

## **Feedback from the Albert-Eden Local Board**

The Board appreciate the opportunity to provide input in to the Auckland Council submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on proposed changes to support effective management of freedom camping in New Zealand.

1. The Board support the draft Auckland Council submission.
2. The Board is home to 100,000 residents, 106 parks, 3 maunga and one beach. It is located between the airport and the City Centre, between 3 State Highways and 7 major arterial roads. Our rohe is regularly traversed by people travelling through the area on their way to/from the airport.
3. The Board support the proposed changes being:
  - a. It should be mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to stay in a vehicle that is certified self-contained with a toilet accessible at all times either plumbed or allocated space within the vehicle.
  - b. Improvement to the regulatory tools for government land managers, including stronger enforcement powers.
  - c. Strengthening of the requirements for self-contained vehicles to ensure all vehicles have a toilet accessible at all times which is not stowed away.
4. Note the significant impact freedom camping has on urban areas including Albert-Eden given parks, reserves and roads are already highly utilised by local community which means there is pressure on existing assets and infrastructure and further utilisation by freedom campers is problematic.
5. Note that our response relates to 'freedom camping' and should not relate to those experiencing homelessness and currently sheltering and living in vehicles.

Thank you

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