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5. Meaning of freedom camp

[1] to camp [other than at a camping ground] within 200 m of a motor accessible area - - - using 1 or more of the following:

[a] a tent or other temporary structure

[b] a caravan:

[c] a car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle

I have mentioned the foregoing as I believe the bylaw should be more specific and include all the categories and also [2] as follows:

[2] Freedom camping does not include:

[a] temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle

[b] recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions

[c] resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.

You'll need to keep [2] in mind that for the bylaw, "Overnight" is not mentioned in either [a] or [c] of the Act. Somewhat of a grey area.

12 "Bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping"

By allowing overnight camping at TeRaekaihau Point and Princess Bay, TeKopahau reserve and Evans Bay Marina the council is currently not in breach of the Act.

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Alternative sites

My suggestion of Evans Bay Marina [Google photo is attached for your reference] is based on:

1. Little if any use is ever made of the southern end

2. Water and Sewerage are already on the site

3. Trailer boat parks [leased] are further north

4. There is considerable scope to utilise the area [including some of the grassed part that is seldom ever used by the public] to incorporate camping facilities and especially for the non-certified self-contained vehicles. A separate area could be set aside for non-certified vehicles.

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The current bylaw in 12.1 prohibits any camping in a public place.

The proposed bylaw in its prohibited and restricted areas for freedom camping under the heading "*Central City Parks*" I suggest that "on all residential streets" should also be included [unless displaying a residents parking authority].

"vehicles may stay a maximum of 4 nights per calendar month"
My question is how will it be possible to monitor this restriction? And especially so should the 4 nights requirement not be consecutive.

Penalties and enforcement

Part 3: Subpart 1 – Offences, defences, and penalties

I believe that more attention and reference should be given in the proposed bylaw to matters contained in the Act:

20 "Offences", 23 "Penalties" and 24 "Offenders liable for cost of damage."
Especially 24 [3] which applies to abuse etc of enforcement officers that carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000.

Finally and importantly. It must be remembered that as soon as a fee is charged for any facility the Freedom Camp Act is no longer applicable. That area automatically becomes a camping ground. Refer Part 5 [3] [a] and [b].

The great success of the waterfront motor home facility – [although of course outside the scope for this proposed bylaw] is surely unique for a capital city anywhere in the world. It is noted that non self-contained vans also make use of this facility. During the Rugby World Cup, the Freyberg Pool car park was at times nearly full of campervans. The scope to increase present day campervan tourist numbers for the inner-city requires more consideration.

Other matters

Waste facilities:

Hopefully, sewerage and waste water discharge stations for camper vehicles are readily available throughout the region. If not, every effort should be made for improvements.

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