



Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand – Submission Form

How to provide us with feedback

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is collecting written submissions to gather a range of views on the Government's proposals to improve the management of freedom camping in New Zealand.

This submission form brings together all the questions asked throughout the discussion document *Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand – Proposed changes to support effective management of freedom camping in New Zealand*.

Please feel free to answer as many or as few of these questions as you wish.

For more information and discussion about these topics please refer to the discussion document available at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/supporting-sustainable-freedom-camping-in-aotearoa-new-zealand>.

Your submission can be returned by email to responsiblecamping@mbie.govt.nz. Submissions are due by midnight on Sunday 16 May.

Use and release of information

After the consultation period has closed, MBIE will publish a summary of submissions on our website at www.mbie.govt.nz.

We will not be publishing any individual submissions or names of individuals who made a submission. We may wish to include part of your submission in the summary of submissions; in that case, MBIE will first ensure we have your permission to do so.

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Submissions may be subject to requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). If your submission, or part of it, comes within the scope of an OIA request, MBIE would normally release it (excluding any personal information) to the person who asks for it. If you consider there are reasons for MBIE to withhold any of the information you are providing, please indicate these reasons in your submission.

Your details

What is the name of the person making this submission?

David Adolph

If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of that organisation?

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Is it okay for your organisation's details to be published if we publish which organisations made a submission, or include part of your submission in the summary of submissions?

- Yes, you can publish my organisation's details with information from my submission.
 No, keep my organisation's details confidential.

Can we use information in your submission as a case study in the summary of submissions?

- Yes, you can include information from my submission as a case study in the summary of submissions.
 No, keep my information confidential.

Please provide us with your email address in case we need to contact you about your submission.

Email

Privacy of natural persons

What sector(s) does your submission most closely relate to, if applicable?

For example, the sector in which you may work or operate, or which you represent.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Other tourism business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental vehicle business | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-tourism business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iwi, hapū or Māori organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or camper | <input type="checkbox"/> Club or club representative (eg camping club) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |

Context to Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand

1.1 **How much do you agree that certain types of vehicle-based freedom camping is a problem?**
Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral Y	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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What are your views on freedom camping in vehicles?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

1.2

- Is vehicle-based freedom camping an issue in your area?
- Have you observed any specific issues?
- Are there specific behaviours which impact on your use of local amenities/infrastructure?
- What benefits does vehicle-based freedom camping provide for your region?

How much do you support the proposal to make it mandatory for vehicle-based freedom campers to use a certified self-contained vehicle?

2.1

Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree Y
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Do you support this proposal?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

2.2

- Do you consider this option will improve camper behaviour?
- Will this option support or improve tourism outcomes in your region?
- Will this option decrease pressure on the environment and local government infrastructure?
- Are there impacts of this proposal that you are concerned about?

My main concern is the very negative impacts this proposal will likely have on working holiday visa holders. Making self-contained vehicles mandatory for backpackers travelling around New Zealand will very substantially push up the cost of their visit as the majority of them travel around in vans or cars they can sleep in. They usually purchase these low value vehicles on arrival, travel the country while working and sell them on after their stay. Many of these tourists are straight out of school or university and simply don't have the money to spend on hiring or purchasing an expensive vehicle to travel around NZ. If you force them to have certified self-contained campers many simply won't come – they will go traveling somewhere else.

How might this proposal impact you?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

2.3

- Will this proposal increase or decrease the likelihood of you camping?
- Will this proposal have a direct financial impact on you or your business?
 - If yes, please indicate if this is a personal or business expense, and quantify how much you estimate it would impact you.
- Will this option increase or decrease the attractiveness of visiting other regions in New Zealand?

Commercial Information

[Redacted commercial information section]

What things should Government consider to implement this option?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 2.4
- What exceptions should Government allow under this proposal?
 - Do you have any ideas about how this proposal could be implemented?
 - Should this option be considered alongside other options proposed in this discussion document?

I expect the government will look at the wider impact these backpackers are having on the New Zealand economy. I expect they will look at how they bring income in from overseas and spend it here, I expect that they will look at how they work their way around the country in some of our very important exporting primary industries – that would be without workers if it wasn't for them – and that how they go back to their home after their stay and say all sorts of good things about New Zealand – which encourages others to visit and buy our export products. This option will risk all this.

3.1 How much do you support the proposal to make it mandatory for freedom campers to stay in vehicles which are certified self-contained, unless they are staying at a site with toilet facilities (excluding public conservation lands and regional parks)?

Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree Y	Strongly disagree
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Do you support this proposal?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- Do you consider this option will improve camper behaviour?
- 3.2 • Will this option support or improve tourism outcomes in your region?
- Will this option decrease pressure on the environment and local government infrastructure?
- Are there impacts of this proposal that you are concerned about?

I believe this proposal is better than the above option; although I don't believe that that making freedom campers have certified self-contained vehicles will address the issue you're trying to solve as most campers don't like using the toilets they have as they don't like emptying or cleaning them.

How might this proposal impact you?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- Will this proposal increase or decrease the likelihood of you camping?
- 3.3 • Will this proposal have a direct financial impact on you or your business?
 - If yes, please indicate if this is a personal or business expense, and quantify how much you estimate it would impact you.
- Will this option increase or decrease the attractiveness of visiting other regions in New Zealand?

This proposal is better than the first option as it will be possible for travellers to get around the restrictions but I would fear that it could put some backpackers off travelling around NZ.

What things should Government consider to implement this option?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- What do you think is required to achieve this option?
- 3.4 • What exceptions should Government allow under this proposal?
- How far from toilet facilities should a person be able to freedom camp if not in a vehicle with a toilet? eg, 100 metres, 200 metres?
- Should this option be considered alongside other options proposed in this discussion document?

If it will actually be effective at trying to solve what your trying to solve; or will it just push up costs for those travelling around NZ.



How much do you support the proposals to improve the regulatory tools for government land managers?

4.1

Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Strongly agree	Agree Y	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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Do you support this proposal?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

4.2

- Are there any specific parts of this proposal you support or propose?
- Do you consider this option will improve camper behaviour?
- Will this option support or improve tourism outcomes in your region?
- Will this option decrease pressure on the environment and local government infrastructure?
- Are there impacts of this proposal that you are concerned about?

I think the best way to solve the problem you have is to put CCTV cameras in area that are frequented by tourists and heavily fine them if they are caught going to the toilet where they shouldn't be. I think if you combine this approach with more toilets in strategic areas this will go a long way to fixing the problem.

How might this proposal impact you?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

4.3

- Will this proposal increase or decrease the likelihood of you camping?
- Will this proposal have a direct financial impact on you or your business?
 - If yes, please indicate if this is a personal or business expense, and quantify how much you estimate it would impact you.
- Will this option increase or decrease the attractiveness of visiting other regions in New Zealand?

Commercial Information

What things should Government consider to implement this option?

4.4

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- What would you like to see in practice?
- Should this option be considered alongside other options proposed in this discussion document?

What would be an appropriate penalty?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- Should non-compliant vehicles be confiscated? If so, under what conditions?
- 4.5 • If vehicles are confiscated, what conditions should be placed on returning the vehicle?
- Should fines be similar to those for not holding a valid Warrant of Fitness for a motor vehicle?
- What levels should fines be set at?
- Who should collect a fine?

\$1,000+

Think Singapore

Do you think that the requirements for self-containment should be strengthened?

5.1 Please write a (Y) next to the option which applies to you

Yes	Neutral	No Y
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Is the current standard fit for purpose?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 5.2
- Should there be a requirement that self-contained vehicles have fixed toilets?
 - Should there be specific reference to the types of vehicles that can be self-contained?

I think even if you force people to have certified vehicles people still won't use the facilities because they don't like dealing with the emptying/cleaning issues present. I think hiring companies also offer a discount if you don't use the toilet.

Who should certify to the Standard?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 5.3
- Should any Plumber registered under the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 1976 be able to certify to the Standard, or should certifiers be separately recognised and licensed?
 - Once a vehicle has passed its initial certification, should other entities be able to re-certify it?

Don't think you should do it

What transition arrangements should be in place?

When answering this question you may like to think about:

- 6.1
- How long should Government give people to upgrade or dispose of their vehicles?
 - Should currently certified self-contained vehicles be exempt from any new rules?
 - Are there any other transition arrangements we should consider?

How could Government ensure vulnerable groups are not further disadvantaged?

- 6.2
- Could Government make homelessness exempt from any new regulatory system? What might this look like?

7.1

Is there anything else on the proposed changes or discussion document you would like to mention?