

SBRRA Freedom Camping Bylaw Update

- Freedom camping bylaw was discussed at a meeting of Auckland Council's Regulatory Committee on September 13 2018.
- The intent of the bylaw is stated to be to address the harms from freedom camping by increasing the supply of sites in suitable areas and providing for improved enforcement.
- Rules are intended to be simple and regionally consistent.
- Across Auckland:
 - 312 sites are proposed to be prohibited;
 - 94 sites are restricted to vehicles that are self-contained;
 - Restricts freedom camping at another 13 sites, non-self-contained permitted.
- Each restricted site will have a designated maximum number of campers, with a maximum stay of 2 nights within a 4 week consecutive period.
- For sites where there is a high demand by other users during the day there will be a maximum stay of one night and a requirement to leave the site by 9.00 hours if there is a high demand by other users during the day.
- For sites restricted to self-contained vehicles, those vehicles will be required to be certified to the NZ Standard for self-contained vehicles – NZS 5465:2001.
- The following sites in Snells Beach have been named in the by-law:
 - Prohibited:
 - Ariki Reserve
 - Goodall Reserve
 - Restricted:
 - Sunburst Reserve and Tamatea Esplanade, 5 spaces
 - Whisper Cove (Kohiki Lane), 2 spaces
 - Restricted, non-self-contained permitted:
 - Sunrise Boulevard, 4 spaces.
- There was a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on November 8th. A draft version of the bylaw is included in the agenda for this meeting. As at this afternoon the minutes were not yet available on the appropriate website.
- Public feedback for the bylaw is scheduled for the period from 3 December 2018 until 18 February 2019.

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