

Addendum to Deliberations of the Freedom Camping Bylaw

The deliberations report prepared for the 5 June 2025 Council meeting accidentally omitted to include consideration of the current prohibition that applies to freedom camping on road reserves in Āpiti Village. This document sets out the information necessary for Council to make decisions with respect to freedom camping on Āpiti Village Road Reserves during deliberations.

Recommendations

Insert new recommendation 2. gg. As follows:

gg. Support Option 2 – Remove Āpiti Village Road Reserves from the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Discussion and Options Considered

Amend table 1 by adding a new row to the end, as follows:

Submitter-requested change to the bylaw	Submitters	Option 1	Option 2	Management Recommendation
Review the Āpiti Village Road Reserves	16, 17	Status quo – freedom camping is prohibited on village road reserves in Āpiti (as mapped in Schedule 1 of the Bylaw)	That the current prohibition be removed from road reserves in Āpiti. The effect of this is that the default position in the Freedom Camping Act 2011 would apply (i.e. freedom camping is permitted in a self-contained vehicle, tent or other temporary structure).	Support Option 2 – Remove Āpiti Village Road Reserves from the Freedom Camping Bylaw. <i>Report Recommendation gg</i>

Risk Assessment

Amend table 2 by adding a new row as follows:

Management Recommended Change	Is this change reasonable without further public consultation?
The proposal to remove the current prohibition on freedom camping on road reserves in Āpiti.	This change is not considered significant given that there is no record of problems with freedom campers in the area, roads are sufficiently wide to accommodate large vehicles and there are no significant cultural, environmental, historical or health and safety concerns.

Addition to Annex B – Changes to the bylaw requested by submitters

Requested Change	Submitter/s	Reason behind the requested change	How this change could be given effect to in the bylaw	Supporting considerations	Limitations	Revised Site Assessment Score	Management Recommendation
Residential and Village Road Reserves							
That the prohibition on residential and village road reserves be removed. Consider whether restrictions would be a more appropriate and proportionate response.	16, 17	<p>Responsible campers want to be able to freedom camp in these areas.</p> <p>The health and safety rating in the Site Assessment is too high – roads throughout the Manawatū District are wide enough to accommodate trucks and other large vehicles.</p>	Review Āpiti Village Road Reserves	<p>There is no record of problems with freedom campers in the area.</p> <p>Roads are sufficiently wide to accommodate large vehicles.</p> <p>There are no significant cultural, environmental or health and safety concerns.</p> <p>If freedom camping is prohibited, people staying outside their properties or outside the homes of family or friends could be infringed.</p>	Some roads only have formed kerb and channel on one side and there are some trees planted within berm areas. This means that some roads are less suitable for accommodating freedom camping vehicles than others.	N/A – it is recommended that this area be removed from the bylaw so that the default position in the Act applies.	<p>Amend the Bylaw.</p> <p>Remove Āpiti Village Road Reserves from Schedule 1 of the Bylaw.</p>