

Application for Freedom Camping Exemption

Waitaki District Council may grant an exemption to clause 9.1 and/or 9.2 of the Waitaki Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 upon written application. Consent may be granted in specific cases, where the Council considers that granting of that consent would not be contrary to the purpose of the bylaw. Consent may be granted with or without conditions, and is at the absolute discretion of the Council. Applications are to be made in writing at least four weeks prior to the proposed date of camping.

Applicant details

First name(s) * _____
Last name* _____
Organisation (if applicable) _____
Postal address* _____
Suburb* _____
City/town* _____
Postal code _____
Vehicle registration number* _____
Contact phone number* _____
Email address* _____
Location requested* _____

Date and duration of stay

(Please give approximate time of arrival. Note: 24 hour clock showing hours only)

Proposed arrival date and time*

Day: Month: Year: Hour:

Departure date and time* (please give approximate time of departure.

Day: Month: Year: Hour:

Length of stay being requested* _____

Number of vehicles* _____

Which bylaw restriction are you seeking exemption for?* (Tick which applies)

- Camping within a prohibited freedom camping area in clause 6.1 (see www.waitaki.govt.nz/freedomcamping)
- Unable to comply with condition/s of clause 6.2 (see over page)

Reason for application*

Permitted freedom camping must comply with certain requirements

A person camping in accordance with a consent granted under clauses 9.1 or 9.2 of the Waitaki Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 –

- Must comply with any conditions included in the consent; and
- Must not commit an infringement offence under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Note: Council or a freedom camping enforcement officer may revoke consented freedom camping where it is believed on reasonable grounds that the person breaches the above including acting in a manner likely to endanger the health and safety of other people and damaging or likely to cause damage to the site.

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Confirmation*

I confirm that I have read and understood the conditions contained above and within the Waitaki District Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 and that I will act in good faith as a responsible camper if granted an exemption to the bylaw.

Yes

Signature _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

*All fields marked with an * must be completed*

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Excerpts from Waitaki District Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016

6. *Local authority areas where freedom camping is permitted*

6.2 *All freedom camping must comply with the following conditions:*

- a) No person may freedom camp except in a certified self-contained vehicle.*
- b) No person may freedom camp for more than three nights in any four week consecutive period in any one area. The four consecutive weeks begin from the first overnight stay.*
- c) All effluent must be disposed of at Council-approved facilities.*
- d) All solid waste is disposed of at Council-approved facilities.*
- e) Campsites must be kept clean and tidy.*
- f) Vehicles must be legally parked.*
- g) Freedom camping must not prevent others from undertaking legitimate activities in the area.*
- h) Freedom camping must not restrict public access to public areas.*
- i) The safety of other users is not compromised.*
- j) No washing of dishes or washing and drying of clothes in public facilities except for those facilities designated for that purpose.*
- k) Enforcement officers must be able to inspect any camp site and freedom campers must comply with any reasonable directions from an enforcement officer including the request to view self-containment certificates and /or warrants.*

9. *Prior consent from Council*

9.1 *Consent may be sought from Council to allow freedom camping in an area listed in Schedule 2 (Prohibited Areas), which may be granted with or without conditions. Consent must be applied for in writing, providing sufficient detail about the proposed camping, to the Chief Executive of Council at least 20 working days in advance of the date planned for freedom camping in the prohibited area.*

9.2 *Permission may be sought from Council to waive or modify freedom camping restrictions in an area listed in Schedule 1 (Restricted Areas) and/or the restrictions as set out in clause 6.2 which may be granted, with or without conditions. Consent must be applied for in writing, providing sufficient detail about the proposed camping, to the Chief Executive of the Council at least 20 working days in advance of the date planned for freedom camping in the area where restrictions apply.*

9.3 *A Council Officer may revoke a consent granted under clause 9.1 or 9.2 by giving a direction for the person to leave the camping area where that person has:*

- a) acted in a manner likely to endanger the health and safety of other people;*
- b) damaged or is likely to cause damage to the site;*
- c) breached any of the conditions included in any consent.*