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Subject: RE: Background on fireworks around the motu

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Thanks for your patience with a response – it's involved input from across several areas of the business [REDACTED]), but I now have something I can share.

Community safety – public places bylaw

Firstly, the team have provided a link through to some useful information on our website about the existing settings for fireworks ([REDACTED] may have already looked at this, but we're providing just in case) <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/community/community-safety/fireworks/>

Of note, the Public Place Bylaw already sets restrictions for fireworks – they are not permitted in public places like beaches, parks and sports fields. The bylaw can be accessed here: <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/council/forms-documents/bylaws/#PublicPlacesBylaw> However, I do note that our webpage regarding 'safe use of fireworks' doesn't make a direct link to the Public Place Bylaw, so I will ask the communications team to amend this.

Further to this, I note that as we review this Bylaw we can consider whether the current restrictions are sufficient to address concerns from residents such as [REDACTED] re fireworks; this may be a useful avenue to determine whether further action, such as submissions to national direction (below) are needed. This review would occur in the next triennium.

Enforcement of rules related to fireworks

Given the nature of [REDACTED] concerns, the other area where information is likely useful is in terms of enforcement of existing rules (not just those made by Council). I understand that that under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act local authorities have some responsibility for enforcing existing rules and regulations relating to how fireworks are being stored on private property, however, local authorities are not the responsible agency when it comes to establishing new rules or regulating the sale of fireworks to the public, for use on private property.

I can confirm that the Environmental Protection Authority, sets the controls for the [safe storage, sale and use of fireworks](#), and that [Police and Worksafe](#), have a dual role in ensuring those controls are met. [Fire and Emergency NZ](#) (FENZ) manage the risk through the setting of the fire season at the appropriate time of year.

I would imagine that the area of most interest is around the sale and use of fireworks, which the EPA, Police and Worksafe collectively manage. Concerns about out of season activity, are a matter for FENZ.

Submissions to national direction – fireworks restrictions

As noted in the link [\[redacted\]](#) provided about Whanganui, this issue is a national one, and some councils have chosen to advocate for concerns like those raised by [\[redacted\]](#) to be considered more comprehensively at a national level. We note the Pawprint Petition has been received by MP Greg Fleming, and we expect it will go to a select committee review, which would then report back on its conclusions.

Considering whether council wants to push forward with a submission of its own noting concerns about private use of fireworks would be an opportunity for Council to consider in the new triennium.

Hopefully the above is helpful in clarifying our ability to address and/or take forward [\[redacted\]](#) concerns.

Nga mihi, Kris

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<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/532409/what-to-know-about-firework-sales-bans-and-pets-this-guy-fawkes>
<https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/350173460/fireworks-and-sky-lanterns-banned-wellington-ahead-lunar-new-year>
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/possible-fireworks-ban-environment-minister-penny-simmonds-considers-options-after-horse-dies/>
<https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/BRF-5557-2024-Annual-update-on-the-regulation-of-fireworks.pdf>
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/whanganui-chronicle/news/whanganui-petition-for-the-ban-of-public-sale-fireworks-heads-to-parliament/>
<https://pawprintpetition.co.nz/>

Kia ora koutou [REDACTED],

Some links to what's been going on around the country as far as fireworks are concerned.

On 31 December 2024 many people in the Raumati community were disturbed by extremely loud and prolonged fireworks at various locations including the beach at the end of Aotea Street - a small fire was lit and there was lots of litter from the fireworks - and at a number of large short let holiday rentals along Rosetta Road.

This activity also occurs for around two weeks in November ostensibly to celebrate Guy Fawkes.

Fireworks are also let off on seemingly random occasions but these may be linked to Diwali.

While there have been well-managed public displays in the past it seems to me and many other people that Matariki is being embraced as a peaceful, beautiful and natural celebration of our New Year.

Is it possible for Kāpiti Coast District Council to lead the way in a ban of non-public fireworks? People, animals and the environment would certainly benefit.

Understand it would need a change of policy.

As far as a petition goes a simple digital solution could be developed.

Happy to discuss more.

All best,

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