

31 August 2021

Kia ora

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 2122-36**

I refer to your information request we received on 12 August 2021 for the following:

***By way of OIA we request information about how your department / organization intends to continue to 'justify' the use of NZS;5465:2001 as a restriction on a 'right'.***

***This request is made either due to the fact you are currently listed as using the voluntary NZS;5465:2001 as a restriction to camping on public land.***

***Our concerns are raised as the Attorney General in 2011, advised Government during the Freedom Camping Bill about Freedom Camping being a 'right' and set out some criteria needed to restrict that right - as it applied to the Bill under consideration at that time.***

**Council response regarding your request**

You have asked how our organisation intends to continue to justify the use of NZS: 546:2001. We do not have a Bylaw made under section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act (The Act) or any other enactment. We have a Freedom Camping Policy (the Policy). We will continue to encourage responsible and sustainable camping through the use of self-contained standards

that specifies the requirements for water supply, sanitary plumbing and drainage installation and solid waste containment in motor caravans and caravans.

Our Council intends to review the Policy once the current review of the Act around sustainable camping in relation to self-contained requirements is complete. The Policy is scheduled for review in our current Policy Work Program

For your reference, here is a link to the policy we refer to above: [Council policies - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/council-policies)

Ngā mihi



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