

Attachment D: Summary of Submissions with Officer Comment

Submitter #	Name:	Heard Y/N	Support/Oppose	Summary	Officers Comment	Changes made at hearing
1	Michelle Munro	No	Support	Submitter supports the changes and submits all campers should be restricted to formal campgrounds to preserve environment and quality of the tourist destination	Support noted.	No changes
2	Olivia Brummer-Taylor	No	Support	Submitter supports the changes and states Lake Hayes is lovely to visit now without the freedom campers.	Support noted.	No changes
3	Jan Rae	No	Support	Protection of recreational access to Lake Hayes is extremely important	Support noted.	No changes
4	Jeremy knight	No	Support	Submitter supports the changes for the protection of the environment and public use of reserves	Support noted.	No changes
5	Sue		Support	Submitter supports the changes and that the north end of Lake Hayes is an areas of significant beauty and should be protected.	Support noted.	No changes
6	Paul Jobbins	No	Support	Submitter supports the changes and that these are public reserves to be enjoyed by all. Increase in freedom campers and misuse resulted in these areas made them off limits.	Support noted.	No changes
7	Terri Anderson	Yes	Support	Submitter supports the changes and submits they do not go far enough. Needs further enforcement of 'self-containment certified' standards and false blue stickers. All campers should have usable accessible toilets, QLDC should enforce this now rather than wait for the phasing in of the new standard. Education and public	Support noted. The Responsible Camping Strategy to be adopted in October seeks to address further, district wide measures. QLDC currently spot-checks campers to ensure compliance with the standards. Enforcement officers undertake education and additional education and ambassador	No changes

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				communications of messages is important.	roles will be employed for the 2018/2019 summer. A full public communications programme will be implemented following adoption of the Responsible Camping Strategy. Nationwide work being undertaken on freedom camping including reviewing all relevant legislation and standards. It would be preferable and more efficient to be consistent with this work and not have a regional approach that seeks to enforce additional controls.	
8	Bev Bradford	No	Support	Submits freedom camping must be prohibited from Lake Hayes and Shotover Delta to protect environment and recreational access.	Support noted	No changes
9	Paul Anderson	No	Support	All campers should be restricted to formal campgrounds	Support noted. Freedom Camping Act 2011 provides that freedom camping is allowed anywhere in the District, except at those sites where it is specifically prohibited or restricted.	No changes
10	Xavier Radic	No	Oppose	Lake Hayes and Shotover Delta should be leased to NZMCA for NZMCA members only.	The two sites are very popular and well used recreation areas for residents and visitors. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were not respected or adhered to despite high levels	No changes

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					of enforcement. How freedom camping will be managed in the long term across the District and leasing of a site for NZMCA members only is being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	
11	Judith Chaffe	No	Oppose	Changes do not recognise the economic value of certified self-contained freedom campers. Queenstown is not motorhome friendly and is discouraging the sector from visiting. An overall strategy should be prepared to manage the tourist numbers and provide, as far as is practicable, suitable locations for all types of tourists. Select areas with basic facilities should be provided for self-contained certified campers only.	The Draft Responsible Camping Strategy seeks to recognise and understand the economic value that self-contained campers bring to the District.	No changes
12	Vivienne Smith	No	Support	Submits freedom camping must be prohibited from Lake Hayes and Shotover Delta to protect environment and recreational access.	Support noted	No changes
13	Nigel Zega	No	Oppose	NZMCA and Self-contained campers are not the problem. Problems of overcrowding and disposal of waste have arisen in recent years in tandem with the increase of tourists in non self-contained camper-cars. Current infrastructure can't cope with increasing numbers and contributes to the problem. Possible solutions area: Raising the bar for CSC standards and ending certification of	The two sites are very popular and well used recreation areas for residents and visitors. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to despite high levels of enforcement. Leasing of a site for NZMCA members only is being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping	No changes

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				non-NZMCA vehicles. Need more and better facilities across the board not just toilets and campgrounds and roads, local ratepayers should not be paying to provide solutions for problems caused by growing tourist numbers. Support initiatives for national funding to cope with the numbers. Design and police reasonable bylaws that could get responsible campers on side. Work with campers to police well-equipped sites. Work on making rental companies liable for fines incurred by their clients. Try allowing NZMCA vehicles in overnight.	Strategy. QLDC is working with other agencies at the local and national level through the Responsible Camping Strategy to advocate for Central Government funding and changes in legislation to address liability of fine payment and other legislative issues.	
14	Steve Harris Central Park Camping	No	Support	Freedom camping negatively impacts local campground business and discourages investment in these facilities.	Support noted.	No changes
15	Hamish Bryce	No	Support			No changes
16	Chris Blackford	Yes	Oppose	Submits that freedom camping is not prohibited but formalised with tighter restrictions of self-contained certificates and stickers. Provide for certified self-contained campers at managed sites with some facilities.	QLDC currently spot checks campervans to ensure compliance with the standards. The Responsible Camping Strategy to be adopted in October seeks to address further, district wide measures such as where and how freedom camping should be provided for.	No changes

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17	Guy Hughes	Yes	Support	Freedom camping at Lake Hayes creates pollution and congestion. Concept of Freedom Camping locally is dated and in QLD should be user pays not just rate payers.	Support noted	No changes
18	Richard Bowman and Barbara Horrell	No	Support	Submits freedom camping must be prohibited from Lake Hayes to protect environment and recreational access. Too many people abusing the right to camp there. Relieved now that access to Lake Hayes is restricted.	Support noted	No changes
19	Marg Katon	No	Support	Submits freedom camping should be prohibited as submitter has seen the misuse of the areas.	Support noted	No changes
20	Lisa	No	Support	Freedom camping currently unsustainable. Low cost campgrounds should be provided and clamping and fines for freedom campers.	Support Noted. Low cost campgrounds are being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	No changes
21	Sheree Newsome	No	Support	Submits freedom camping must be prohibited from Lake Hayes to protect environment and recreational access.	Noted	No changes
22	John Alexander	No	Support	Submitter has observed camper numbers grow at Lake Hayes and the associated impacts. Supports managed, restricted camping area with more facilities at Lake Hayes.	The two sites are very popular and well used recreation areas for residents and visitors. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of were often not adhered to, despite high enforcement levels. The provision of all camping across the District is being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy to be implemented commencing October.	No changes

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23	Dale Parsons	No	Oppose	Submits low cost areas should be provided for certified self-contained campers close to Queenstown and the cycle trail network. Queenstown is not motorhome friendly.	The two sites are very popular and well used recreation areas for residents and visitors. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, however the provision of all camping across the District is being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy to be implemented commencing October.	No changes
24	Tara Nathan	No	Support	Supports proposed changes and submits that controls are required throughout the District to protect the environment for all to enjoy.	Support noted	No changes
25	Karen Miles	No	Support	Supports total ban at Lake Hayes reserve but concerned campers will now use Lake Hayes Pavilion parking area. Submits freedom camping should be prohibited at all reserves at Lake Hayes where there is vehicle access. More signage required at Rutherford Road entry.	The proposed amendments include Lake Hayes Pavilion carpark and the rowing club carpark. Freedom camping isn't permitted under the RMP at other Lake Hayes reserves. The maps in the bylaw could be amended to include all Lake Hayes reserves areas to ensure a consistent and straight forward enforcement method under the FCA rather than the Reserves Act for these areas.	Bylaw amended to update 'Schedule A Maps' to prohibit freedom camping at all Council administered Lake Hayes Reserves.
26	Kathryn	No	Support	Submits all freedom camping should be stopped in an area where formal camping grounds and accommodation is available.	Support noted. The FCA provides that freedom camping is allowed anywhere in the District, except at those sites	No changes

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					where it is specifically prohibited or restricted.	
27	Matthew Tyrrell	No	Support	Support proposed changes at Shotover Delta to protect amenity for locals, carparks are not designed for the high numbers of campers and to reduce traffic at a busy intersection.	Support noted.	No changes
28	Hudson Turnbull	No	Support	This is a sensible move although some genuine campers may be affected. The blame sits squarely with the 'Careless Campers'.	Support noted.	No changes
29	Michelle McQuoid	No	Support	Keep areas that locals enjoy free from freedom campers and associated impacts.	Support noted.	No changes
30	Ben Rotto	No	Support			No changes
31	Brian J. Marquand	No	Oppose	Provide well managed freedom camping areas in the District, including Lake Hayes. Fence off a designated area along the northern boundary. Increase toilet facilities with separate facilities for washing, charge a small fee. Supports infringement and clamping for use of rest of reserve. QLDC must accept the need for managing freedom campers, in a large, permanent managed site.	The two sites are very popular and well used recreation areas for residents and visitors. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stays were often not adhered to, despite high levels of enforcement. However the provision of all camping across the District is being investigated as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy to be implemented commencing October.	No changes
32	Greg Thompson	No	Support	Submits freedom camping must be prohibited from Lake Hayes and Shotover Delta to protect environment and recreational access.	Support noted	No changes

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33	Ryan Newsome	No	Support	Freedom camping should be prohibited for environmental reasons	Support noted	No changes
34	Stephanie Jones	No	Support	Freedom camping should be prohibited across New Zealand for environmental and social reasons	Support noted. Freedom Camping Act 2011 provides that freedom camping is allowed anywhere in the District and New Zealand, except at those sites where it is specifically prohibited or restricted.	No changes
35	Sharne Newsome	No	Support			No changes
36	C Beer	No	Support	Supports proposed changes. Camping on public land should be managed to reflect local priorities and to protect the environment physically and visually. Large fully self-contained campers create visual pollution due to size. Views of residents should be put ahead of NZMCA and tourist groups. No camping to be allowed in popular reserves and no camping close to residents boundaries.	Support noted.	No changes
37	Jules Tapper	Yes	Support	Lake Hayes North has experienced extreme pressure as a result of unregulated camping and associated despoliation/pollution. Friends of Lake Hayes seek to protect Lake and reserve values. Supports changes to prohibit camping at Lake Hayes and submits prohibition should be extended to include other council reserves in immediate vicinity. Campers should be in managed campgrounds and other authorised	The proposed amendments include Lake Hayes Pavilion carpark and the rowing club carpark. Freedom camping isn't permitted under the RMP at other Lake Hayes reserves. The maps in the bylaw could be amended to include all Lake Hayes reserves areas to ensure a consistent and straight forward enforcement method	Bylaw amended to update 'Schedule A Maps' to prohibit freedom camping at all Council administered Lake Hayes Reserves.

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				areas. Local reserve areas and lake area should not be spoilt by those not contributing to their upkeep.	under the FCA rather than the Reserves Act for these areas.	
38	Donald Putan	Yes	Support	Supports prohibiting freedom camping at Lake Hayes Reserves and Shotover Delta. Banning campers from these 2 areas will increase pressure on other areas so an alternative solution would be to allow 3 vehicles at a time to camp at 240 to 300m spacing. Spread the load and lower the concentration at any one point.	Support noted. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, despite high enforcement levels. However the provision of all camping across the District is being investigated as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	No changes
39	Vanessa	No	Support	Supports changes at Lake Hayes North and Shotover Delta as both locations, until such time as there is a way to better manage the numbers. Particular issues are queueing at toilets and litter.	Support noted.	No changes
40	Cath Gilmour	No	Oppose	Submits that council leave current restrictions in place until council has a change to confirm the broader freedom camping strategy. Increase in campervans, many of which are 'self-contained' where toilet capsule remains unused in bag is a nationwide issue that need central government response.	Support noted. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, despite high enforcement levels. However the provision of all camping across the District is being investigated as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy	No changes
41	Don Lovett	No	Oppose	The community surveys do not appear to support a total ban on freedom camping. Should wait until outcomes of Responsible Camping Forum. A	Provisions have been made in the wording of the RMP to allow incorporation with future changes in the bylaw – a full	No changes

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				ban will be difficult to alter. Only a percentage of campers are creating problems and complaints. Protect New Zealand resident's freedom to travel and enjoy their country, as well as overseas visitors. Rubbish is also caused by day visitors, often cleaned up by responsible campers. Enforcement necessary but recovering fines from overseas visitors is a problem. There is a need restrict the activities of those causing problems, not restrict all responsible campers.	review which will be considered as part of the Responsible Camping Strategy. Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, however the provision of all camping across the District and a full review of the bylaw is being investigated as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	
42	Bridget Burt	No	Support	Supports the changes due to inconsiderate playing of music, lighting of fires. It takes business away from formal campgrounds and pushed out day visitors. Lake Hayes Reserve Management Plan should prohibit freedom camping explicitly.	Support noted. Policies in the RMP intend to allow for the future recommendations of the Responsible Camping Strategy that may recommend a full review of the Bylaw and provision of camping across the district, including Lake Hayes Reserve.	No changes
43	Rachel Burt	No	Support	Supports proposed changes due to overcrowded areas, impacts on landscape and environment, noise impacts from loud music, fire risk, affected enjoyment of the use of the reserve. Prohibiting freedom camping at Lake Hayes Reserve should be permanent.	Support noted. Policies in the RMP intend to allow for the future recommendations of the Responsible Camping Strategy that may recommend a full review of the Bylaw and provision of camping across the district, including Lake Hayes Reserve.	No changes

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44	Mary & Edgar Burt	Yes	Support	Submitter supports a total ban on freedom camping at the north end of lake Hayes and that council does not have the right to subsequently vary its rules. Freedom camping causes visual pollution, rubbish, human waste, excessive noise, campers washing in the lake, increased fire risk.	Support noted. Policies in the RMP intend to allow for the future recommendations of the Responsible Camping Strategy that may recommend a full review of the Bylaw and provision of camping across the district, including Lake Hayes Reserve.	No changes
45	Helen	No	Oppose	Does not support blanket ban as this will impact locals who want to take children/grandchildren for overnight stay. There should be better control over non-self-contained campers.	Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, however the provision of all camping across the District is being reviewed as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	No changes
46	Don and Heather Wallace	Yes	Oppose	Does not support changes. In any one area numbers should be restricted to approximately 6 vehicles with strict controls on noise, parking distance from adjacent vehicles, washing lines and duration of stay. Strict monitoring of a site needs to be carried out. Mobile app could be considered for site reservation and occupation with a fee to cover cost.	Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, however the provision of all camping across the District is being reviewed as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	No changes
47	James Imlach NZMCA National Policy Manager		Oppose	The NZMCA supports the amendment to policy 17.1 and the revocation of policy 17.2 of the RMP.	Support noted	No changes
				Does not support amendments to the bylaw as will unreasonably prohibit reasonable camping and represents a		No changes

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				disproportionate response to perceived problems.		
				<p>Recommends retaining freedom camping at Lake Hayes and Shotover Delta with further restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Limiting the number of self-contained vehicles permitted on site by identifying responsible camping areas; ii. Reviewing the types of self-contained vehicles permitted to camp on site 	<p>Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay were often not adhered to, however the provision of all camping across the District is being reviewed as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.</p> <p>Nationwide work is currently being undertaken on freedom camping including reviewing the FCA and the standards. It would be preferable and more efficient to be consistent with this work and not have a regional approach that seeks to enforce additional controls that differs to the rest of New Zealand.</p>	No changes
				Improving education, monitoring and enforcement regimes	Improved education monitoring and enforcement will commence this summer.	No changes
				Providing user pays rubbish bins	Could be installed. Currently not used across the district so new contracts would be required to install and service. User-pays facilities are being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	No changes
				Investigating lease opportunities with the NZMCA	Lease opportunities are being considered as part of the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy.	No changes

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					Confirming suitable available land that is owned by QLDC and is not a popular recreation reserve is challenging as this is extremely limited.	
				Statement Of Proposal (SOP) incorrectly states current bylaw does not regulate camping at the 2 areas. Current bylaw does regulate but restricts camping for self-contained campers for up to 2 nights stay but does not confine camping to specified areas on each site, this can now be considered.	Previous control measures to restrict numbers and length of stay at the Shotover Delta were often not adhered to, despite high levels of enforcement. A restricted area at Lake Hayes was previously defined, and was not adhered to. High levels of enforcement and infringing were undertaken.	No changes
				SOP misleads the public into assuming Council has little or no control over camping and prohibition is only effective was of addressing the problems at each site.	For Lake Hayes and the Shotover Delta, it is considered prohibition is the most effective way to deal with the large numbers of issues such as overcrowding, displacement of residents, over use of facilities and rubbish, that achieves the preferred result by the community.	No changes
				SOP is silent on councils resolution to enforce temporary prohibition (locked gates and infringing all campers) using FCA enforcement – submitter considers this is unlawful.	The purpose of amending the RMP and Bylaw is to ensure Council's enforcement actions are consistent and In accordance with the Freedom Camping Act.	No changes
				SOP does not confirm whether the council determined the bylaw is the	Council believes its requirements under S155 of the	No changes

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				most proportionate way of addressing the problems. Undertaking a proportionality test is important.	LGA are met and considers the amended bylaw and RMP is the most appropriate means for addressing the issues in the short term while the Responsible Camping Strategy is completed, adopted and then implemented. The exponential increase in freedom campers visiting the District is forecast to continue.	
				Recommend the council takes advantage of this opportunity to test the effectiveness of our practicable solutions over summer, at least while it continues to work on its wider responsible camping strategy.	Measures that have been funded by Central Government will be implemented over the coming summer which include increased enforcement and education and setting up of managed camping hubs across the district.	No changes