

15 July 2021

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**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 8519834 (OIR: 2021-293)**

I refer to your information request we received on 30 June 2021 for the following in relation to Bill of Rights Consultation/NZS5465;2001/Freedom Camping:

***Responsible Campers Association Inc (RCAi) are writing a report into issues concerning the compliance by NZS;5465:2001 (self containment Standard) with NZ Bill of Rights Act, due to this having been raised as a potential issue, by MBIE (as part of Minister Nash's Freedom Camping proposals), and also by Simon Upton (-Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment), who credited the expose to us here at RCAi.***

***To that end RCAi, are seeking comments and feedback specific to that issue from Councils and other stakeholders, even if you do not support or enforce NZS;5465:2001.***

***While we are not asking that you treat this as a OIA, we ask if you can possibly supply any feedback to RCAi by close of business on 16th July 2021.***

**Council response regarding your request**

Thank you for your correspondence. We are not going to provide any comment or feedback on your submission. Our Council took an opportunity to submit on the discussion document and four proposals to improve freedom camping through the formal consultation process managed by MBIE on behalf of Government.

Ngā mihi



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