at the Aquatic Centre



Pop-up Library at the Big Little House Expo

- 2.9 We have expanded the range of digital skills training and assistance we provide. Our Digital Learning and Digitisation Specialist now runs regular free Digi Drop-In sessions at each of the four libraries. The sessions are open to users of all ages who need help with digital technology. We launched the service at the start of April, by the end of the month we had provided assistance for 34 people. Help topics included online banking, using library apps, help with setting up and using mobile devices, using Facebook and Messenger and using Zoom for online meetings

3. Reserves and Facilities Update – Richard Hollier

Capital Programme Update

- 3.1 The table below contains the key projects and activities that occurred in Council's reserves and facilities since the last Operations Committee meeting in April 2021.

PROJECT ID Number (as relevant)	PROJECT NAME Name of project	WORK DESCRIPTION Brief description of scope of work	STATUS Colour code Green – on track Yellow – slightly off track Red – off track cost concerns	COMPLETION DATE What phase is project in? – date of anticipated completion	PROJECT BUDGET Total budget approved (\$000)	PROJECT COST Total project cost (forecast) (\$000)	COMMENTS General Comments
Golden Bay Ward							
Halls	Bainham Hall	Water tank, pump & boiler	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Feb 21	5.700	5.700	Project completed on budget Oct 2020.
Halls	Collingwood Hall	Interior painting - toilets & library	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Apr 21	14.500	14.500	Project completed on budget Oct 2020.
Halls	Golden Bay Community Centre	Interior painting - foyer, toilets and reception	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Feb 21	14.500	14.500	Project completed on budget Jan 2021.
Halls	Kotinga Hall	Carpark extension	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Jun 21	9.000	9.000	Project completed on budget.
Halls	Pakawau Hall	Interior Painting - toilet & foyer	Slightly off track	Phase: Construction Complete: Apr 21	15.900	15.900	Work underway to be completed by June
ResFac	Coastcare	Coastal protection works	On Track	Phase: Construction Complete: Jun 21	50.531	50.531	2020 planting complete. Preparation for planting winter 2021 underway.
ResFac	Collingwood Cemetery	Develop new area	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Nov 20	5.000	8.000	Project completed on budget Oct 2020.
ResFac	Golden Bay Rec Park	Footpath & cricket block surfacing	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Nov 20	51.150	51.150	Project completed, on budget Nov 2020.
ResFac	Rototai Cemetery	Install signs	On Track	Phase: Design Complete: Jun 21	10.000	7.000	Aerial available work on signs progressing
ResFac	Ruataniwha Reserve	Develop new reserve	On Track	Phase: Construction Complete: Jun 21	24.377	20.252	Construction of concrete works underway, plus preparation of shrubberies.

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ResFac	Walkways/Esplanade development	Developments at Sunbelt Cres Esplanade Reserve, Bydder Reserve & bird interpretation signs	On Track	Phase: Construction Complete: May 21	27.184	27.184	Preparation for fencing underway – Sunbelt Cres Esp Reserve. Preparation Apr-June 2021, Bydder planting June 2021. Bird interp signs to 2021/22 year.
RFC Other	East Takaka Walkway	Construction of Takaka walkway - Community project	On Track	Phase: Construction Complete: Jun 21	6.062	6.062	Work continuing with fencing completed for access across farm.
RFC Other	Small Wharf Rebuild	Wharf restoration - Community project	Off Track	Phase: Planning Complete: Jun 21	40.000	40.000	Awaiting formation of Community Trust, consider abandonment.
RFC Other	Takaka Drama Society	Roof replacement - Community project	Complete	Phase: Complete Complete: Sep 20	13.100	13.100	Project complete Sep 2020.

7.2 DISCRETIONARY FUND APPLICATION**Decision Required**

Report To:	Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date:	8 June 2021
Report Author:	Jess McAlinden, Team Leader Customer Services
Report Number:	RGBCB21-06-2

Summary

- 1.1 The applications received for May 2021 round of discretionary funding are as follows:-
 Mohua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Trust - \$500.00
 The application complies with Board guidelines and the full application is attached for the Boards reference.
- 1.2 The Board has three options:-
 Option 1 - The Board can approve the application in full.
 Option 2 – The Board can approve an amount less than the application.
 Option 3 – The Board can decline the application. In declining the application, the Board should communicate the reason for the decision to the applicant.
- 1.3 If the application is approved in full or part, payment will be made to the applicant by direct credit within ten working days of receiving their bank account details.
- 1.4 To date this year the Board has granted a total of \$2000.00 in funding from the Golden Bay Community Board Discretionary Fund.

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the discretionary fund application report, and grants or declines applications as follows:

Applicant	Request	Grant/Decline
Mohua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Charitable Trust	\$500	

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Jess McAlinden

From: website@tasman.govt.nz
Sent: Saturday, 8 May 2021 12:46 pm
To: Jess McAlinden
Subject: Application - Golden Bay Community Board Discretionary Fund

A new application has been received.

Name of organisation*

Mohua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Charitable Trust

Address

144 Rangihaeata Road, RD2, Takaka, 7182.

Contact person*

Cynthia McConville

Contact phone*

027 601 3491

Email address*

goldenbaypenguins@gmail.com

What is the purpose of your organisation?

The preservation and protection of little blue penguins and their habitat in Golden Bay.

Amount applied for - up to \$500

\$500

Details of the project to be funded

We would like to buy a set of tools for maintenance on the western arm of Port Tarakohe for maintenance of vegetation and nesting boxes - wheelbarrow, flax cutter, loppers, buckets, leather gloves, gardening gloves, drill and rasp.

Benefits - Who or what will benefit from the project in the Golden Bay community?

Our little blue penguins will be the beneficiary as we ensure they have cleared areas for socialisation and our nesting boxes are maintained for monitoring purposes.

Describe any voluntary time and any other funding contributions received for this project

Our volunteers put in around 24 hours a week on the western arm - monitoring nesting boxes, trapping and maintaining the environment. We have not received any funding for tools, we have taken our own tools with us. However with the recent purchase of a garden shed for the western arm we would like to have our own tools so they are available for volunteers whenever wish to do the work.

Who else have you asked for funding for this project?

No one.

Bank account number

03 1354 0507233 00

You can upload a file to support your application

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Privacy Statement

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Attachment 1



Golden Bay Community Board

tasman district council

10 May 2021

Mohua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Charitable Trust

144 Rangihaeata Road,

RD2 Takaka

7182

goldenbaypenguins@gmail.com

Dear Cynthia,

Golden Bay Community Board – Discretionary Fund

Thank you for your application to the Golden Bay Community Board Discretionary Fund.

The Board will consider the funding application at the next meeting to be held on 8 June, 9.30am at the Collingwood Fire Station.

Applicants are welcome to attend and may be required to answer any questions the Board have regarding their application.

If you have any queries please contact the Board secretary on via email

jess.mcalinden@tasman.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

Abbie Langford
Chair
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Golden Bay Community Board

tasman district council

11 May 2021

Project De-Vine Environmental Trust
c/- Chris Rowse
12 Motupipi Street
Takaka 7110

11nikaus@gmail.com

Dear Chris,

Golden Bay Community Board – Discretionary Funds

I am pleased to advise that at the meeting held on 16 February 2020 the Golden Bay Community Board granted the Project De-Vine Environmental Trust \$500.00 from the Golden Bay Community Board's Discretionary Fund. The grant will be direct credited to your nominated bank account.

As a condition of the grant you are requested to report back to the Board within nine months with information on how the grant was used. Attached is an Accountability Form.

Please email the form to jess.mcalinden@tasman.govt.nz or post it at the latest during the month of December 2020 to:

Golden Bay Community Board - Secretary
Tasman District Council
PO Box 74
Takaka 7142

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to you and your team. I look forward to receiving your report.

Abbie Langford
Chair
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7.3 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Information Only - No Decision Required

Report To: Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date: 8 June 2021
Report Author: Liz Cameron, Assistant Management Accountant
Report Number: RGBCB21-06-3

1 Summary

- 1.1 The financial report for the period ending 30 April is attached (Attachment 1).
- 1.2 The net financial position for the year-to-date is a deficit of \$5,047.
- 1.3 Board expenses YTD are \$685 and are made up of electricity, travel, board meeting expenses.
- 1.4 The net position for the Community Board's overall funds, as at 30 April 2021, is a surplus balance of \$53,906.

2 Draft Resolution

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Financial Report

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3 Attachments

1. [↓](#) Financial Summary

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TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Golden Bay Community Board
April 2021

Profit and Loss	Monthly			YTD v Full Year		
	Actual	Budget	Budget %	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Annual Budget %
REVENUE						
CCB rate	4,884	4,864	100%	48,441	58,364	83%
Golden Bay Market	293	92	319%	2,768	1,612	172%
Closed Account Interest	13	39	33%	137	465	29%
Total revenue	5,190	4,995		51,345	60,441	
EXPENSE						
Remuneration						
Chairperson Monthly Salary	1,092	1,092	100%	10,919	13,103	83%
Members (3)	1,638	1,776	92%	16,378	21,317	77%
Community Board Members Reimbursements	142	678	21%	6,068	8,131	75%
Miscellaneous						
Photocopying	0	0	0%	0	476	0%
Community Board discretionary fund	0	0	0%	1,100	3,728	30%
Community Board special projects	0	0	0%	18,970	10,000	190%
Community Board expenses	685	87	787%	2,706	2,588	105%
Contingency allowance	0	70	0%	0	845	0%
Cost of elections	0	0	0%	253	253	100%
Total expenses	3,557	3,703	96%	56,394	60,441	93%
Net Charges	1,634	1,292		(5,047)	0	

Year to date**Equity**

Opening Surplus/(Deficit) Balance 1 July 2020	58,953
Net Income Surplus/(Deficit) April 2021	- 5,047
Closing Surplus/(Deficit) Balance 30 April 2021	53,906

Notes to the accounts**A) Discretionary fund**

Balance brought forward from 2019/20	-
Plus budget allocation	3,728
Available funds	3,728
Less expenditure	1,100
Remaining Balance	2,628

Discretionary Fund

Gibbs Hill Grant returned	- 500
GB Shared Rec Facility - fireworks	500
Collingwood School - prizegiving	50
Golden Bay - prizegiving	50
Golden Bay A&P Assn	500
GB Shared Rec Facility - Santa parade	500
Total expenditure to April 2021	1,100

B) Special Projects

Balance brought forward from 2019/20	20,000
Plus budget allocation	10,000
Available funds	30,000
Less expenditure	18,970
Remaining balance	11,030

Special Projects

CCTV Cameras	18,970
Total expenditure to April 2021	18,970

7.4 ACTION SHEET

Decision Required

Report To: Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date: 8 June 2021
Report Author: Jess McAlinden, Team Leader Customer Services
Report Number: RGBCB21-06-4

1 Summary

1.1 The Action Sheet is attached to this report.

2 Draft Resolution

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Action Sheet report.

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3 Purpose of this report

3.1 The Action sheet for this meeting is attached to this report.

4 Attachments

1. [↓](#) Action Sheet

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Action Sheet – Golden Bay Community Board

Item	Action Required	Responsibility	Completion Date/Status
Meeting Date: 9 June 2020			
Discretionary Fund	Abbie and Jess to request a report from staff to revise the limit on the Discretionary Fund Grant Applications	Abbie/Jess	15/6 - Jess and Abbie emailed Susan 17/7 – 13/10 – Ongoing 10/11 – Jess and Dennis to work on a report 8/12/ - ongoing 16/2 – This item has been ongoing for some time, does the Board still wish to proceed investigating an increase in the amount available for distribution from the Discretionary Grants Fund? 13/4 – Ongoing 11/5 - Ongoing
Meeting Date: 9 March 2021			
Footpaths and cycleways around Collingwood	Dennis to organise a discussion for development of footpaths and cycleways in Collingwood	Dennis	13/4 – Ongoing 11/5 – Report going to Operations Committee, Collingwood #8 on the footpaths matrix. Dennis to forward report to GBCB when available.
Meeting Date: 13 April 2021			
Metal Banners	Require securing, contractor approached, requires STMP. Abbie to seek assistance from Engineering	Abbie Grant	27/4 Response from Engineering: <i>The board would need to go through a contractor like Fulton Hogan to provide the traffic management. AS you will need both a TMP and someone to setup and manage the traffic management on site (this person must be a qualified STMS).</i> 11/5 – Grant to provide map of banner locations to Abbie
Willow St Carpark	Seeking establishment of time limited parking for the carpark	Abbie	27/4 Response from Engineering: <i>Yes this can be arranged, There a currently 6 P60 parks, 1 E-vehicle park & 1 disabled park. Can you let me know</i>

Item	Action Required	Responsibility	Completion Date/Status
			<i>if the Board has a particular number of parks they want restricted.</i> 11/5 – GBCB decided all of it should be 60 minutes. Abbie contacted Robert Deck
Pakawau Sea Wall	Ongoing Dennis to check with staff re pre-lodgement meeting	Abbie & Dennis	13/4 re-added to the Action sheet as an ongoing subject. 11/5 - Staff have met with the applicant representatives.
Meeting Date: 11 May 2021			
J Pearson	Correspondence out	Abbie/Jess	11/5 – completed
B Reilly	Correspondence out	Abbie/Jess	11/5 Completed

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Decision Required

Report To: Golden Bay Community Board
Meeting Date: 8 June 2021
Report Author: Jess McAlinden, Team Leader Customer Services
Report Number: RGBCB21-06-5

1 Summary

1.1 The correspondence report is attached to this report.

2 Draft Resolution

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Correspondence Report RGBCB21-06-5.

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3 Purpose of the Report

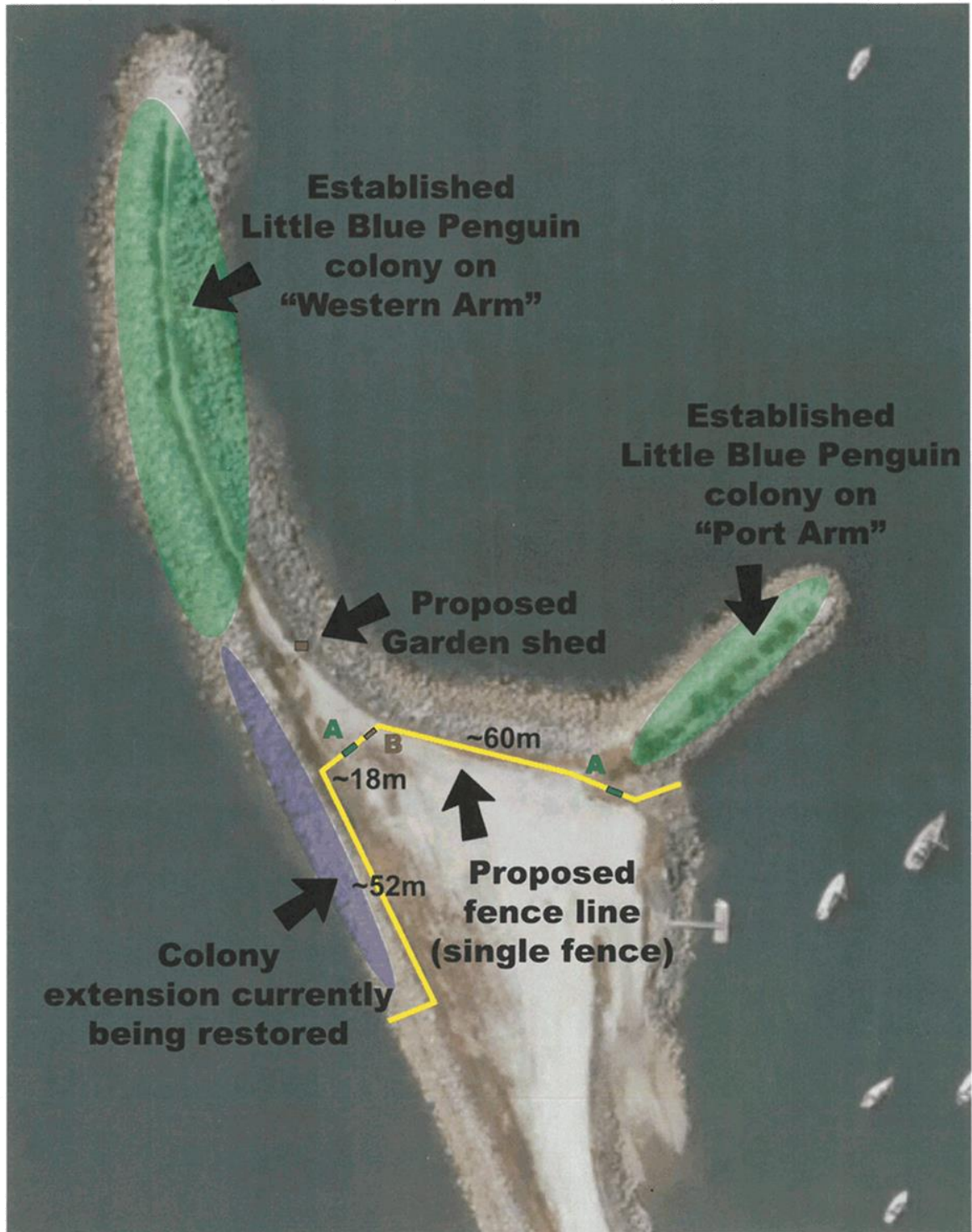
3.1 Items of correspondence are attached to this report

4 Attachments

1.	↓ Tabled Documents - C McConville 11-05-2021	33
2.	↓ Tabled Docs - Late Correspondence B Reilly 11-05-2021	35
3.	↓ Letter to J Pearson 11-05-2021	37
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Port Tarakohe - Single fence

Cynthia McConville
11/5/2021



Notes:

Fence lengths are approximate and do not include the descending sections towards the low tide marks. **A**: 3500mm wide access gate. **B**: 1000mm wide access gate (gates not to scale).

P.O. Box 36
TAKAKA.
7/5/2021

Community Board.
Takaka.

To Whom it may Concern.

At the moment there are 70,000 thousand people visiting the pu pu springs for year.

our proposal is to build a fresh water aquarium on land that we own on the way the springs were people can see the different fresh water fish and offer them a sample of water from the fresh water aquifer which is fed by the pu pu springs we have had this water tested and its is suitable drinking.

So we seek support from the community board for this proposal to apply for funding for this proposal.

signed Bernad Kelly

- hasn't been seen by iwi

03 5259802



- Owned by BR+J Kelly
- will charge entry to aquarium
- opportunity to buy water - 600m - 1t water

- letter of support from board
 - o increased tourism
 - o jobs for the community

Jess McAlinden

From: Jess McAlinden
Sent: Tuesday, 11 May 2021 12:11 pm
To: Jill Pearson
Cc: Abbie Langford
Subject: Grandstand

Kiaora Jill,

Please see below the responses received from Janine Dowding regarding your questions following the March meeting.

Kind regards,

Jess and Abbie.

That the information signs regarding the council awaiting a lease holder be removed from the grandstand

We will have a look at that and yes we would remove irrelevant signs.

Why is the restoration coming under the new building rules, which require amongst other things the installation of 9(?) toilets

Because a building consent is required to upgrade the grandstand and we must comply with current building standards. There is no discretion over that. There is a view within the community that this work does not require a building consent. That is not correct, the extent of work proposed means that building consent is required.

A and P and the grandstand Trust are very concerned that the grandstand will not be completed for the 125th.

I must remind everyone that Council has never made this commitment. While we have as staff and the negotiating team agreed to progress work that would allow council to consider earlier funding and works, no decisions has been made and the original decision stands which had a three year timeframe. As soon as we have enough information to put this matter before council we will.

Janine

Jess McAlinden
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Attachment 3



Golden Bay Community Board

tasman district council

11 May 2021

B Reilly
PO Box 34
Takaka
7142

Request of letter of support

Kia ora Bernal,

The Board discussed your letter dated 7 May 2021, and did not feel there was enough detail provided for the Board to make an informed decision on your proposal.

The Board also noted that it would be inappropriate for them to comment on a private commercial enterprise, so for these reasons the Board are unable to provide the letter of support you request.

Ngā mihi,



Abbie Langford
Chair

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Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand – Submission Form

How to provide us with feedback

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is collecting written submissions to gather a range of views on the Government's proposals to improve the management of freedom camping in New Zealand.

This submission form brings together all the questions asked throughout the discussion document *Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand – Proposed changes to support effective management of freedom camping in New Zealand*.

Please feel free to answer as many or as few of these questions as you wish.

For more information and discussion about these topics please refer to the discussion document available at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/supporting-sustainable-freedom-camping-in-aotearoa-new-zealand>.

Your submission can be returned by email to responsiblecamping@mbie.govt.nz. Submissions are due by midnight on Sunday 16 May.

Use and release of information

After the consultation period has closed, MBIE will publish a summary of submissions on our website at www.mbie.govt.nz.

We will not be publishing any individual submissions or names of individuals who made a submission. We may wish to include part of your submission in the summary of submissions; in that case, MBIE will first ensure we have your permission to do so.

If you are submitting on behalf of a business or organisation, MBIE will consider that you have consented to the content being included in the summary of submissions unless you clearly state otherwise. If your submission contains any information that is confidential or that you do not want published, you can say this in your submission.

The Privacy Act 2020 applies to your submission. Any personal information you supply to MBIE through your submission will only be used by MBIE for the purpose of producing a summary of submissions. The summary will present themes and no personally identifiable information will be included. The summary will be reported to the Minister of Tourism and be published online.

Submissions may be subject to requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). If your submission, or part of it, comes within the scope of an OIA request, MBIE would normally release it (excluding any personal information) to the person who asks for it. If you consider there are reasons for MBIE to withhold any of the information you are providing, please indicate these reasons in your submission.

Your details

What is the name of the person making this submission?	
Chair Abbie Langford	
If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of that organisation?	
Golden Bay Community Board	
Is it okay for your organisation's details to be published if we publish which organisations made a submission, or include part of your submission in the summary of submissions?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, you can publish my organisation's details with information from my submission. <input type="checkbox"/> No, keep my organisation's details confidential.	
Can we use information in your submission as a case study in the summary of submissions?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, you can include information from my submission as a case study in the summary of submissions. <input type="checkbox"/> No, keep my information confidential.	
Please provide us with your email address in case we need to contact you about your submission.	
Email	goldenbaycommunityboard@tasman.govt.nz
What sector(s) does your submission most closely relate to, if applicable?	
For example, the sector in which you may work or operate, or which you represent.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation provider <input type="checkbox"/> Other tourism business <input type="checkbox"/> Rental vehicle business <input type="checkbox"/> Non-tourism business <input type="checkbox"/> Iwi, hapū or Māori organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or camper <input type="checkbox"/> Club or club representative (eg camping club) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Community Board</i> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

Context to Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand

1.1 How much do you agree that certain types of vehicle-based freedom camping is a problem? Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you				
Strongly agree Y	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<p>1.2 What are your views on freedom camping in vehicles? When answering this question you may like to think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is vehicle-based freedom camping an issue in your area? • Have you observed any specific issues? • Are there specific behaviours which impact on your use of local amenities/infrastructure? • What benefits does vehicle-based freedom camping provide for your region? 				
<p>The Golden Bay Community Board strongly agree that vehicle based freedom camping is an issue in our area, leading to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overcrowding of popular sites • health and safety concerns • adverse impacts on the environment and culturally important areas • disturbance of wildlife and shorebirds • increased fire risk, and lighting of fires • toileting • restricted community access to recreational spots • community safety concerns • increased unauthorised freedom camping on other public land such as LINZ, DoC, and NZTA land, and on private land where Council has no jurisdiction to control. <p>In addition, the Board consider that provision of freedom camping locations has adversely impacted on commercial accommodation providers.</p>				

2.1 How much do you support the proposal to make it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle?				
Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you				
Strongly agree Y	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<p>2.2 Do you support this proposal?</p> <p>When answering this question you may like to think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you consider this option will improve camper behaviour? Will this option support or improve tourism outcomes in your region? Will this option decrease pressure on the environment and local government infrastructure? Are there impacts of this proposal that you are concerned about? 				
<p>Council’s management approach in its Responsible Camping Strategy is to <i>restrict freedom camping to certified self-contained vehicles only, in so far as is legally permissible ...</i></p> <p>In determining its strategic direction on responsible camping the Council was in favour of restricting freedom camping to self-contained vehicles only. The statement from the Strategy includes reference to legal permissibility. The Freedom Camping Act, by virtue of how freedom camping is defined, limits the Council’s ability to introduce a District-wide restriction on freedom camping to self-contained vehicles only.</p> <p>Overall the Community Board strongly supports this proposal but acknowledges that much will be needed to ensure it can work effectively and not have unintended consequences.</p> <p>We believe that this option will have some impact on decreasing pressure on the environment around Council land that is used for freedom camping by reducing the number of any freedom campers who choose to wash or toilet outdoors in unhygienic and environmentally damaging ways. We acknowledge that on some occasions freedom campers in self-contained vehicles may still choose to wash and/or toilet outdoors, however we consider that requiring freedom campers to use self-contained vehicles will reduce the potential for unhygienic toileting activity overall.</p> <p>One important advantage of making it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle on a nationwide basis, is consistency. The messaging to freedom campers will be very simple, can be much clearer than at present, and be consistent. The rule will be the same across the country and those freedom campers intending to comply with the regulations will no longer have to check local rules in this regard as they travel around the country.</p> <p>One unintended consequence of making it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle is that there may be an increase in freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles at unauthorised locations without toilets provided, including on private land. This may lead to an increase in unhygienic toileting in the outdoors at these locations and add other risks through unauthorised fires. The Minister’s proposal cannot easily stop the resale of non-self-contained vans or cars and if these types of vehicles continue to be exchanged, the challenge shifts to one of enforcement.</p> <p>In summer 2020/2021 Tasman District Council closed two of the sites in Golden Bay and one in Motueka that provided for freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles, leaving only a very small number of spaces for this activity across the District. Our experience has been a significant increase in unauthorised freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles, despite the very limited number of overseas visitors in the area. The number of areas where people have been found camping illegally has increased by at least 300%.</p> <p>Another potential consequence of making it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle is that those freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles may take</p>				

greater measures not to be detected in unauthorised locations. This may mean people take vehicles further from roads and houses to freedom camp at unauthorised locations to avoid being noticed. This is an effect that we have noted in Golden Bay during summer 2020/2021.

Making it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle may encourage more campers with non-self-contained vehicles to use camping grounds. This will help maintain the financial sustainability of these businesses and help ensure their availability in key locations is retained.

However, at the peak of summer the commercial campgrounds at the most popular locations in the Tasman can be full and not have enough available spaces to meet demand. In this period the proposal could result in an increase in freedom camping in unauthorised locations, both public and private land, as people in non-self-contained vehicles try to find somewhere to camp.

The proposal could also negatively affect whitebaiters who use non-self-contained vehicles and other people who camp in public places mainly out of season.

This proposal, if enacted, will likely create a need for a significant uplift in enforcement activity. To the degree that the costs are not recovered through infringements, the cost for this will be borne by the ratepayer unless it is subsidised by the Responsible Camping Fund.

How might this proposal impact you?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 2.3
- Will this proposal increase or decrease the likelihood of you camping?
 - Will this proposal have a direct financial impact on you or your business?
 - If yes, please indicate if this is a personal or business expense, and quantify how much you estimate it would impact you.
 - Will this option increase or decrease the attractiveness of visiting other regions in New Zealand?

The Golden Bay Community Board strongly support mandatory certified self-containment for all vehicles used for responsible freedom camping.

What things should Government consider to implement this option?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 2.4
- What exceptions should Government allow under this proposal?
 - Do you have any ideas about how this proposal could be implemented?
 - Should this option be considered alongside other options proposed in this discussion document?

The Community Board support a registry of certified self-contained vehicles which can be shared with regulatory authorities. This should be considered alongside a stronger infringement regime, a regulatory system for registering self-contained vehicles and strengthening the requirements for self-contained vehicles.

3.1 How much do you support the proposal to make it mandatory for freedom campers to stay in vehicles which are certified self-contained, <u>unless</u> they are staying at a site with toilet facilities (excluding public conservation lands and regional parks)?				
Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you				
Strongly agree	Agree Y	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<p>Do you support this proposal?</p> <p>When answering this question you may like to think about:</p> <p>3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you consider this option will improve camper behaviour? Will this option support or improve tourism outcomes in your region? Will this option decrease pressure on the environment and local government infrastructure? Are there impacts of this proposal that you are concerned about? 				
<p>The Board's preferred position is making it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle.</p> <p>The Board support a common rule across the country for all crown owned land, E.G. Council, LINZ, DoC, NZTA. A significant advantage of this proposal is having a consistent set of rules across the country which should be more straightforward to communicate and easy for freedom campers to understand.</p> <p>The Board questions why freedom camping in tents should not be covered by this regulation, if it was to be introduced. The impact on the environment of freedom campers in tents toileting in the outdoors is no different from the impact of freedom campers in vehicles doing the same thing. The only grounds we can see for not including freedom camping in tents from this proposal is the lower number of freedom campers using tents compared with those using vehicles meaning that cumulatively they have less impact. Similar to our response in 2.2, introducing this regulation could have the unintended consequence of greater levels of freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles taking place in unauthorised locations.</p>				
<p>How might this proposal impact you?</p> <p>When answering this question you may like to think about:</p> <p>3.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will this proposal increase or decrease the likelihood of you camping? Will this proposal have a direct financial impact on you or your business? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, please indicate if this is a personal or business expense, and quantify how much you estimate it would impact you. Will this option increase or decrease the attractiveness of visiting other regions in New Zealand? 				
<p>What things should Government consider to implement this option?</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>When answering this question you may like to think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think is required to achieve this option? 				

- What exceptions should Government allow under this proposal?
- How far from toilet facilities should a person be able to freedom camp if not in a vehicle with a toilet? eg, 100 metres, 200 metres?
- Should this option be considered alongside other options proposed in this discussion document?

This option should be considered alongside a stronger infringement regime, a regulatory system for registering self-contained vehicles and strengthening the requirements for self-contained vehicles.

Increased funding would be required to cover the additional costs of compliance and enforcement, and a means of meeting would need to be determined.

4.1 How much do you support the proposals to improve the regulatory tools for government land managers?

Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Strongly agree	Agree Y	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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4.2 Do you support this proposal?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- Are there any specific parts of this proposal you support or propose?
- Do you consider this option will improve camper behaviour?
- Will this option support or improve tourism outcomes in your region?
- Will this option decrease pressure on the environment and local government infrastructure?
- Are there impacts of this proposal that you are concerned about?

The Board support a common rule across the country for all crown owned land, E.G. Council, LINZ, DoC, NZTA. A significant advantage of this proposal is having a consistent set of rules across the country which should be more straightforward to communicate and easy for freedom campers to understand.

Stronger infringement regime

The Board strongly supports having an effective deterrent to illegal freedom camping or illegal freedom camping behaviours. It strongly supports a stronger infringement scheme as a disincentive for freedom campers to contravene the regulations and to be able to take action against those that behave illegally.

To the extent that higher infringement fees get paid, there could be an increased contribution to the Council’s revenue. However, it is very unlikely that infringement fees would ever come close to funding the full cost of the enforcement and compliance activity.

The Board supports the Act being amended to ensure those who rent vehicles are held responsible for the actions of their customers if any infringement fees are not paid. In general, freedom campers in rented vehicles tend to be only approximately 25% of the freedom campers whose actions cause problems in Tasman, with the remaining three quarters being from people with their own vehicles. In summer

2020/2021 only 4.4% of infringements were issued to rental vehicles, so freedom campers in hired vehicles are a small part of the problem.

The campervan vehicle companies have an effective means of ensuring that vehicle hirers pay any road traffic infringement fees and the Act should be amended to require the vehicle hire companies to ensure that those renting vehicles pay their freedom camping infringement fees in a similar manner.

Vehicle Confiscation

The Board does not support the idea of increasing the grounds on which vehicles can be confiscated for persistently offending. Vehicle confiscation is problematic and is something the Council uses very much as a last resort. Confiscating vehicles creates a range of administrative issues (e.g. storing and disposing of confiscated vehicles). It also has insurance issues regarding potential damage during removal and storage. In our experience the people who are persistent offenders tend to be people who are homeless and confiscating their vehicles would increase the hardship on these individuals and be something the Council would be very reluctant to do.

Allowing local councils to enforce rules on other government owned land

The lack of freedom camping enforcement on Government owned land is an issue in the Tasman District. The Board acknowledges that the limited coverage of the Act makes it harder for some government agencies to control freedom camping on their land, however, the Department of Conservation has the power, but conducts very little freedom camping enforcement on its land in the Tasman District. In the Council's view broadening the coverage of the Act to other Government land would be a good first step. In addition the agencies administering the land also need to demonstrate some responsibility and commitment to managing freedom camping on their land. Alternatively, they could pay council to monitor their land at agreed frequencies. This would have implications relating to warranting of enforcement staff for the different agencies.

The Board sees some clear benefits of allowing local authorities to act as enforcement agents on land administered by Waka Kotahi or other Crown owned land. This would mean that there would be some enforcement for some types of Government owned land (i.e. there isn't any currently) and a much more consistent approach to enforcement across a range of public land. The public generally does not make a distinction between the different owners of public land across both the Crown and Local Government and expect Council staff to be able to act to enforce freedom camping rules on Crown land. The proposal would also avoid enforcement on Council land, merely pushing the activity to nearby Crown owned land.

For this proposal to be effective in Tasman it is important that Central Government land administered by LINZ be included, as many of the areas where freedom camping issues take place are on this type of land.

The Board considers that it and its contractors are well placed to carry out freedom camping enforcement on Crown land in the Tasman District. Our enforcement officers know the area well, are out and about in the District, and there would be significant synergies in the same staff undertaking enforcement on both central and local government land in a joined up manner.

The Board has concern about the costs of undertaking freedom camping enforcement and compliance on Government land. As noted earlier the revenue from infringement notices covers only a small proportion of the costs. The Council is grateful for the financial support for increased enforcement and compliance on Council land it has received from Central Government through the Responsible Camping Fund in recent years. However a significant proportion of the costs are funded by ratepayers.

If the Council is to undertake freedom camping enforcement work on Crown land it considers that there should be an appropriate level of funding from Government to pay for that service. The Council already has significant pressure on rates. The Council is experiencing significant community pressure to manage rates increases at reasonable levels and is anticipating this being a feature of submissions on its LTP consultation document. The Council accepts that the ratepayers and tax payers of the Tasman District are generally the same people, however it considers that funding for freedom camping enforcement on Central Government land should be funded through the Government's funding sources and not impact rates. If the Council is undertaking enforcement activities on Central Government land, agreements could be made with other crown agencies for crediting a proportion of any fines received for offences on their land against the cost of enforcing as an agent.

How might this proposal impact you?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 4.3
- Will this proposal increase or decrease the likelihood of you camping?
 - Will this proposal have a direct financial impact on you or your business?
 - If yes, please indicate if this is a personal or business expense, and quantify how much you estimate it would impact you.
 - Will this option increase or decrease the attractiveness of visiting other regions in New Zealand?

What things should Government consider to implement this option?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 4.4
- What would you like to see in practice?
 - Should this option be considered alongside other options proposed in this discussion document?

What would be an appropriate penalty?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 4.5
- Should non-compliant vehicles be confiscated? If so, under what conditions?
 - If vehicles are confiscated, what conditions should be placed on returning the vehicle?
 - Should fines be similar to those for not holding a valid Warrant of Fitness for a motor vehicle?
 - What levels should fines be set at?

- Who should collect a fine?

If the maximum fine is to be increased to \$1,000 as has been indicated, it is likely that there will be more resistance to paying the fine and greater efforts to avoid being caught e.g. camping in remote areas, which potentially brings a greater risk of fires etc.

We consider that the collection of fines as per the Summary Offences Act procedures is appropriate.

Do you think that the requirements for self-containment should be strengthened?

5.1 Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Yes Y	Neutral	No
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Is the current standard fit for purpose?

5.2 When answering this question you may like to think about:

- Should there be a requirement that self-contained vehicles have fixed toilets?
- Should there be specific reference to the types of vehicles that can be self-contained?

The Board support a requirement for certified self-contained vehicles to contain fixed toilets which are accessible at all times.

Who should certify to the Standard?

5.3 When answering this question you may like to think about:

- Should any Plumber registered under the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 1976 be able to certify to the Standard, or should certifiers be separately recognised and licensed?
- Once a vehicle has passed its initial certification, should other entities be able to re-certify it?

The Board considers that the certifiers should be separately recognised and licensed. Similar to Warrant of Fitness testing it is important that those issuing certificates can be audited and be held accountable for issuing certificates to vehicles that do not meet the standards.

We believe that once a vehicle has passed its initial certification the same licensing agencies authorised to issue certificates should also be able to re-certify it. We do not see the benefit in allowing other agencies to carry out the recertifying. The recertifying workload and revenue will also be an incentive for certifiers to become licensed and retain that license.

There should also be oversight by a Central Government Ministry to ensure that appropriate standards are met. A register of all certified vehicles should be held by the Ministry and must be available for interrogation by enforcement bodies at all times.

The Board suggest an agency such as VTNZ may be well placed to provide certification.

What transition arrangements should be in place?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 6.1
- How long should Government give people to upgrade or dispose of their vehicles?
 - Should currently certified self-contained vehicles be exempt from any new rules?
 - Are there any other transition arrangements we should consider?

The Board supports transition period of 12-24 months to upgrade or dispose of their vehicles. This allows a reasonable period for people to make the change but avoids the problems around the types of toilets and current certification to remain for too long a period.

The Board does not consider that currently certified self-contained vehicles should be exempt from any new rules, following a suitable transition period. Many of these vehicles may not be used for long distances each year and consequently have long lives. To exempt them from the new rules would leave a long legacy period and potentially artificially inflate the prices of these older vehicles. In addition to the immediate freedom camping issues, providing incentives for older vehicles to remain in the fleet for longer than would otherwise be the case, is counter to the Government's policy direction on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We consider that a completely new form of self-containment license for display in the vehicle should be created to reduce potential for confusion.

How could Government ensure vulnerable groups are not further disadvantaged?

- 6.2
- Could Government make homelessness exempt from any new regulatory system? What might this look like?

In order to consider exempting homeless people from the regulatory system, a clear definition of homelessness would need to be determined. To illustrate the point, in addition to those who have no real option but to live in a vehicle, we are aware of people who choose to live in campervans or even tents. There are people choosing to live permanently in campervans with no other dwelling. In many cases these people have no other home. Would these people be considered homeless?

The Council's enforcement staff do come across homeless people freedom camping in the District and apply a discretionary approach when enforcing the regulations with these people. Adopting a discretionary approach to enforcement may be an alternative approach to exempting homeless people from any new regulatory system.

Homelessness is a complex and multifaceted issue that needs a comprehensive Government led approach. The question of whether or not homeless people should be exempt from a new regulatory systems for freedom camping is one minor consideration in a large issue.

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Is there anything else on the proposed changes or discussion document you would like to mention?

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Takaka.

Date.
24/5/2021

We seek your moral support for the project. ~~we~~ not monetary support we will apply to the government for assistance

The water from the springs will be available in a bottle for people to take home.

▶ Fresh water fish can not be seen by people driving up the road or at the springs or up the road to the springs

An aquarium would provide the opportunity for every one to visit and see the marine life

We thank you for your letter dated 11/5/2021

This project is intended to assist tourism as a rather asset in Golden Bay.



signed By Bernal Reilly