

Appendix 4

Summary of information Proposal to create Tasman's Great Taste Trail Bylaw 2012

Summary of Proposal

As part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, Tasman District Council seeks to provide a world-class cycling experience and enhances New Zealand's competitiveness as a visitor destination.

Tasman District Council intends to create a new bylaw under the Local Government Act 2002. As part of the process a new draft bylaw has been developed and is now available for community consultation and comment. The creation of this new bylaw is considered necessary to help to ensure the safety and freedom from nuisance for persons using Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Summary of Major Issues in the Proposed Bylaw

- Restrictions on hooved animals particularly horses that could damage the surface of the trail, leave deposits and cause nuisance when startled by cyclists and walkers.
- Restrictions on access for dogs as they may disturb bird habitat and cause nuisance when uncontrolled around cyclists and walkers.
- Restrictions when within the confines of the Spooners Tunnel due to the darkness and side slopes of the trail formation and the need for personal lighting and requirements to walk rather than ride a cycle in this area.

A set of maps is provided to assist where restrictions are intended and this will be reinforced with appropriate signage at various locations.

Various areas have already been set aside for both horse and dog recreation and this new trail facility will not detract from those existing areas.

Private property rights need to be respected as well as the need to protect bird habitat.

Restrictions on hooved animals are required as the trail surface could degrade quickly and safety is paramount for users of the trail.

To maintain this high quality asset this proposed bylaw will help enable users to be free from nuisance, maintain public health and safety and minimise offensive behaviour in public places.

Have your Say

Council encourages you to have your say about the draft bylaw before it is adopted in its final form. Please take the time to make a submission detailing your views on the draft bylaw; any amendments you think would enhance the draft bylaw and your views on whether a bylaw is the best mechanism to achieve the desired outcomes. You may also want to tell us if there are other issues, not included so far, that should be controlled through this bylaw.

You can present your submission to Council in writing and if you wish in person at a Hearing.

Making a Submission

Written submissions: These should be accompanied by the submission cover sheet available on Council's website. All written submissions will be acknowledged by Council when received and a written explanation of final decisions regarding the Tasman's Great Taste Trail Bylaw review will be sent to all submitters following final adoption.

Presenting Your Submission in Person: Submitters wanting to present their submission in person should tick the appropriate box on the cover sheet indicating their wish to do so.

Council will hear oral submissions on this Bylaw review on 1 November 2012 in the Council Chamber.

Submissions can be sent directly to:

Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7050

Copies of the complete Statement of Proposal are available on the Tasman District Council website www.tasman.govt.nz. They can also be viewed at any office of the Tasman District Council at:

189 Queen Street, Richmond
78 Commercial Street, Takaka
92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Or at a Tasman District Library at:

280 Queen Street, Richmond
3 Junction Street, Takaka
92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
12 Pah Street, Motueka

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Submissions Open on 23 September 2012
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