

Correction to Freedom Camping Bylaw

Deliberations minutes

TO	Thames-Coromandel District Council
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SUBJECT	Correction to Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations minutes

1 Purpose of Report

To make a correction to the Council minutes for 24 September 2014 confirmed by Council on 22 October 2014, for the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 Deliberations in relation to the pull-over area at Quarry Point, Kuaotunu.

2 Background

The proposed draft Freedom Camping Bylaw referenced a restricted area 'Pull-Over Area East of Quarry Point Boat Ramp, Kuaotunu'. In the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations report presented to Council on 24 September 2014, for the decision matter relating to the pull-over area at Quarry Point (decision number 38) the staff recommendation and the reason for the recommendation were as follows:

Staff recommendation

1. *Amend area description to reference 'west' instead of 'east'.*
2. *Amend restriction to prohibition of freedom camping at this area.*

Reason for recommendation

- *Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.*
- *Submissions give reason to amend restriction to prohibition.*
- *This area is often used as overflow parking for boat trailer parking, and therefore should have consistency in approach to boat ramp and launching areas where it is considered necessary to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and/or access to the area.*

In deliberations Council decided to retain the pull-over area at Quarry Point as a restricted area, and to correct the proposed reference of 'east' to state 'west' end of Quarry Point Boat Ramp as this was an error.

The bylaw was updated and adopted with the correct reference to the area as a restricted area, as follows:

Pull-Over Area West End of Quarry Point Boat Ramp, Kuaotunu

The Council minutes for the 24 September 2014 that were presented to Council and confirmed on 22 October 2014 did not correctly reference the decision, and this now needs to be corrected.

3 Issue

The Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations minutes were presented to Council and confirmed on 22 October 2014. These minutes, however, contained the second sentence from the recommendation which stated 'Amend restriction to prohibition of freedom camping at this area'. This was incorrect - during deliberations it was not the intention to prohibit the area, but to delete this sentence. The correct minutes for this decision should read as follows:

Resolved

1. Amend area description to reference 'west' instead of 'east'.

Reason for recommendation

- For correct referencing.
- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.

Staff can advise that the bylaw contains the correct provisions, i.e. the area is restricted not prohibited.

4 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Correction to Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberation minutes report, dated 2 December 2014.
2. Corrects decision resolution 38 in the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations minutes of 24 September 2014, to read as follows:

Resolved

1. Amend area description to reference 'west' instead of 'east'.

Reasons for recommendation

- For correct referencing.
- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.