

# **Adoption of Revised Freedom Camping Bylaw**

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**TO** Thames-Coromandel District Council  
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**DATE** 26 September 2014  
**SUBJECT** **Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014**

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## **1 Purpose of report**

To present the revised draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 to Council for adoption. The revised draft bylaw reflects resolutions made during deliberations.

## **2 Background**

Council consulted on its proposed draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 using the special consultative procedure. A hearing was held on 26 August 2014 and deliberations on 24 September 2014.

The High Court decision on the judicial review of the Council's current bylaw (NZMCA v TCDC CIV-2013-419-955 [2014] NZHC 2016) has been helpful in assisting the bylaw review. At the deliberations meeting Council revoked clause 203.5 of the Public Places Bylaw and clause 2003.5 of the Parking Control Bylaw, as required by High Court order delivered in the decision.

## **3 Issue**

The draft bylaw has been revised to reflect resolutions made during deliberations and is now presented for adoption - provided as **Attachment A**.

## **4 Discussion**

If adopted, staff will meet with community boards to determine designated areas within restricted areas and discuss any areas where freedom camping could be encouraged.

Staff will progress signage work and develop appropriate information for the public regarding freedom camping rules, appropriate behaviour and promotion of any freedom camping areas in the district.

The date of 01 December 2014 for the revised bylaw to come into force enables time for work as noted above to be progressed.

## **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 report, dated 26 September 2014.
2. Adopts the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 in the form attached to the report.
3. Resolves that at 12 noon on 01 December 2014 the current Freedom Camping Bylaw 2011 is revoked and the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 comes into force.
4. Delegates the Chief Executive authority to make decisions under clause 10 of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014.

**References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 (distributed separately)*