Amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2015 – Akaroa

The Hearings Panel recommends amending the <u>Freedom Camping Bylaw</u> in the following ways (to be incorporated into the full Bylaw, once adopted by the Council):

Additions to clause 7 of the bylaw

Add new subclause (c) to clause 7(1), and new explanatory notes. New wording underlined, to read:

Clause 7. Freedom camping in certified self-contained vehicles

- (1) In any area marked orange on any map in the Schedule, freedom camping is allowed subject to the following restrictions:
 - (a) The freedom camping must only take place in a certified self-contained vehicle; and
 - (b) The maximum period of stay in any location within an orange area is 2 nights within a 30-day period; and
 - (c) If there are marked parking spaces in an orange area, only one vehicle may park overnight per marked parking space, and all freedom camping activities must be confined to that parking space.

Explanatory note: Clause 7(1)(c) is to prevent overcrowding and overflow in freedom camping areas. This means 'double-bunking' (where more than one vehicle occupies a parking space intended for one vehicle) is not allowed. Freedom camping activities (including awnings or shade structures) cannot spread outside of the marked parking space and encroach onto neighbouring spaces or into other areas, including any nearby grassed areas. These kinds of freedom camping areas are not intended to support traditional camping set-ups.

Deletions to the Freedom Camping Bylaw Schedule (including maps)

Amendment action	Title and description in current bylaw schedule
Delete red (Prohibited) table entry titled: Map 10 red areas	"Akaroa Main Business Area and Boat Ramp – All Council-owned and/or - managed land. Beach Road from Bruce Terrace to Rue Benoit; Rue Lavaud from Rue Benoit to Woodills Road; Woodills Road from Rue Lavaud to Rue Jolie north; Rue Jolie South from Bruce Terrace to Beach Road; Rue Jolie North from the waterfront to Rue Brittan; Rue Balguerie from Rue Lavaud to Dalys Wharf; Bruce Terrace – from Beach Road to Rue Jolie South; Aubrey Street – all; Church Street – all; Rue Croix – all; Akaroa boat park area from Rue Brittan along the foreshore to Woodills Road up to Rue Lavaud and includes Children's Bay foreshore. Note: Excluding the areas designated for self-contained vehicles."
Delete red (Prohibited) table entry titled: Map 11 red areas	"Takapūneke – All Council owned- and/or -managed land at Takapūneke Reserve, Green Point Park and Beach Road Park" [Note: Takapūneke will remain prohibited and form part of the Akaroa prohibited area]
Delete orange (Restricted) table entry: Maps 10 & 11 orange area	"Akaroa – residential zone – All Council-owned and/or -managed land comprising the urban area within the Akaroa residential and urban area, including the boat ramp, excluding the prohibited areas."
Delete map 10.3	Freedom camping restrictions: Jubilee Park Akaroa (This map shows the freedom camping area on Rue Brittan, surrounded by a mixture of prohibited and restricted areas)

Amendment action	Title and description in current bylaw schedule
Delete map 11.3	Freedom camping restrictions: Akaroa (This map shows the two prohibited areas in Akaroa (the commercial and partial waterfront area, and Takapūneke) and the residential zone and remaining part of the waterfront area, where self-contained vehicles can currently stay for a maximum of 2 nights in any 30-day period)

Additions to the Freedom Camping Bylaw Schedule (including maps)

Amendment action	Replacement title and description in amended bylaw schedule
Add replacement red (Prohibited) table entry titled: Maps 10 & 11 red area	Akaroa Prohibited Area – All Council-owned and/or managed land in Akaroa township is prohibited to freedom camping (other than in the marked parking spaces in the Akaroa Freedom Camping Area, where certified self-contained vehicles can camp for up to two nights in any 30-day period).
	The Akaroa prohibited area includes:
	the whole of the Akaroa waterfront (from Children's Bay to Red House Bay (including the whole of Beach Road));
	Takapūneke Reserve (from and including Beach Road to Onuku Road);
	the residential part of Lighthouse Road (as shown on the map);
	Grehan Valley Road and Aylmers Valley Road (including the parking area for Misty Peaks Reserve);
	Rue Balguerie_and the first parts of Purple Peak Road and Stony Bay Road (as shown on the map);
	Old Coach Road up to and including the turnaround area by Long Bay Road / State Highway 75; and
	part of Morgan's Road (as shown on the map).
Add replacement orange (Restricted) table entry titled: Maps 10 & 11 orange area	Akaroa Freedom Camping Area is located at the northern end of Akaroa, south of Woodills Road / State Highway 75, and in the north eastern part of Akaroa Boat Park. There are two rows of freedom camping parking spaces to the west of the Akaroa Croquet Club (one row with seven larger parks, and one row with eight medium parks). A third row of freedom camping parking spaces is located alongside the northern fork of Grehan Stream (with three medium parks). Freedom camping parking spaces are clearly marked on-site.
Add replacement map – Map 10.3	Map 10.3 - Akaroa Freedom Camping Area
	(Map to show the Akaroa Freedom Camping Area, surrounded by the nearby portion of the Akaroa Prohibited Area)
Add replacement map – Map 11.3	Map 11.3 – Akaroa Prohibited Area
	(Map to show the whole of the Akaroa Prohibited Area, and indicate where the Akaroa Freedom Camping Area is located)

Note:

- 1. The maps are separately attached to the Council report.
- 2. The information in the maps will also be incorporated into the interactive freedom camping map on the Council's website, if adopted by Council.