

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members

FROM: David Ogilvie

DATE: 2 October 2009

SUBJECT: **Freedom Camping - Report to meeting of 13 October 2009**

Purpose of Report

To consider in detail issues surrounding freedom camping.

Discussion

The public meeting on 1 September 2009 was very well attended (53) with a number from the Motor Caravan Association.

A detailed report is to be tabled at the meeting on 13 October 2009.

The overall objective was to demonstrate and maximise the benefits for the District of all freedom campers and to consider ways to minimise the adverse impacts which arise. Early in the meeting it was important to clarify that Freedom Camping was not being opposed, nor was the meeting an opportunity to attack the Council's guidelines and policies.

As is often the reality, problems are being caused by a few, but with freedom camper numbers expected to increase, it is necessary to find ways to reduce the problems in a practical fashion.

Education and advocacy are ongoing but tighter guidelines, rules and enforcement may be required also. The report outlines these.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Freedom Camping report dated 2 October 2009 be received and referred to Jean Hodson (Environment and Planning Department) and Michael Higgins (Environment and Planning Chair) for their response and action.

David Ogilvie
Chair
Motueka Community Board