

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

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**REFERENCE:** E402

**SUBJECT:** **INTERIM FINAL REPORT: TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSOLIDATED BYLAW: CHAPTER 11: FREEDOM CAMPING 2011 - REPORT REP11-04-06** Report prepared for meeting of 21 April 2011

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### Background

At the meeting of 10 March 2011, report REP11-03-06 contained a statement of proposal for the *draft Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw: Chapter 11: Freedom Camping 2011*. The Environment & Planning Committee adopted the draft Bylaw for consultation. The period for public consultation was 12 March 2011 to 12 April 2011. Consequently, at the time of agenda preparation for the 21 April meeting, neither the public consultation period nor final report preparation have been completed.

To meet the very tight timeline to have the proposed bylaw in place by 31 May 2011 so that supporting infringement regulations can be developed by the Department of Internal Affairs in time for Rugby World Cup, it is necessary for the Environment & Planning Committee to consider the final report on the draft Bylaw at the meeting of 21 April 2011. To accommodate that timeline, a final report on the draft bylaw will be prepared after submissions close on 12 April, and will be presented to the Committee members prior to the date of the 21 April 2011 meeting as a supplementary report.

### Interim Report on Consultation

The most significant issue that has arisen since the March meeting has been the unfortunate news that the Department of Conservation have been obliged to pull out of any involvement with the proposed bylaw. This is reported to have occurred because of Crown legal advice to the Department that can not be used to control such activities as freedom camping on public conservation land.

### Recommendation

A recommendation will be included as part of the supplementary report.



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