



Thames-Coromandel District Council

Revoking the Standards of Camping on Private Property

Statement of Proposal

The Thames Coromandel District Council proposes to revoke its Standards of Camping on Private Property (the Bylaw).

This statement of proposal sets out the reasons for the proposed revocation of the Bylaw and it also tells you how you can give us feedback.

Reasons for the Proposal

Thames Coromandel District Council (the Council) adopted the Standards of Camping on Private Property Bylaw in December 2015. The bylaw was in response to a perceived problem with large groups staying in temporary structures such as tents on private property, particularly during the summer period and during large events. There were concerns about potential issues of public health and safety, including overcrowding, pollution, littering and nuisance to neighbouring properties.

The Bylaw aimed to prevent people from creating a nuisance on private property and to allow the general public quiet enjoyment of their properties and amenities. It requires minimum standards for sanitation and adequate supply of drinking water.

The review of this bylaw has identified the following:

- We have other legislative tools to address sanitation and nuisance issues.
- Council has not needed to use the bylaw for enforcement purposes.
- Only two complaints relating to sanitation, overcrowding and nuisance on private property have been received since 2015.

Legal Requirements

Under section 155 of the Local Government Act, Council must determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way to address an issue.

Council is of the view that the bylaw is no longer required in order for it to address issues relating to public health or nuisance arising from camping on private property.

Council's decision

The Thames-Coromandel District Council, at its meeting on the 4 May 2021 has determined that:

1. A Standards of Camping on Private Property bylaw is not the most appropriate way to control the perceived problem;
2. The current Standards of Camping on Private Property be revoked; and
3. That revocation is done via a special consultative procedure to seek feedback from the community.

Have your say

The consultation period for the revocation of the Standards of Camping on Private Property Bylaw will begin on Friday 23 July 2021, and conclude at 4pm on Monday 23 August 2021.

This is your opportunity to let the Council know what you think of the proposal to revoke the Standards of Camping on Private Property Bylaw.

You can:

- read the bylaw and submit using our online consultation portal at www.haveyoursay-tcdc.objective.com
- email us at consultation@tcdc.govt.nz
- complete a submission form and post it to us at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Private Bag 1001, Thames 3540; or
- drop it into the area offices in Thames, Coromandel, Whitianga or Whangamatā.

Submission forms and hard copies of the statement of proposal are available at all our area offices.

If you have any questions about this proposal or about how to make a submission, please contact us on 07 868 0200 or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Hearings

Please tell us if you would like to attend a hearing to speak to Council in support of your submission. Include a telephone number and email address to ensure we can contact you to arrange a time for your presentation. Hearings will be held in Thames.

What happens next?

After the hearings, the Council will consider all the submissions received and will make a decision on the revocation of the Standards of Camping on Private Property Bylaw. As a submitter you will be notified of the Council's decision.

Remember, you have until 4pm Monday, 23 August 2021 to send us your feedback