

<p>Freedom Camping update</p> <p>Dale Elvy Manager Tourism Operations and Partnerships</p> <p><small>Privacy of natural persons</small></p>	<p>Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill Update</p> <p>Approximately 100 submissions have been received on the Bill to date. The majority are from individuals who oppose the Bill because they consider that the new self-containment rules will not make a difference.</p> <p>Our continued approach will be for your office to see all MBIE's Select Committee advice prior to its release.</p> <p>Our current focus is developing the initial briefing for the Select Committee (which you will see as above).</p> <p>Both Ministerial and direct to MBIE correspondence has increased, with this correspondence largely reflecting the views given to the Select Committee or individuals wishing to know if their current vehicles will meet the future self-containment requirements.</p> <p>We continue to engage with stakeholders on the Bill and encourage submissions to be made. Future stakeholder engagement on the Bill includes with TIA's Camping Forum and Taituarā (Local Government Professionals Aotearoa).</p> <p>Regulations</p> <p>The Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document was publicly released on 8 September and closes on 6 October 2022.</p> <p>We have received 26 submissions to date, 27 per cent from businesses/organisations and 73 per cent from individuals.</p> <p>We are holding public webinars on 15 and 20 September 2022 to present the regulatory proposals. We will be clear what are Bill issues (and how to make submissions) and what are issues determined in Regulations.</p> <p>We have also offered to meet with key stakeholders individually to discuss the proposed Regulations. To date, no individual meetings have been requested.</p> <p>Responsible Camping Working Group Meeting</p> <p>An informal meeting of the Group was held on 12 September 2022 to allow MBIE to present information about the Bill and the Regulations. We received a number of technical questions to which we will follow up with the Group.</p> <p>The key discussion topic was the change of policy position on the liability of rental companies for fines and not reducing fine payment times – both due to Bill of Rights Act issues. Mayors and other members noted that this would impact enforcement and their ability to collect fines. We noted that they have the opportunity to submit to the Select Committee on this issue.</p>
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	<p>Transition Fund</p> <p>The Transition Fund opened on 14 September 2022 and closes on 4 October 2022. We had previously directly written to all local councils informing them of the Fund. We will continue to keep you informed of its progress.</p>
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30 September 2022

<p>Freedom Camping update</p> <p>Jon Lyall</p> <p>Principal Advisor Operations and Partnerships</p> <p><small>Privacy of natural persons</small></p>	<p>Engagement update on Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill and Regulations</p> <p>During the previous two weeks we have held a range of consultation meetings on the Freedom Camping Reforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Two public webinars on the Regulations Discussion Document:</i> These had low attendance and were mainly attended by those opposing the reforms. Consequently, feedback on the regulatory proposals was limited and focused on the fixed-toilet proposals within the Bill. We encouraged those with Bill related issues to submit to the Select Committee. • <i>Other consultation meetings:</i> We also met with the TIA Freedom Camping Forum (30-40 local councils and industry groups) and Taituarā (Local Government Professionals Aotearoa). Feedback was constructive and generally supportive of the Bill and Regulations proposals. Some local councils wanted to discuss technical aspects of the Bill, particularly around bylaws and enforcement issues. • A number of councils also raised the challenge of the submission period of the Bill overlapping with local government elections, which may limit their ability to have submissions agreed by elected members. We understand that some councils are going to use bodies such as Taituarā to raise issues or make staff-led submissions. <p>Submissions made on Bill and Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 180 submissions have been received on the Bill to date. The majority are from individuals who oppose the Bill because they consider that the new self-containment rules will not make a difference. • To date, 76 submissions have been received on the Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document, with 20 per cent from businesses/ organisations and 80 per cent from individuals. From the submissions received so far, submitters in general are supportive of MBIE's preferred options. <p>Transition Fund</p> <p>The Fund closes on 4 October 2022. At this stage we have received two applications.</p>
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7 October 2022

<p>Freedom Camping update</p> <p>Dale Elvy</p> <p>Manager, Tourism Operations and Partnerships</p> <p>Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p>Update on Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill</p> <p>Approximately 210 submissions have been received on the Bill to date. The majority are still from individuals who oppose the Bill because they consider that the new self-containment rules will not make a difference. However, we are starting to see submissions coming from organisations and groups.</p> <p>You have been invited to speak to the Select Committee on 27 October 2022 on the Bill. You will speak after MBIE officials present their initial briefing. We will provide you with all the necessary support and information for this.</p> <p>Update on Freedom Camping Regulations</p> <p>To date 136 submissions have been received on the Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document, with 16 percent from businesses/ organisations and 84 percent from individuals.</p> <p>Transition Fund</p> <p>The Fund closed on 4 October 2022, with 36 applications received from local authorities. The total amount requested is \$8.3 million (with \$5 million available for allocation).</p>
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21 October 2022

<p>Freedom Camping Transition Fund</p> <p>David Talbot</p> <p>Manager, Investment Management Performance</p> <p>Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p>41 applications were received for the Freedom Camping Transition Fund. After ineligible funding requests were discounted, there was \$5.27m of eligible funding requested for the \$5m funding available. We met the independent panel for the Fund on Monday 17 October 2022 to receive advice on the applications. We are currently undertaking the final analysis of the applications but expect to fully allocate all available funding.</p> <p>You previously agreed that funding from this Fund would be capped at \$250,000 per council [Briefing 2122-2398 refers]. However, we have Councils who have a strong case for additional funding and meet the criteria for the Fund. These are from councils which host large numbers of freedom campers during the summer and also cover large geographical areas. We seek your agreement to provide more than \$250,000 for the following Councils (all figures are approximate, with exact figures to be confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Far North District Council - \$300,000 for ambassador programme and bylaw development.• Mackenzie District Council - \$285,000 for ambassador programme, bylaw review, signage and education material, and data gathering.• Westland District Council - \$365,000 for bylaw development, ambassador programme, public information and signage.
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11 November 2022

<p>Freedom Camping</p> <p>Dale Elvy Manager, Tourism Operations and Partnerships</p> <p><small>Privacy of natural persons</small></p>	<p>To support Freedom Camping work, we are currently preparing a Bid for the 2023 Legislation Programme. We have prepared a draft Bid, asking for the Bill to receive a Category Two rating (to be passed before the 2023 General Election). As is customary, the draft Bid is currently with the Parliamentary Counsel Office for their review and comment. We are due to receive feedback by 11 November 2022.</p> <p>Next week, we will brief you on the draft Bid and seek your agreement to deliver the Bid to the Cabinet Office by 10am, Monday, 21 November 2022.</p>
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