

**Attachment 2 to Report 04.425**

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Kaitoke Regional Park Submissions,  
Greater Wellington,  
P.O. Box 11646,  
Wellington.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are seeking submissions on the proposed review of the management plan.

The park is a jewel! I and my family members and friends visit it often for picnics, walks etc. When I have visitors from around New Zealand and overseas it is one of the first places I "show off" to them. They are usually amazed that such a beautiful place should exist so close to "civilisation" readily accessible by a main highway.

In most cases, motor access into bush areas is via old logging tracks where, needless to say, large trees have been removed - how fortunate that the access into this bush area was for a water supply - not for milling.

The park has been sensitively set up to cater for a range of activities - walking, tramping, picnicking, fishing etc and is well maintained.

Congratulations and thank you for what you have done - I will be happy for no change - let the present management continue.

If this sounds like an advertisement for the park then in an effort to help I will be happy to provide any information.

Bob Mather  
(TED ROBERTSON)

Wellington Regional Council  
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# Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

## Submission Form

Name *Glen Falconer*

Organisation (If relevant)

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The Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan sets out a vision, objectives and policies for management. It provides a framework for addressing issues across all the park in a comprehensive and consistent way. Currently we are reviewing the plan and we would like your feedback.

1. What do you like about the Park and its management?

*I am happy with the way everything looks to date. Its good to see areas being fenced off to stock  
Being able to book out picnic areas*

2. What would you like to see improved within the Park or its management?

*The Hutt Water Catchment become part of the park & for camping to be allowed at selected locations in the catchment.  
More intensive Pest Animal Management at selected site eg around mistle toe on ridge track.  
Traffic Management in Summer  
6 Monthly Hunting permits / Allowing hunters to camp.*

3. How would you like to see the Park in 20 years?

*A track to link up with Maymorn ridge Kate San Pukeratahi Lakes  
Maintenance of route along Maymorn & Kenata Ridge's. This would create a "round the catchment tramp".*

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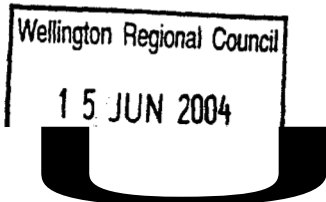
4. In the Park, which activity do you spend the most time doing:

- (a) walking
- (b) tramping
- (c) camping
- (d) swimming
- (e) dog walking
- (f) horse riding
- (g) mountain biking
- (h) other – (please add)

5. What do you think are the Park's most important values?

Biodiversity  
People Management facilities  
Recreation

6. Do you have any comments on the current plan?



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## Submission Form

Name

Organisation (If relevant)

TERRY PORRITT  
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### What do you like about the Park and its management?

There has been a vast improvement in the quality of Kaitoke Regional Park since management of the area was assumed by the Regional Council from the old Wellington Regional Water Board. I particularly appreciate the active encouragement of public use and access by the Council, as distinct from the hostile attitude of the water board days.

The re-growth of bush in areas only seen by trampers has been excellent due to control of deer, pig and possum numbers.

### 2. What would you like to see improved within the Park or its management?

The Ridge Track at the Twin Lakes (Macaskill Lake) is treacherous underfoot even with good boots - needs re-surfacing.

The gorse in the paddocks there is quite out of hand and is preventing access to the river terrace.

I would like to see public access become available to the western side of Kaitoke Regional Park in the area of Cloustonville. For over 40 years individuals & clubs have had access over private land. This access was closed off about 3 years ago.

### 3. How would you like to see the Park in 20 years?

Much the same as it is now (grin). I would not like to see excessive development, commercial activities, or other schemes that would detract from its unique status.

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- (g) mountain biking
- (h) other - (please add)

5. What do you think are the Park's most important values?

The most important values of Kaitoke Regional Park are the bush & river experiences it gives to visitors. It is THE place to take overseas visitors to the area, so that they can get a glimpse of New Zealand Bush so near to the capital. It is suitable for people of all ages and levels of fitness or disability to enjoy and appreciate.

6. Do you have any comments on the current plan?

Since the 1991 Management Plan, the catchment area has been opened to the public, albeit with more sign boards, bridge and track facilities, in the Hut Forks area, than was originally proposed at meetings with interested groups prior to opening.

Sign boards around the area say "plan your trip to get through in one day". This in my opinion is a sop to the management decision not to allow camping, as it is manifestly impossible to do that on many routes, and "we all know" that camping does take place. The "seven hours to Renata Hut" sign near the Eastern Hut River is also manifest nonsense unless you are Steve Gurney. MANAGEMENT NEED TO GET REAL. [AS THEY ALSO NEED TO GET REAL WITH THE REPEATED STATEMENTS ABOUT TANES TRACK AT TUNNEL GULLY RESERV BEING SUITABLE FOR WHEEL CHAIRS - IMPOSSIBLE ]

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This relates to clause 3.2.10 **KRP** Management Plan, Part 1.

## **UNAUTHORIZED ROUTE/TRACK MARKING & CLEARING IN KRP**

I have raised this matter with WRC in the past several times, **but as far as I know**, no messages have gone **out** to local tramping and walking clubs about **this** practice.

**The** level of bush **skills** has declined over **the** years, **as** has been mentioned both **in the** FMC Bulletin and by **SAR** advisers.

So over the last ten **years** or **so**, we have seen extensive marking of **routes within KRP**, taking **the** form of **dazzle** paint, ribbons, venetian blinds, "DOC" orange triangles together with unwarranted cutting back of **the** bush on **those** routes. I have noted with sadness much cutting of young seedling trees that have been **'in the way'** of uncaring trampers.

Only my continual removal of the markings **has** helped to keep the local bush **in** a clean condition whereby one **is** not assailed **by** visual pollution. There **is** nothing that can be **done** about destroyed bush.

**Just two** examples:

**A** route from the Catchment boundary to the vicinity of Hutt Forks, **so** densely festooned with ribbons, that **a** blind person could **have found** his way by feeling **the** ribbons which were **only** an **arms** length apart.

I have **cleared** this route too many times to remember.

**A** so-called Chief Guide/Club Captain of **a** tramping club, so inexperienced in bush navigation that he **complained about marker** removal because **otherwise he** couldn't find his way!

**Thus the** wrong **messages** are being given to new dub **members**, and **the** problem proliferates.

### **WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS:**

1. All local **clubs** and walking groups in the area to **be** periodically **reminded to** observe the 'bush **code**', take only **photos**, leave **only** footprints, **and to be told** firmly not to cut, clear and **mark their** own tracks in any way.

2. Incorporate this sort of message onto information **boards in the area**.

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This relates to clause 3.1.2 (4), KRP Management Plan Part 1, and (now obsolete) clause 2.1 Part 2.

#### CAMPING WITHIN KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK WATER CATCHMENT AREA

You actually do have to have tramped extensively through the catchment area to appreciate **how** big the area really is.

I get the impression that Council management did not have this hands on experience, and I'm guessing that maybe, when it was decided to open the **area** up to the public, that regard **was** not paid to field staff views on the impracticability of being able to traverse the area in one day.

First proposals at early meetings with interested parties suggested that no more than **30** people from approved clubs with permits, **be** allowed at any one **time**. It was proposed that the area remain a wilderness with no tracks, huts or signposts put in.

**That** was relaxed to generally admit the public, and extensive signposting **was** put **up** near the Eastern **Hutt** and at the waterworks. **A marked** track to **Hutt** Forks pointing to Quoin was cut, the 'Gut Buster' route to the Eastern Hutt was marked, and a swing bridge **built** to replace the 3 wire bridge across the **Eastern** Hutt river.

**So** the **effect has** been to positively welcome and encourage the general **public** to the area, rather than **maybe** just the smaller 'elite' skilled tramping groups as originally envisaged.

There are signs at strategic places around the catchment boundary **asking** that trips through the catchment are arranged **so** as to **get out** in one day.

I would suggest that if you have the fitness of a Steve Gurney 'Ironman', then **this** may **just** be possible.

Now that **access** at Cloustonville has been **closed off** travelling through the catchment in one day is even more difficult.

**The** time of seven hours to Renata Hutt an **one** signboard, going via **the** Western **Hutt** river **is, in** my humble opinion, to satisfy the management decision of **no** camping. As I said, a Steve Gurney could **do** it in that time, but not an average trumper.

**Now** "it is well known" that camping does take place, in the **same** way **as it is**, and was, well known that trampers went through the catchment area for **years** ever since it was 'closed to the public' in the **50s** and until it was **opened** up **in** the **90s**.

**It is** probably **also** a **well** known fact that a blind eye was turned by head **rangers** over **the years** if entry to the catchment was **made** discretely, especially **on** **We** western side where it was said to me by the chief ranger **at** the time "that **is** too far away to worry us"



**OK SO WHAT I ASK IS:**

**Please revisit the current no camping rule as a number of years have gone by since *the* Catchment was opened up, and it is due for re-assesment.**

**I think most sensible trampers would be happy with a ruling or recommendation that camping should not be within say 50 metres or thereabouts of a waterway**

**[ 'Ordinary' people would maybe have some regard for the current rule if WRC could also demonstrate that the animals have been trained not to defecate near to streams and rivers :-) ]**

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This relates to clause 3.1.1, Park Entry **Areas**, KRP Management Plan, Part 1

#### ACCESS TO WESTERN SIDE OF KAITOKE **REGIONAL** PARK

have mentioned [REDACTED] the submission form, this is an amplification.

Staff with long departmental memories **will** recall that the western side of KRP was once part of Tararua Forest Park, and became a significant addition to ~~the~~ park after a land swap with DOC.

For **very** many years, the public and tramping clubs had enjoyed access to this area, ie Frances Stream **and** Maymorn Ridge, by permission of a local landowner, Redington, at Cloustonville. For that we were grateful.

**Now** he and one R. Kirk, a recent adjacent landowner have denied access on the grounds that **it would** interfere with a commercial ~~deer~~ venture, as is their prerogative as landowners.

**As** a result, it **now** takes a full days travel to reach this part of KRP from either the '**Odlins**' road off Akatarawa road summit, or from the Kaitoke Water works. This means that this part of KRP **is** effectively removed **from reasonable** public access.

It also illustrates again the rather impractical messages on WRC notices around the Catchment area of getting through the Catchment area in one day, but that **is** another issue.

#### WHAT I **WOULD** LIKE TO SEE IS:

The Regional Council to attempt to negotiate a public right of way from the Akatarawa Road to the **vicinity** of the headwaters of the **Putaputa** or Kerekere streams, thus opening the area once again to reasonable **access**.

Alternatively **and this is just** as difficult, to cut a track **over** Council land from **the** vicinity of Fern Valley through to the upper reaches of Frances Stream in Tararua Forest Park.

**This** would still **be** a **long** way from KRP, and still a days travel.

**A** close watch kept on the encroachment of landowners bordering the western **side** of KRP into possible commercial activities **within KRP**, for example commercial ~~deer~~ hunting. [It may **be** significant that the Maymorn Ridge has been recently cut and 'privatety' route marked from Maymorn junction southwards, even though there **is** now **no** public access from Cloustonville].

Also in the **past** I have **seen** cattle grazing **in** the **bush** nearly as far **as** Kakariki, it

is disconcerting to **say the least** to meet homed beasts unexpectedly!  
There **have** been heresay **reports** of logging of native trees (about **15** years ago).

This relates to clause 3.2.12., **KRP** Management Plan Part 1

#### 1080 POISON: COMMENTS

I have no objection to the use of 1080 to control pests in KRP and other Regional Council areas, but there are some points I would like to raise and ask the Council to consider implementing before **it is used** again:

1. Co-ordinate the dropping of 1080 within Council land with DOC so that drops on adjacent lands, eg Tararua Forest Park and KRP can occur simultaneously.

**In** the past this appears not to have been the case, so there was a situation when WRC dropped 1080 around the Kaitoke area, preventing **me** walking the **dogs** into **the** Tauherenikau. Then after several **months** when it was **safe** to **do so**, DOC decided to drop 1080 on their side of the boundary, so another 6 months denial of use took **place**. Then **when** it was **safe** to take the dogs again, WRC decided to have another **drop**.

I was thus prevented from tramping with the **dogs** in that area for 18 months. There would have been many others in the same situation.

**21** would plead that 1080 **is** not dropped to within 50 metres **of** the KRP boundary. **It is** not asking too much.

I foolishly took one of my dogs on the lead along the northern boundary ridge line above Norberts Creek and **above** the Hutt river last August and somehow he grabbed and ate a piece of bait and subsequently died. We were not in the Catchment area where the **bait** was supposed to have been dropped.

**Now** I know the area was plastered with signs, '**Do not take your dog into the area**', but there was also a sign saying that it had not been dropped within the park. Now 1080 on or inside the boundary **as** far as I'm concerned **is** within the park, and it shouldn't be. 1080 on the catchment side of **the** boundary is **outside** the park, what could **be** simpler than that?

There was a similar 'cock-up' of signage in Tunnel Gully Reserve at the entrance, during the last drop there, warning of 1080 and cyanide, **so I didn't take my dogs** for 3 months (I go there almost every day) until told by Dean Harefeld that in fact there was none within the bushwalk area, and that it **had only** been dropped along the ridge above Tunnel Gully, and that the cyanide **was up** the spurs **leading to** the ridge top

**The** signs **DID** NOT give that vital information.

So I plead **for** explicit signs, that detail exactly where there is or **is** not 1080, **not a** massive 'blanket' of signs that **say** 1080 in the area when **the** signs don't define the actual area where poison **is** dropped.

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Wellington Regional Council  
21 JUN 2004

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Dear Bowden. 14.6.04  
34 Waterworks road Kaitoke.

Kaitoke regional Park Management Plan.

Future management directions. Dear Trecia Smith,

Thankyou for inviting Submissions for consideration in the New Draft Plan.

We have lived on Waterworks road for the past 7 years and have an ongoing involvement with the Park and Rangers.

Over this period we have fostered the Parks association with Plateau School and enjoyed the recreational facilities on offer immensely and helped with pest destruction and tree planting.

We farm a small block and during the peak camping period sell gate side produce eggs, fruit etc. The demand that has steadily grown over the years has prompted us to look at expanding the service.

Other park activities that have proved popular with visitors are eco-pursuits eg eel feeding, observing Moneypork and cycling.

For the 2005 Summer holiday period we plan to trial a wider range of produce and hire out mountain bikes for park visitors. This raises the issue "What place is there for other activities in the Park including Commercial activities?"

We have good communication with Steve Edwards and in the past with Matt Ballentyne and think its important to involve the Wellington Regional Council in decisions about the appropriateness of our activities.

We have seen in Sanctuaries overseas and our own Karori, Mt Bruce, Otago Peninsula how Commercial activity can be operated in a non-obtrusive manner. We have also seen how popular the eco activities are with family groups, that form an important core group of campers in kaitoke.

We would like to see the way open in the new draft plan for these types of activities and meet with the WRC to discuss how best to implement them.

Yours Sincerely



Dean Barden.

Copies to Steve Edwards.

Fraser Oliver.

Wellington Regional Council  
25 JUN 2004



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# Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

## Submission Form

Name *Margaret*  
*(17 Shanly Street*  
*Upper Hutt)*

Organisation (if relevant)

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<i>T. Smith</i>	<i>10/6</i>

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### 1. What do you like about the Park and its management?

*It is 15 mins. drive from our home, & for over 40 years has been our favourite picnic/walking place, & in recent years, camping area too. The park is always very tidy & the staff friendly & helpful, & our children & now our grandchildren (from Auckland) enjoy the outdoors there - the swing bridge & bush walk is a real favourite with the grandchildren. We would not like to see commercial activities there - it is a wonderful place to enjoy!*

### 2. What would you like to see improved within the Park or its management?

*Toilet facilities are now inadequate for the big increase in numbers using the park. The blocks below the caretaker's house has 2 for ladies, but one is quite often blocked & in the evenings there is often a queue of at least 10, & when only one is available, there can be a long wait, & it's not pleasant if it's raining too! More toilets are needed in the most used areas of the park, & also a dump site for porta-loos. My husband says the men's toilets are also inadequate.*

### 3. How would you like to see the Park in 20 years?

*Don't expect to be around then!*

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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL	
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## Submission Form

Name BILL PATCHETT Organisation (if relevant) LOCAL

RESIDENT

The Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan sets out a vision, objectives and policies for management. It provides a framework for addressing issues across all the park in a comprehensive and consistent way. Currently we are reviewing the plan and we would like your feedback.

### 1. What do you like about the Park and its management?

- MAINTAINED TO A HIGH STANDARD
- EXCELLENT CASUAL FACILITIES - BBQ AREAS, ETC
- LAY-OUT OF UPPER & LOWER CAMPING AREAS
- RANGER'S 'OFFICE' POSITION & THE FACT THAT HE IS 'ALWAYS PRESENT'

### 2. What would you like to see improved within the Park or its management?

- MAYBE IN TIME - A B.B.Q. FACILITY IN UPPER CAMPING AREA. THEY CAN ALSO PROVIDE GREAT SHELTER IN A KAITOKE DOWN-POUR - WATER POOLING AREA IN LOWER AREA NEED LANDSCAPING

### 3. How would you like to see the Park in 20 years?

CONTROLLED & MAINTAINED & LEFT TO DEVELOP NATURALLY, AS IT IS TODAY

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- (d)  swimming
- (e)  dog walking
- (f)  horse riding
- (g)  mountain biking

(h)  other - (please add) ENJOYING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED WITHIN

5. What do you think are the Park's most important values?

- PROVIDED MORE THAN ADEQUATELY FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE (Q.4.)
- A GREAT PLACE TO DE-STRESS!
- AND WHEN NOT POPULATED, A GREAT FOR A

6. Do you have any comments on the current plan?

DOG TO STRETCH ITS LEGS.



# Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

## Submission Form

Name *Bruce Burley*

Organisation (if relevant) *T/A*

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**1. What do you like about the Park and its management?**

*A neat place for me to go with my labrador dog and walk together*

**2. What would you like to see improved within the Park or its management?**

*Nothing*

**3. How would you like to see the Park in 20 years?**

4. In the Park, which activity do you spend the most time doing:

- (a) walking
- (b) tramping
- (c) camping
- (d) swimming
- (e) dog walking
- (f) horse riding
- (g) mountain biking
- (h) other – (please add)

5. What do you think are the Park's most important values?

*Peaceful with lots of space  
in the paddock areas – top and  
bottom*

6. Do you have any comments on the current plan?



# Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

## Submission Form

Name Alison Patelett Organisation (If relevant) Local Resident

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1. What do you like about the Park and its management?

Visibility now of the rangers  
The high standard of ground maintenance  
Friendliness of the rangers

2. What would you like to see improved within the Park or its management?

The continued eradication of the ~~ewe~~ gorse  
Nothing, its uniqueness attracts the right sort of people. The more you have to offer the more likely to attract the wrong sort of people into the place, & area.

3. How would you like to see the Park in 20 years?

The continued high maintenance.

4. In the Park, which activity do you spend the most time doing:

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- (c)  camping
- (d)  swimming
- (e)  dog walking
- (f)  horse riding
- (g)  mountain biking
- (h)  other – (please add)

5. What do you think are the Park's most important values?

Great Place to unwind,  
It Promotes Good Green & Clean  
Environment.  
Enables you to ~~see~~ run your dog  
when it's NOT populated.

6. Do you have any comments on the current plan?



**SUBMISSION**

*For*

**Greater Wellington - The Regional Council  
Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review**

# NZ. Motor Caravan Assn. Inc.

The Association of Self-propelled Caravans



Wellington Regional Council  
30 JUN 2004

25 June 2004

Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan  
Greater Wellington - The Regional Council  
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## SUBMISSION FOR KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

ORGANISATION                                      NZ Motor Caravan Association Inc.

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Resource Management Co-ordinator

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PAPAKURA, AUCKLAND

### Introduction

Motor caravan tourism is one of the fastest growing recreation activities within NZ. The NZ Motor Caravan Association Inc currently represents 13,520 family groups nationwide who own motorhomes (*total of 25,194 adults*). NZMCA membership has doubled since 1998. It is estimated we represent 75% of NZ private motorhome owners *There are also currently around 2,500 rental motorhomes available, which are fully booked and therefore on the roads every day during peak periods.*

The purpose of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc is to foster and advance the Motor Caravan movement by providing relevant services and information, promoting fellowship, vehicle safety, road courtesy and protection of the environment.

The association actively promotes self-containment for *motor caravans* and all members, whether self contained or not, must comply with the NZMCA Code of Conduct.

1. Specific provisions this submission relates to:

3.4.10 Camping and Caravans

Policy: (1), (2), (3), (4),

2. NZMCA supports these provisions, but seeks amendments

3. Reason

NZMCA supports policy 3.4.10 Camping and Caravans provisions but wish to advise Regional Council to clarify parts of the policy.

We seek clarification of Policy 3.4.10 *Camping and Caravans*. The activity of ‘camping’ and ‘motorhome recreation’ is very different and they can not be classified together as one activity.

Travelling by motorhome is one of New Zealand’s fastest growing recreational activities. Unlike other methods of touring, Motorhomes allow you privacy, the opportunity to take pets, and to visit friends and family without the requisite of ‘home invasion’. Motorhome provide the room for you to travel with your friends or family with sizeable recreational equipment, *while still in comfort*. motorhome travel is alluring to those who enjoy outdoor nature and the various wonders of New Zealand.

Motorhomes also give the less mobile, older or handicapped people, the ability to spend time in camping areas otherwise inaccessible to them. They give people the choice to travel at any time of year without weeks of planning and booking, while giving access to remote areas of the New Zealand landscape.

NZMCA actively encourages our members to certify their vans under the NZS 5465:2001, *New Zealand Standard for the Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans*. A certificated self-contained motorhome is designed to have no adverse effects on the environment and present no **risk** to public health. It is designed to completely meet the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the occupants for a minimum of three days *without requiring any external services or discharging any waste*. With more and more certificated self contained vehicles touring NZ, we hope council will support tourism and recreation by allowing independent overnight rest areas for these motorhome travellers.

The members of our association are very fond of reserves, parks and other public places in the Wellington region. As an environmentally friendly association, we reinforce members to comply with local animal control Bylaws, clean disposal of waste, respect restrictions, keeping site clean and abide by NZMCA regulations.



**4. Suggested amendments/Decision Sought**

Retain the policy in conjunction with the park recreation objectives

2.4 Recreation (1)

*“To provide for a wide range of outdoor recreation activities”*

Suggested amendments for Policy 3.4.10 Camping and Caravans

Separate the policy into two policies

(1) Camping

(2) Motorhomes and Caravans

Amend policy 3.4.10 Camping and Caravans, policy part (3),(4)

State the conditions of overnight (*in brief*)

*i.e. Independent overnight stays is allowed for maximum of two nights for certificate self contained vehicles*

List the areas that allow independent overnight stays for certificated self contained vehicles

List the areas that prohibit independent overnight stays for certificated self contained vehicles

Council should consider listing these areas to reinforce which areas are allowed and which areas are prohibited. Park Ranger can then remove or fine those that stay overnight at prohibited areas. NZMCA reinforce council to insert clear signage in areas.

*Note: Please read ‘What is self Containment’ leaflet for further information on self containment.*

NZMCA hope Council looks favourably on our requests and I look forward to being further involved in the development of the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan.

**5. Hearing**

Speak to support this submission:

YES

NO

If there are *any* meetings and events regarding motor caravan matters, please notify us. We may wish to attend.



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