



Wairarapa Policy Working Group

Agenda for the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw Hearings to
be held at 1.00pm in the Hurunui-ō-Rangi Meeting Room,
50 Holloway Street, Carterton

Thursday 14 August 2025

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Full Set of Submissions Received



FULL SET OF SUBMISSIONS

WAIRARAPA CONSOLIDATED BYLAW NGĀ TURE Ā-ROHE TŌPU O WAIRARAPA

Submissions #1 to #52

(For consultation between
25 June 2025 to 25 July 2025)

WAIRARAPA CONSOLIDATED BYLAW **PART ELEVEN: TRADE WASTE** NGĀ TURE Ā-ROHE TŌPU O WAIRARAPA WĀHANGA TEKAU MĀ TAHI: RINGAREHE

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(For consultation between
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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Irshad
Surname (required) Ahmad

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3 No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4 No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5 Which district do you live in? [REDACTED]

Q6 What is your age range? [REDACTED]

Q7 Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you. [REDACTED]

Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Feedback on City Parking Request for 10 Minutes Free

I'd like to suggest that the council consider making the first 10 minutes of city parking free. This would be a big help for people who are only in town briefly especially food delivery drivers who need to stop quickly to drop off orders.

Right now, they often have to find a coin just to use the parking machine, which isn't always easy. Coins are harder to come by these days, and it slows things down when all they're doing is stopping for a few minutes. A short free period would make things more practical and fair for them.

This change would also benefit people who just need to pop into a shop or pick something up. It's a small adjustment, but it could make a real difference to how convenient and accessible the town centre feels.

Thank you for considering it.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,

Part Four: Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke

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Part Six: Traffic

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

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Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Lillian
Surname (required) Richmond

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

Yes (please state organisation name):
Animal Outfitters Limited

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

Q6

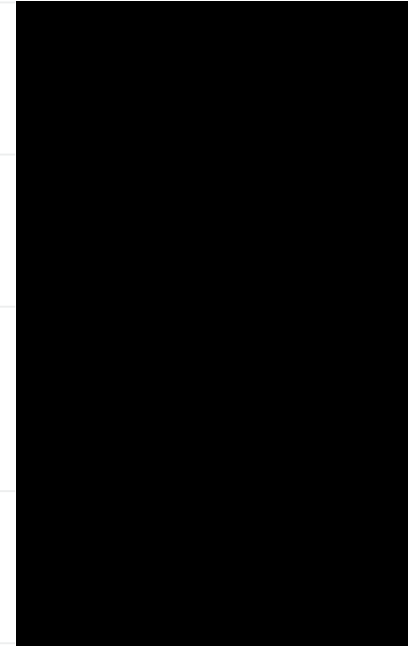
What is your age range?

Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Remove the 2 metre clear footpath requirement for sandwich boards in public places as this is at times not practical if the footpath is not wide enough. This makes an assumption that all footpaths are at least 2 metres wide, or if not, it would mean no sandwich boards are allowed. Some footpaths in Martinborough (Kitchener Street) would struggle to accommodate this requirement.

Q12

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Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

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Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

If the 2 metre boundary as above must be adopted wairarapa wide, then I would recommend the council has to provide businesses with another way of providing street signage. Businesses are struggling to attract foot traffic as it is without restrictions on sandwich boards, signs, flags etc to entice shoppers etc

Q15

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Joanna
Surname (required) Baldwin

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

[REDACTED]

Q6

What is your age range?

[REDACTED]

Q7

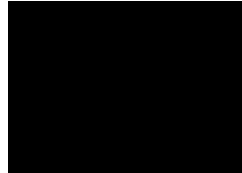
Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Part Seven: Cemeteries and Crematoria

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Be aware of mental health issues and offensive language as the result of grief. Also some religions find other religions offensive.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Lucinda
Surname (required) Birch

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

Q6

What is your age range?

Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

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Q11

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Fully support

Q12

Part Six: Traffic

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I fully support the speed limit on Castlepoint Beach basin area. At the moment there are occasions when it can be dangerous walking here, especially if vehicles are racing. (Not to mention the damage they do to the integrity of the sand and beach.) And definitely keep vehicles off the main beach. This is a much overdue and necessary bylaw.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Jonathan
Surname (required) Black

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

[REDACTED]

Q6

What is your age range?

[REDACTED]

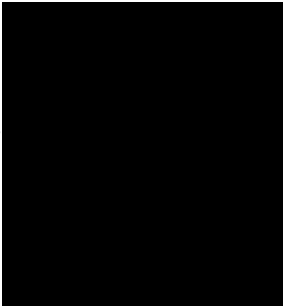
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

[REDACTED]

Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Changes to the speed on Riversdale beach

Q12

Part Six: Traffic

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I'm all for not having people speeding and driving dangerously on the beach. However, I find the 10km/h a bit unrealistic. This is a fast walk or jogging speed. It would take a long time to get to the end of the beach.

If you have a speed that's unrealistic, no one will take it seriously. I would suggest 15-20 km/h (running speed) as being more practical

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Wayne
Surname (required) Bosch

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation? Yes (please state organisation name):
Bosch Property Management Co Ltd

Q4

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch. No

Q5

Which district do you live in? Respondent skipped this question

Q6

What is your age range? Respondent skipped this question

Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you. Respondent skipped this question

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What is your gender?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10 Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Q11 Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12 Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

We are against the changing of the bylaw to allow scooters and skateboards in the CBD. We are a Landlord with a number of buildings and tenants. We see various scooters and skateboards being ridden on the footpath, etc. which endangers people. This puts people off coming to shop in town, which is no good for our tenants or our region. They have an amazing skatepark to use, not the footpaths. In addition we have 2 underground car parks which we don't allow scooters, skateboards or bikes in as it's a danger to those who need to use the car parks. Allowing scooters and skateboards in the CBD will encourage them to be in the car park.

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15 Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Louise
Surname (required) Brown

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3 No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4 No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5 [REDACTED]

Which district do you live in?

Q6 [REDACTED]

What is your age range?

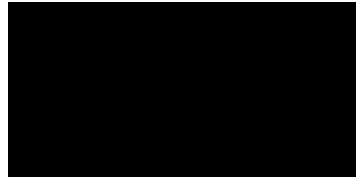
Q7 Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8 [REDACTED]

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Q10

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Option 1 – Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. This is our preferred option.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Respondent skipped this question

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part One: Introductory,
Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)
,
Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,
Part Four: Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
,
Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees,
Part Six: Traffic,
Part Seven: Cemeteries and Crematoria,
Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
,
Part Nine: Water Supply,
Part Ten: Wastewater,
Part Eleven: Trade Waste

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Deb
Surname (required) Butterfield

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

Yes (in person)

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

[REDACTED]

Q6

What is your age range?

[REDACTED]

Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

[REDACTED]

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Fully support the 10km speed limit. We often feel very unsafe walking along the lagoon beach at Castle point when vehicles are travelling at speed along the beach. We often observe vehicles driving along the beach at high speeds and also doing wheelies. This is terrifying to watch- the vehicle drivers are enjoying themselves, but it is hard to observe when they are at danger of tipping over. We await the accident to happen. There are often passengers in the vehicles as well. We have also seen vehicles on multiple occasions during over and through the sand dunes, particularly near the carpark.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Castle point beach is an iconic part of the New Zealand landscape which attracts many national and international visitors. We need to protect visitors to the beach from the reckless and inconsiderate actions of a few careless drivers.

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

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#9

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Bruce
Surname (required) Clark

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3 No
Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4 No
Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5 [REDACTED]
Which district do you live in?

Q6 [REDACTED]
What is your age range?

Q7 [REDACTED]
Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Part Six: Traffic

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

How are you intending to police or enforce the bylaws at Riversdale & Castlepoint? There is no way to identify the drivers unless they are stopped by police which are not at these locations when needed. This is evident with the dog bylaws at these locations and the lack of enforcing.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Bach owner

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Emily
Surname (required) Cogin

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3 No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4 No

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Q5 [REDACTED]

Which district do you live in?

Q6 [REDACTED]

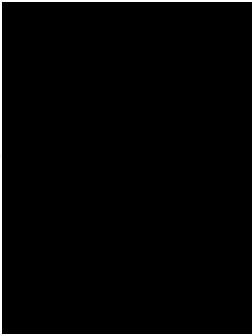
What is your age range?

Q7 [REDACTED]

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

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Q11

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Make comments to some bylaws and disagree with some while agreeing with others.

Q12

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Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,

Part Six: Traffic

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

The proposed sites for stallholders to sell at Riversdale Beach is a great initiative and one I think would benefit the younger generation at Riversdale Beach. There is a huge need for this particularly in the summer months but would be awesome to see all year round too!

How will you control this when a lot of vehicles don't have a speedometer attached to them being off-road vehicles? 10km is ridiculously slow!

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Organisation Name: Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ)

Hearings

A hearing will be held on Thursday 14 August 2025 for those wanting to present their views. You will have 5-10 minutes to present your feedback to elected members.

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

☐ Yes (in person)

☐ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)

☐ No

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YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Proposal

The Wairarapa District Councils propose to adopt a bylaw to replace the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019. The proposed bylaw has the following parts:

- **Part One:** Introductory
- **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)
- **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places
- **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees
- **Part Six:** Traffic
- **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria
- **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
- **Part Nine:** Water Supply
- **Part Ten:** Wastewater
- **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste

Overall thoughts

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

- ☐ **Option 1: Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This is our preferred option.
- ☐ **Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
Please describe your suggested changes below.
- ☐ **Option 3: Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Please see the attached documents 'Wairarapa Consolidated Council Bylaw submission July 2025' and 'CAT BYLAW DOCUMENT_July2025' for further information.

About You (Optional)

These questions help us understand which sectors of the community are providing feedback so we can improve our engagement approach. Your responses will not be made public with your submission. Only collated data will be reported to the Council.

Which district do you live in?

☐ Masterton ☐ Carterton ☐ South Wairarapa ☐ I do not live in Wairarapa

What is your age range?

☐ Under 20 ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70+

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

☐ NZ European ☐ Māori ☐ Pacific Peoples ☐ Asian

☐ Other – Please state: _____

What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female

☐ Another Gender, please state: _____

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled? (tick boxes please)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaws parts?

If yes, please tick which part(s) you are providing feedback on. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

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| ☐ Part One: Introductory | ☐ Part Six: Traffic |
| ☐ Part Two: Public Places (including Park and Reserves) | ☐ Part Seven: Cemeteries and Crematoria |
| ☐ Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places | ☐ Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing |
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| ☒ Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees | ☐ Part Ten: Wastewater |
| | ☐ Part Eleven: Trade Waste. |

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw? Attach separate pages if more space is required.

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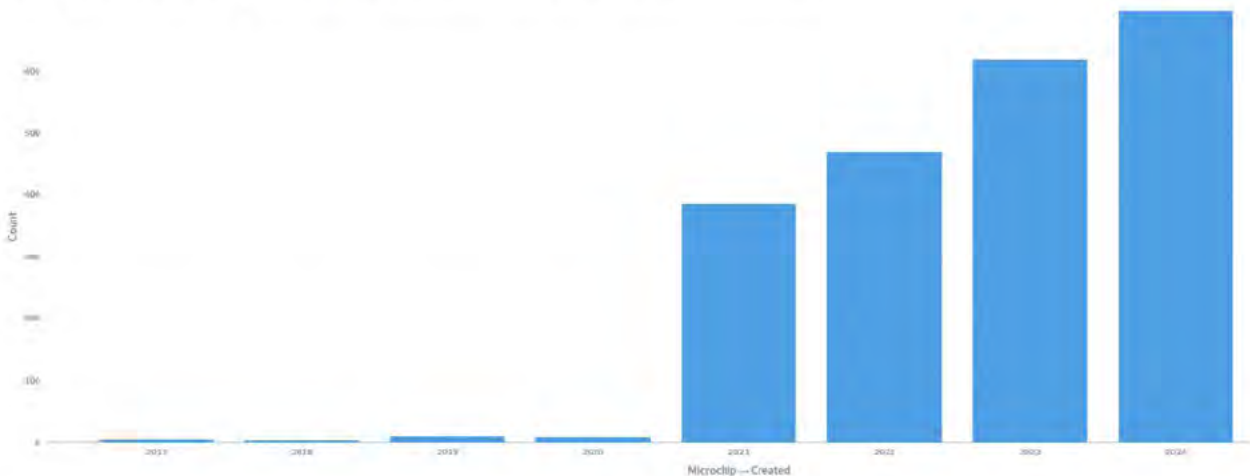
Feedback on the proposed Wairarapa District Councils' Consolidated bylaw - Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Wairarapa District Council's Consolidated Bylaw, specifically Part Five re the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees.

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ), formerly the New Zealand Companion Animal Council, is a respected animal welfare organisation committed to advancing **A Good Life** for companion animals. As guardians of the NZ Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), we actively promote the importance of permanent identification and traceability of pets through microchipping and registration. Through our 'Good Life for Animals' research and education work we promote improved standards for welfare and responsible companion animal guardianship in New Zealand. Our hope is that all companion animals in New Zealand can enjoy **A Good Life**.

NZ Companion Animal Register: Cat Statistics for the Wairarapa Districts

For your information, our NZCAR data shows that there are currently **5,218 live cats** registered to guardians with postal addresses in Carterton and Masterton.



This bar chart illustrates the annual cat microchip registrations in Masterton only, 2017–2024.

The chart clearly illustrates a significant upward trend in cat microchip registrations over the past several years, particularly from 2021 onward and continued growth through to 2024.

The steady increase likely indicates a growing public recognition of microchipping as a key aspect of responsible pet ownership, with more cat guardians proactively choosing to microchip their pets. This upward trend provides a solid foundation for introducing mandatory microchipping and registration bylaws, as community uptake is already gaining momentum.

While we acknowledge the reasoning provided for not including cats in the bylaw review, we are disappointed by the decision to exclude any form of formal cat management at this stage.

Cat management bylaws are now becoming **mainstream** across New Zealand, as mentioned in media coverage related to the Kaikōura District Council announcement recently (1News, 2025, July 15), which is the latest council to be drafting a new animal control bylaw with a dedicated section for cats. The decision reflects growing recognition that responsible cat guardianship must be supported by regulation.

13 other district councils across Aotearoa have adopted bylaws addressing one or more of the following in relation to cat management:

- Mandatory microchipping
- Registration of microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR)
- Early-age Desexing of cats

These councils demonstrate that it is both possible and effective to implement cat management bylaws to reduce nuisance, prevent unmanaged breeding, and support the environment.

Why Wairarapa Should Reconsider

Even in areas with few formal complaints, the unregulated growth of stray and feral cat populations poses a significant threat to both animal welfare and native biodiversity - particularly the protection of species like the banded dotterel/pohowera - and reflects a broader, globally recognised issue of cat overpopulation. Addressing this challenge in New Zealand requires strong local leadership, backed by national guidance and collaborative education.

The exact number of stray cats in New Zealand is not definitively known, however one study has estimated it to be around 196,000 (Farnworth, 2013b). Other sources (RNZ, 2025, May 8) give us the following national cat population estimates:

- **Feral cats:** ~2.4 to 2.5 million
- **Stray cats:** ~200,000
- **Pet cats:** ~1.2 million

These estimates paint a concerning picture - feral cats outnumber owned cats by almost two to one. With most companion cats in New Zealand being free roaming (Farnworth, 2010) the likelihood of interaction between pet, stray and feral cats is extremely high. Consequently, there is huge potential for non-desexed owned cats to mate with stray or feral cats, and produce unwanted litters contributing towards the overall cat overpopulation issue in New Zealand.

Uncontrolled breeding has significant consequences:

- Ongoing pressure on wildlife, especially native birds.
- Exponential population growth, particularly among kittens born to stray and feral mothers.
- Shelters overwhelmed by intake and unable to keep pace with rehoming.
- Public nuisance and welfare concerns that are not always reflected in formal complaint statistics.

Each year thousands of cats and kittens are taken to animal shelters, many of which are either unsuitable for adoption or are unable to find homes and are subsequently euthanized. There is a lack of national statistics relating to cat numbers in animal shelters, however the total number of incoming kittens and cats arriving at SPCA centres across New Zealand in 2019 was more than 27,131 (SPCA, 2020), and incoming cats and kittens into SPCA Shelters through 2022/23 were reported to be up by 8% (SPCA Annual Report, 2022-2023). This increase in cats and kittens is representative of the issue New Zealand wide and should be pro-actively addressed through implementing **mandatory desexing of owned cats at an early age to prevent unwanted litters and breeding with the stray or feral cat population.**

Companion Animals New Zealand's Position

From the outset, it is important to emphasise that Companion Animals NZ is dedicated to ensuring companion cats enjoy a good quality of life. Numerous studies highlight the positive impact of the human-animal bond for both cats and their owners. Our organisation's focus is on promoting a Good Life for animals through responsible guardianship. We believe that microchipping and registration are essential parts of this commitment. This is why we support local government cat bylaws aimed at encouraging responsible cat ownership and fostering community involvement in these issues.

In alignment with this, Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) strongly urges the Wairarapa Councils to reconsider their position and incorporate cat management into the proposed 'Keeping of Animals' bylaw - specifically by including mandatory microchipping of all cats and registration of their microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) by four

months of age. CANZ has previously supported various NZ district council proposals introducing mandatory microchipping and NZCAR registration, as seen here:

<https://www.animalregister.co.nz/nz-cat-bylaws/> and will continue to do so.

Furthermore, **CANZ considers desexing to be a core component of responsible cat guardianship**, offering:

- Health and behavioural benefits for the individual cat
- A crucial step in reducing the unmanaged cat population
- Long-term cost savings in animal management and shelter burdens

Companion Animals New Zealand recommends that mandatory desexing, microchipping and registration of microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) for all cats by four months of age should be considered in the Wairarapa District.

Additionally, we suggest that a cat should be exempt from desexing only if:

- The cat is owned, for the purposes of breeding, by a cat breeder **registered with the New Zealand Cat Fancy or Catz Incorporated.**
- The owner provides a **certificate from a veterinarian** stating that the desexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare.

Domestic cats can reach reproductive maturity as early as 3.5 months of age, meaning they can produce litters before the traditional desexing age of 6 months (Farnworth, 2013a; Toukhsati, 2005). Early-age desexing (EAD), typically performed by 4 months of age or from 1kg body weight, has been shown to be safe and effective, with benefits including reduced nuisance behaviours, disease prevention, faster recovery times, and better population control (Berg, n.d.; Cupp, 2014; Mazeau et al., 2021). The New Zealand Veterinary Association supports desexing from 8 weeks of age (NZVA, 2018).

More information is available on page 6 of the attached document: ***Let's talk about cats: our position on local authority bylaws.***

Wairarapa District Councils have an opportunity to lead with proactive, measured, and effective regulation - much like the 13 other councils with cat management bylaws across the country. By reconsidering and drafting a cat management bylaw requiring microchipping, desexing, and registration, you would:

- Reduce unmanaged breeding
- Improve animal welfare
- Support environmental goals
- Increase community awareness and participation in responsible pet ownership

We urge you to reconsider including a cat management section in your 'Keeping of animals' consolidated bylaw and would welcome further engagement to support this discussion.

Many thanks for enabling us to provide our feedback.

Ngā mihi



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LET'S TALK ABOUT CATS: OUR POSITION ON LOCAL AUTHORITY BYLAWS

Updated July 2025



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This document outlines our position on local authority cat management & how we can support stakeholders should bylaws be introduced.



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About Companion Animals NZ

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) is a charity passionate about transforming New Zealand into a global leader in companion animal welfare. We envision a world where every pet thrives and experiences the Good Life they deserve.



Welfare continuum



CANZ is a Charitable Trust (formerly the NZCAC) established in 1996. We promote responsible companion animal guardianship, the benefits of companion animals and work towards ensuring a good life for companion animals. We do this through use of scientific, evidence-based research to educate and advocate on behalf of companion animals with a collective voice in New Zealand, and through operating the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. Our key stakeholders include the SPCA, New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA), Dogs NZ, New Zealand Cat Fancy, the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association (NZVNA) and the New Zealand Institute of Animal Management (NZIAM).

Our relationships are extensive across:

- Veterinary clinics
- SPCA and rescues/shelters
- Certified animal trainers and animal behaviourists
- Registered pedigree dog and cat breeders
- Animal welfare science experts
- Animal welfare advisory groups and committees (eg NAWAC)
- Local Government stakeholders (e.g. Local Authorities and animal control)
- Central Government stakeholders (e.g. Ministry for Primary Industries)
- International science-based organisations.

About the New Zealand Companion Animal Register

In 2007, Companion Animals NZ established the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) – Aotearoa's largest and most trusted national database for companion animals.



With over 1.4 million pets registered, NZCAR plays a critical role in reuniting lost animals with their guardians quickly and safely. NZCAR isn't just a list of microchipped animals – it's a vital guardianship database. Registration links a pet's microchip number to their guardian's contact information, providing permanent identification. This ensures that if a pet goes missing, there's an effective and trusted way to bring them home. Around 1,000 Approved Users, such as veterinary clinics, councils, and welfare organisations, have access to NZCAR to help reunite lost pets every day.

Why NZCAR?

- ✓ It's New Zealand's only not-for-profit, animal welfare-focused 'lost and found' national microchip register.
- ✓ It's secure, reliable and accessible by the largest group of animal welfare professionals who can act fast to help lost pets - as well as 24/7 phone support.
- ✓ Reduces burden on animal organisations by expediting the return of identified animals to their homes.
- ✓ It lasts the lifetime of the animal with a one-off fee and can be used for ALL species of animals.



NOTE:



Microchipping and chip registration are **ONE** step. Microchipping without registration serves no purpose.

The NZCAR is not an ownership database : The NZCAR is not a legal proof-of-ownership platform, but registration does provide strong evidence of guardianship in the event of disputes or if an animal is found.

Our position on cats

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) supports the mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), and desexing* for all cats, by four months of age.

Microchipping & registration

Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted. CANZ supports local authority proposals regarding mandatory microchipping and registration on the NZCAR. It is also worth noting the majority of New Zealanders support desexing and microchipping of cats (Gates et al., 2019).

Desexing

The overpopulation of cats is a well-known and recognised issue not only in New Zealand but throughout the world. Using our own Companion Animals NZ data combined with knowledge based on the latest research, we predict there will be cat population growth in local areas around the country. CANZ considers desexing of cats to be an essential part of responsible cat guardianship providing health and welfare benefits to the individual cat, and reducing unmanaged breeding.

Projections often reveal a stark reality: without prioritising desexing, many NZ regions face exponential increases in unowned cat populations, which can stretch animal welfare resources and impact local ecosystems. We therefore support the early age desexing of kittens and recommend this should be by four months old.



CANZ proposes that a cat should be exempt from desexing only if:

- The cat is owned, for the purposes of breeding, by a cat breeder registered with the New Zealand Cat Fancy or Catz Incorporated.
- The owner provides a certificate from a veterinarian stating that the desexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare.

Concerns that Early Age Desexing (EAD) might increase anaesthetic risk or cause orthopaedic, behavioural and lower urinary tract diseases, have now been addressed by an evidence-base that supports that EAD is not only safe, but offers advantages over traditional age desexing, including more rapid recovery times and earlier socialisation (Mazeau et al., 2021).

We continue to advocate to central government for a national Cat Management Act, while encouraging local authorities to show leadership in responsible cat management in the meantime.

Position rationale

Domestic cats can reach reproductive maturity as early as 3.5 months of age (Farnworth, 2013a). Research conducted in Australia has shown that only 70% of cats are desexed prior to the age of 6 months, allowing opportunity for sexually mature cats to produce litters before they are desexed (Toukhsati, 2005).

The exact number of stray cats in New Zealand is not definitively known, however one study has estimated it to be around 196,000 (Farnworth, 2013b). With most companion cats in New Zealand being free roaming (Farnworth, 2010) the likelihood of interaction between owned and stray cats is extremely high. Consequently, there is huge potential for non-desexed owned cats to mate with stray cats and produce unwanted litters contributing towards the overall cat overpopulation issue in New Zealand.

Each year thousands of cats and kittens are taken to animal shelters, many of which are either unsuitable for adoption or are unable to find homes and are subsequently euthanised. There is a lack of national statistics relating to cat numbers in animal shelters, however the total number of incoming kittens and cats arriving at SPCA centres across New Zealand in 2019 was more than 27,131 (SPCA, 2020), and incoming cats and kittens into SPCA Shelters through 2022/23 were reported to be up by 8% (SPCA Annual Report, 2022-2023).

This increase in cats and kittens is representative of the issue New Zealand wide and should be pro-actively addressed through implementing mandatory desexing of owned cats at an early age to prevent unwanted litters and breeding with the stray/feral cat population.

As well as the benefit of reducing unwanted litters and associated euthanasia as described above, there are additional benefits to the early desexing of cats (Berg, n.d.; Cupp, 2014). Desexed cats engage in less nuisance behaviour e.g. roaming, fighting, spraying. Desexing has important disease prevention benefits, such as reduced mammary, uterine and ovarian tumours and pyometra (uterine infection) in females, reduced risk of testicular tumours and prostate disorders including cancer in males, and an increased lifespan in both males and females.

The traditional age of desexing of cats has to date been 6 months. However, research suggests there is no significant behavioural and physical advantages of desexing at the traditional age of 6 months (Joyce, 2011). Early-age desexing (EAD), or prepubertal desexing, is usually performed when kittens reach 1 kg body weight, which is typically by 4 months old. EAD has been practiced routinely at animal shelters in the USA for over 30 years and has been supported by other organisations such as the International Society of Feline Medicine, the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Australia and The Cat Group, UK.



2024 NZ Pet Data Report

Released in early March 2025, the 2024 NZ Pet Data Report reinforces Companion Animals New Zealand's (CANZ) ongoing commitment to advancing the welfare of companion animals through evidence-based information and insights. As the only independent, nationally representative survey of its kind, this report builds on previous studies from 2011, 2016, and 2020, providing vital insights into the evolving role of pets in Aotearoa.

Our findings from the 2024 NZ Pet Data Report highlight the enduring bond between New Zealanders and their pets. With nearly two-thirds (63%) of households sharing their home with a pet, it is clear that companion animals continue to play a significant role in people's lives.

Cats remain the most popular pet, found in 40% of households. This number appears to be relatively stable. There are approximately 1.2 million companion cats in NZ.

Microchipping incidence has steadily increased among cats - within the NZ owned cat population, reported microchipping has increased over the past decade, up to 72% in 2024. The reported incidence of desexing was very high among NZ's owned cat population at 96%

40%



40% of NZ households have a pet cat.

1.2m



There are an estimated 1.26 million companion cats in NZ.

96%

The reported incidence of desexing was very high among NZ's owned cat population at 96%.

72%

Within the NZ owned cat population, reported microchipping has increased over the past decade, up to 72% in 2024.



More information the NZCAR process

What does microchipping and registration cost?

To register an animal with the NZ Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), the animal must first be microchipped. Microchipping is a very safe and routine procedure when performed by a trained professional, although costs for implantation can vary between providers.

Animals adopted through SPCA have microchipping and registration included as part of their adoption fee. If microchipping is done through a veterinarian, the cost typically ranges from \$30 to \$80, covering both implantation and registration with the NZCAR.

The NZCAR registration incurs a fee to cover the lifetime support costs of our database and 24/7 support office. As a not-for-profit charity, each year, revenue from the NZCAR is returned to local welfare groups undertaking community desexing and microchipping campaigns.

If not already registered, pet guardians can register their own pet's microchip online for a \$15 fee (inc. GST).



Where do our registrations come from?

- 50% of our registrations are created by vet clinics.
- 25% from RNZSPCA.
- 10% from pet guardians registering their own pet.
- The remaining 15% come from local councils, breeders and other Approved Users.

Who are the Approved Users?

NZCAR Approved Users are authorised organisations and individuals across New Zealand who have secure access to the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR). This network includes approximately 1,000 users, from entities such as veterinary clinics, SPCA branches, animal shelters, and rescue groups. Their primary role is to scan microchipped animals, search the database using the microchip number, and contact registered guardians to facilitate the safe return of lost pets.

In New Zealand, anyone can legally become a microchip implanter but for safety reasons, NZCAR only approves trained professionals or certified individuals. Others may be considered on application after online training and demonstrating their skills to a Veterinarian.

How we support local bylaws

When a new bylaw is announced, CANZ will:

- ✓ Support local councils with communications via our social media channels, including:
 - Promoting the new bylaw
 - Explaining the difference between local council dog registration/National Dog Database and the NZCAR.
- ✓ Communicate with local NZCAR Approved Users.
- ✓ Collaborate with local veterinary clinics to encourage NEW clients to bring their un-microchipped cats in.
- ✓ Communicate with local pet owners to check their cats' registration status.

The positive impact of bylaws

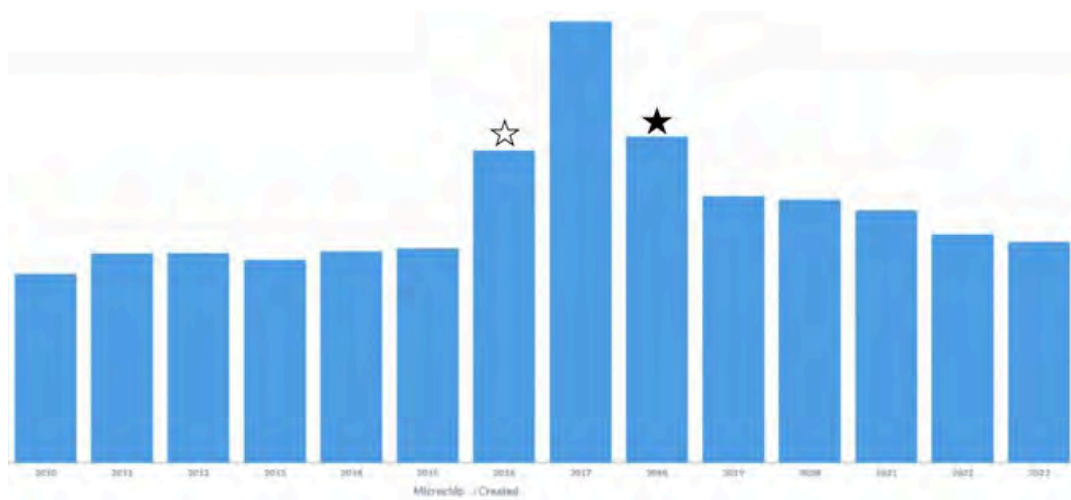
Bylaws serve as a powerful tool for encouraging positive behaviour change. Engaging in this discussion enhances community awareness around responsible cat guardianship, and our evidence indicates that simply introducing a proposal can result in higher rates of cat microchipping and registration in an area, ultimately benefiting cat welfare.

To illustrate this, refer to the figures for Wellington and Palmerston North on the following page.



Wellington City

Bylaw announced 2016, enforced 2018



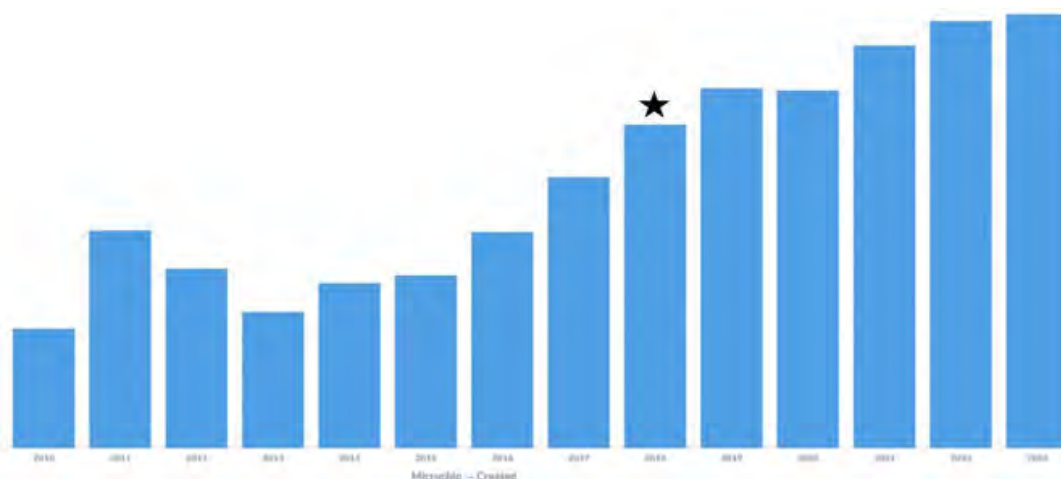
Commentary:

Wellington City was the first NZ council to enact microchipping and registration for cats. The bylaw change was highly publicised, with a long notice period (announced in 2016 and enacted in 2018). This graph shows the immediate effect the bylaw announcement had on NZCAR cat registrations in Wellington City, indicating willingness to comply with the bylaw.

The declining registrations numbers since 2018 may reflect a declining cat population in the city, or less council promotion of the bylaw to cat owners and veterinary clinics.

Palmerston North City

Bylaw enforced 2018

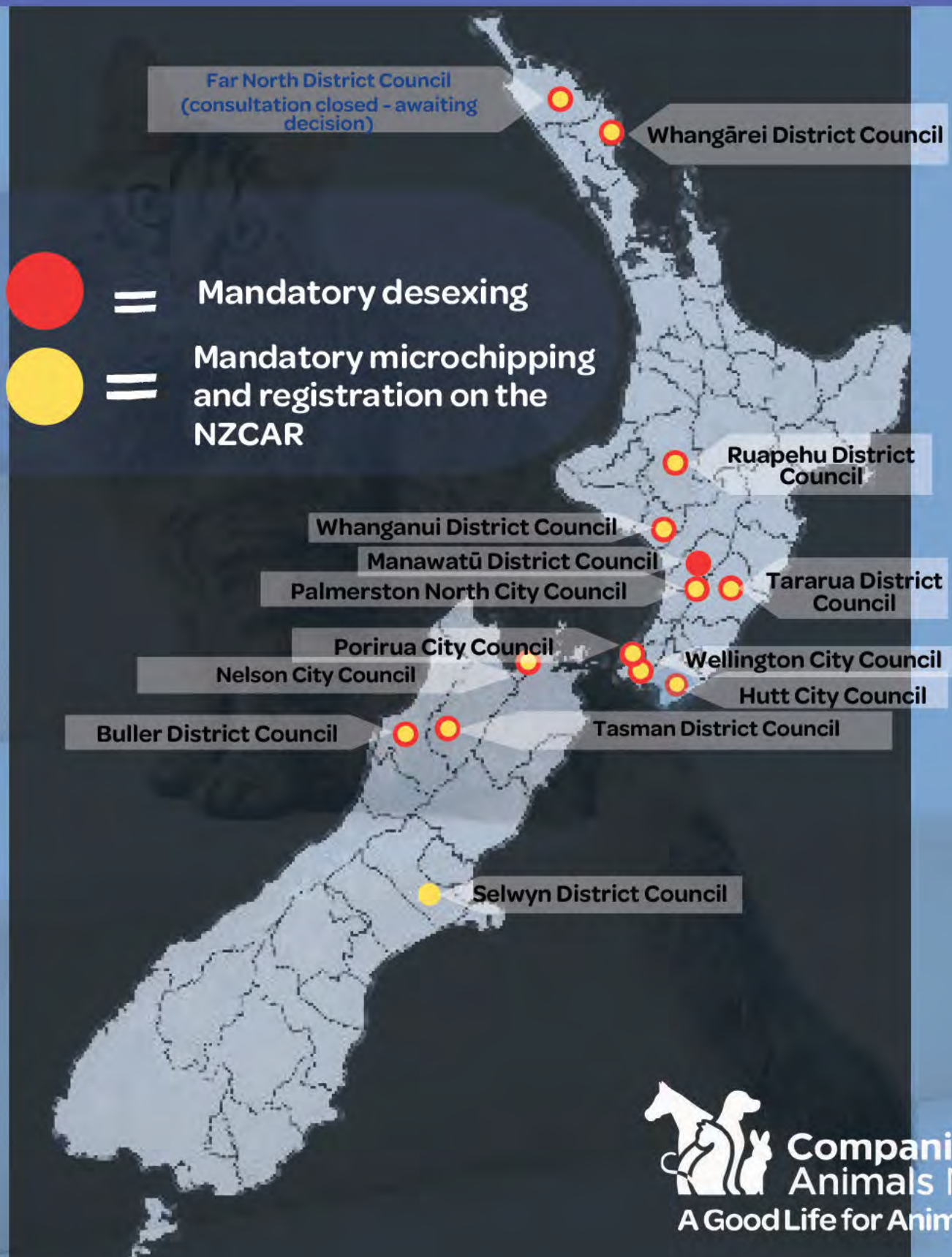


Commentary:

Palmerston North City Council enacted changes to cat management in their bylaws in 2018. This graph shows a steady compliance with the bylaw.

Cat Management Bylaws

Areas of NZ with local cat bylaws in place as at July 2025



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Q1

Your details

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Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

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Which district do you live in?

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What is your age range?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

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What is your gender?

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Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

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Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Remove the bylaw in Part 2 Control of wheeled devices allowing wheels- scooters skateboards in CBD and Kuripini. This should not be allowed. Many of our shoppers are elderly and the footpaths are too small to allow scooters to be dropped on them when riders are going into shops and many people riding skateboards are moving too fast to be safe.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)**Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,****Part Seven: Cemeteries and Crematoria****Q13**

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Part 2: Allowing skateboards and scooters in CBD and Kuripuni ?NO!. Many shoppers are elderly and allowing these wheels makes it too dangerous for very young and elderly. Dropped scooters are dangerous and clutter out narrow pathways and skateboarders are moving too fast and don't have enough control over their board to be safe for shoppers.

Part 6: Traffic. I agree to not have vehicle on the beach parallel to jetty road and to keep the entrance to the beach at 10km as many families use these entrances, on foot.

Part 3: Selling goods in public places: Agree with the changes in this policy.

Part 7L Cemeteries: Monuments damaged or neglected need notification to owners or relations with at least 6 months time to repair them before they are moved, due to the cost involved to fix them for average working people.

Q14**Respondent skipped this question**

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

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Q1

Your details

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Surname (required) Courteney

Q2

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Q3 No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4 No

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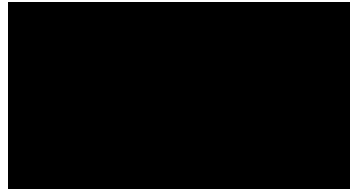
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

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What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Control of Wheeled Recreational Devices - This should be maintained since the area covered is relatively small so it is not undermining active modes of transport. It is certainly safer with no skateboards and scooters in the area. The "minimal complaints" suggest the current system is working.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Experience outside the Wairarapa shows that skateboards, scooters and pedestrians/shoppers do not mix well in the relatively narrow pavements exist in the area in Masterton.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Surname (required) Cowan

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Q3

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

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Which district do you live in?

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What is your age range?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 1 – Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. This is our preferred option.**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,**Part Four: Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke**

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Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing**Q13**

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Don't allow skateboards etc in cbd. Dangerous for pedestrian crossings as they'll just be too quick to respond. Also it's an easy getaway after stealing. Allow Ta Moko at Marae. Allow vehicles at Castlepoint by the lighthouse area, 15kmph.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

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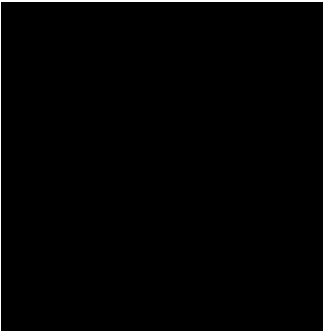
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Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 3 - Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw . This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Q14

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

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Your details

First name (required) Steve
Surname (required) Coyle

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

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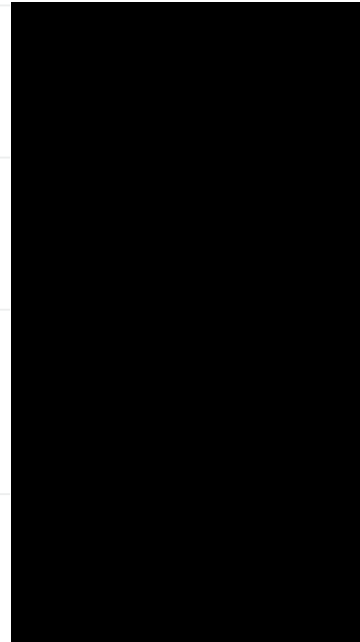
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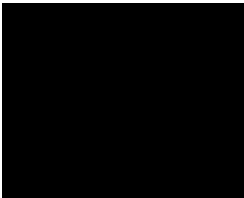
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Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

The proposed bylaw will impose more burdens and costs on struggling local businesses. For example it would prohibit the cheese shop having seating outside on the footpath. All parts which impose cost on businesses need to be removed, footpath, signage and sale of goods on parks and reserves in particular.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,

Part Six: Traffic

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Do not do anything to further cause suffering to our struggling local businesses. This includes removing car parking and restricting signage.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

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Respondent skipped this question

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Optional details

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Phone

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Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

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Q6

What is your age range?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

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Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

I request that the ban on vehicles on foreshores is modified to specify that it applies to motorized vehicles and not to horse-drawn vehicles such as sulkies or joggers. The beaches provide ideal places to exercise horses in harness, and horses in harness do not pose a hazard to other beach users.

Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I request that the ban on vehicles on foreshores is modified to specify that it applies to motorized vehicles and not to horse-drawn vehicles such as sulkies or joggers. The beaches provide ideal places to exercise horses in harness, and horses in harness do not pose a hazard to other beach users. A horse in harness is just as much under control as a ridden horse.

Q14

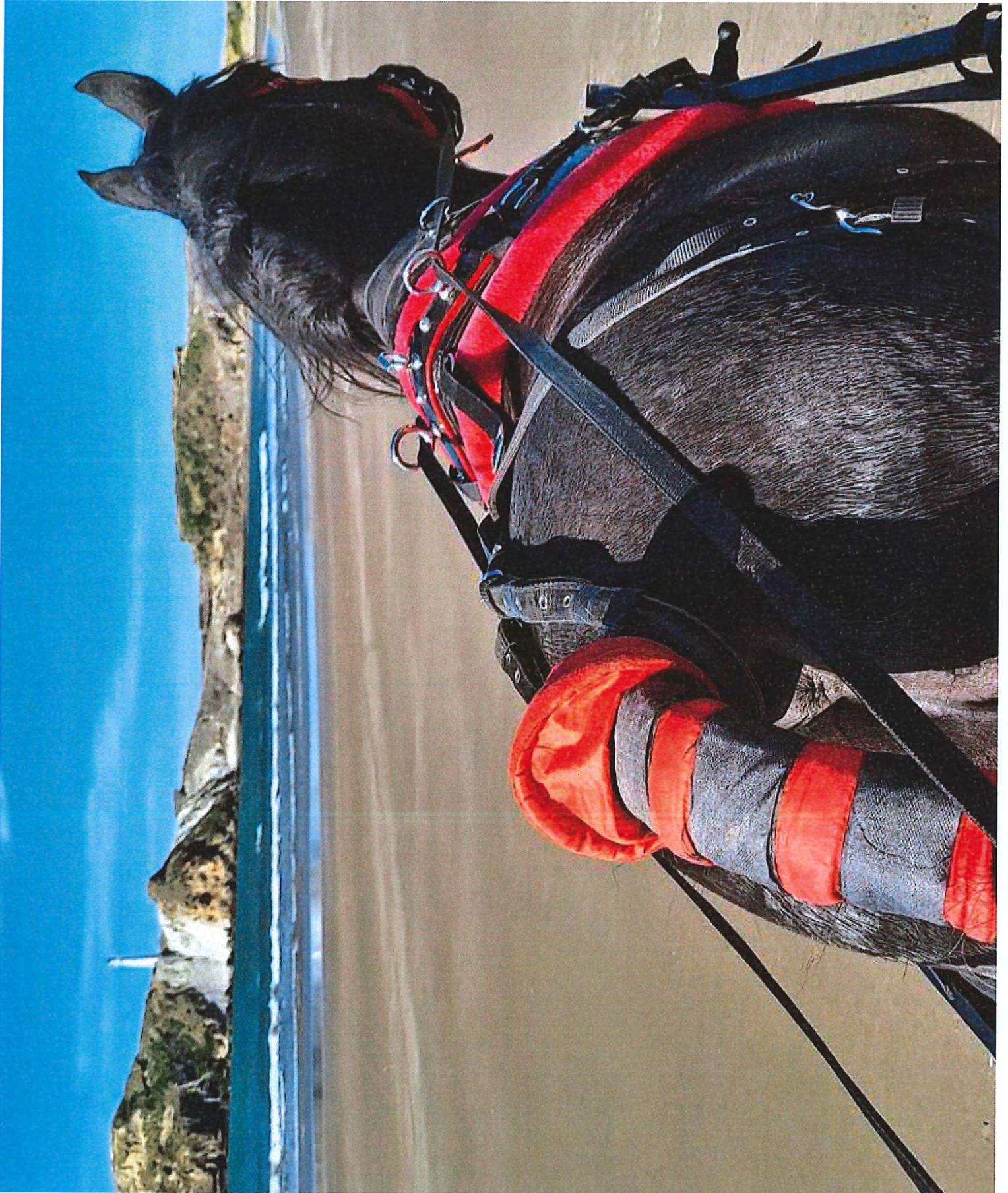
Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

I have exercised my Arabian on Castlepoint Beach in harness and he has been much admired and photographed by other beach users. He is under just as much control as a ridden horse and does not pose any hazard to other beach users.

Q15

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Cliff
Surname (required) Dawson

Q2

Optional details

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Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Q10

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Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

The motor passenger vehicles, other than those carrying a disabled person's badge be banned from Castlepoint and Riversdale beaches.

Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

This change would make the beaches much safer for family use and encourage a more healthy lifestyle i.e. walking.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

At present Castlepoint Beach, in particular, resembles a car park and race track at times.

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

Please upload any further information relevant to your submission (optional) If you have finished your submission, click "Done" below

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Your Details

First name (required): Carmel

Surname (required): Ferguson

Postal address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Organisation Name: _____

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Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

☒ Yes (in person)

☐ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)

☐ No

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Which district do you live in?

What is your age range?

☐ Under 20 ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70+

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

☐ NZ European ☐ Māori ☐ Pacific Peoples ☐ Asian

☐ Other – Please state: _____

What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female

☐ Another Gender, please state: _____

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled? (tick boxes please)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Ō WHAKAARO YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Proposal

The Wairarapa District Councils propose to adopt a bylaw to replace the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019. The proposed bylaw has the following parts:

- **Part One:** Introductory
- **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)
- **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places
- **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees
- **Part Six:** Traffic
- **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria
- **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
- **Part Nine:** Water Supply
- **Part Ten:** Wastewater
- **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste

Overall thoughts

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

- ☐ **Option 1: Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This is our preferred option.
- ☒ **Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
Please describe your suggested changes below.
- ☐ **Option 3: Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Proposed Signage Controls (sandwich boards, projecting signs, existing use rights, event signage) - please refer to separate document.

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaws parts?

If yes, please tick which part(s) you are providing feedback on. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

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| ☐ Part One: Introductory | ☐ Part Six: Traffic |
| ☐ Part Two: Public Places (including Park and Reserves) | ☐ Part Seven: Cemeteries and Crematoria |
| ☐ Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places | ☐ Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing |
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| ☐ Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees | ☐ Part Ten: Wastewater |
| | ☐ Part Eleven: Trade Waste. |

Please refer to attached separate document -

KEY POINTS

a. Strong enforcement

Support 14-day removal notices, fines, and prosecutions to protect Greytown's heritage and pedestrian safety.

b. Existing use rights

Clarify rights apply only to signs lawfully erected; many older signs in Greytown were never compliant and existing use rights should not apply.

c. Sandwich board policy

Prohibit footpath sandwich boards, with narrow exception for premises without street frontage. Temporary frames must not be permanent fixtures.

d. Heritage character protection

Bylaw must require compliance with heritage design guidelines and mandate a signage audit to address existing non-compliance.

e. Temporary event signage

Allow temporary community event signage (e.g. Greytown Christmas Festival) under clear, proportionate guidelines.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw? Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Please refer to attached separate document



Submission by Greytown Heritage Trust

On the Draft Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw – Signage Provisions

July 2025

1. Introduction

The Greytown Heritage Trust welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. As a community trust dedicated to protecting and enhancing the heritage character of Greytown, we have a long-standing interest in ensuring signage and public realm standards uphold the unique identity of our town.

2. Background

For many years, the Trust has consistently raised concerns with Council regarding the proliferation of non-complying signage within the Greytown heritage precinct, including:

- Sandwich boards obstructing footpaths.
- Projecting and oversized signage inconsistent with heritage design guidelines.
- Signs that visually clutter and detract from the historic streetscape.

Despite these concerns and ongoing feedback, enforcement has been lacking.

3. Submission Points

3.1 Support for Strong Enforcement

The Trust supports the bylaw provisions requiring:

- Removal of non-complying signs within 14 days of notice.
- Council's ability to impose fines or pursue prosecution where breaches persist.

This is essential to uphold the amenity, accessibility, and safety of Greytown's public spaces.

3.2 Clarification of Existing Use Rights

We seek clear confirmation that:

- Existing use rights only apply to signs lawfully established at the time of erection.
- Many older signs in Greytown have never complied with the District Plan or heritage guidelines and therefore cannot claim existing use rights.
- Council retains the ability and responsibility to enforce removal or compliance upgrades for such signage.

3.3 Control Sandwich Boards and Business Signage

The Greytown Heritage Trust supports a controlled, permit-based system for sandwich boards, with strict design and location controls to protect the heritage character of the town centre.

We recommend that Council implement a permit system allowing a maximum of one sandwich board per retailer with street frontage, and only where the total signage allowance for the property has not been exceeded. Both sides of the sandwich board should be included in the total signage area calculation, and sandwich boards must not result in any breach of the signage rules. Existing signage limits must be enforced consistently, and the existence of historic breaches should not be used to justify non-compliant signage today.

For businesses located down laneways, without street frontage, or south of Hastwell Street (or north of Kuratawhiti/Jellicoe), additional sandwich boards could be provided — but as proposed in our Greytown Heritage Trust Style Guide, this should be limited in number, discreet in placement, and consistent with the heritage character of the town centre. Shared or group signage may be a more effective and visually coherent solution in these locations. In all cases, the maximum signage limits set out in the District Plan must not be exceeded.

The use of business or promotional flags is not supported, as they are visually modern and detract from the heritage streetscape. If any such flag-style signage is to be permitted, it should form part of the signage permit system and must be included in the total signage area for the property. This does not apply to council-managed street flags used for seasonal or civic events.

We note that at least one retailer has displayed eight additional sandwich boards and flags, well in excess of any reasonable or permitted level of signage. This illustrates the need for clear rules and active enforcement to protect the integrity of Greytown's distinctive townscape.

We continue to support the general prohibition of sandwich boards on footpaths, recognising that these create accessibility hazards, particularly for mobility-impaired residents and visitors. Any exceptions must meet the above requirements.

3.4 Heritage Character Protection

We request that:

- The bylaw explicitly references the need for signage to comply with the District Plan heritage provisions and associated Heritage Design Guidelines, including considerations of scale, materials, colours, and illumination.
- Council undertakes a heritage signage audit to identify and address existing non-compliant signage systematically.

3.5 Temporary Community Event Signage

We seek:

- Clarity that temporary signage for community events, such as the Greytown Christmas Festival, is permitted under clear, simple guidelines specifying placement, size, and duration to avoid confusion with commercial signage restrictions.

4. Conclusion

Greytown's heritage streetscape is central to its identity, economy, and community pride. Effective signage controls and robust enforcement are critical to maintaining this character for future generations.

The Greytown Heritage Trust urges Council to adopt bylaw provisions that:

- **Prioritise** heritage protection for Greytown's Town Centre,
- **Ensure** pedestrian safety, and
- **Remove** non-compliant signage, particularly where it was never lawfully established.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

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Your details

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Surname (required) Hay

Q2

Optional details

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Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

Yes (in person)

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

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What is your age range?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

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No skateboards in cbd. With hearing loss, even with hearing aids, I can not hear them behind me. I also have 2 artificial joints. Hence fear of falling.
Skateboard parking each end cbd

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Six: Traffic**Q13**

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Sidney
Surname (required) Hayes

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Leave Masterton & Kuripuni CBD Skateboard/Scooters Etc. ban as it is, why change something that is working so well to further congest the FOOTPATHS with more wheeled vehicles (Skateboards, E-Scooters, Scooters, Segways Etc. Endangering the walking public. After all is this not why they are called footpaths? Your note that there have not been many complaints since 2019 would indicate to me that the present ban on the use of these vehicles is working well. If it aint broke don't fix it.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)**Q13**

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Refer to my comments regarding Option 2 above.

Q14**Respondent skipped this question**

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Robyn
Surname (required) Hill

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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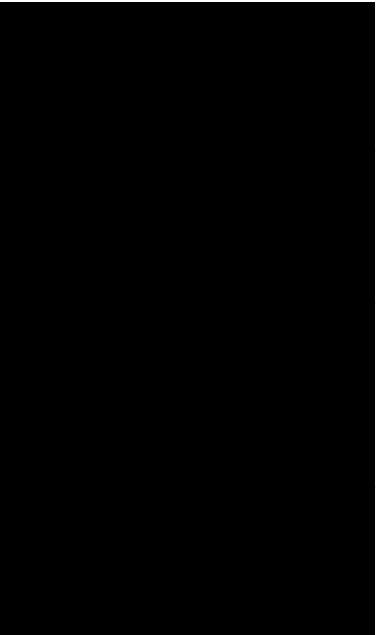
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Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

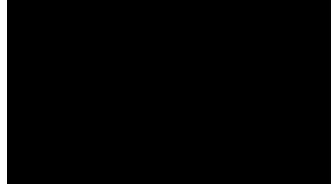
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What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

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Q12**Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Children and young adults on skateboards and bikes are oblivious to pedestrians. Central Masterton is the only place I feel safe to walk. Parks have unleashed dogs so ars not safe. As we age our balance deteriorates so something on wheels or a dog can be very scary coming up behind you.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) **stephen**
Surname (required) **hoedemaeckers**

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Q5

Which district do you live in?

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What is your age range?

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Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

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Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 1 – Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. This is our preferred option.**Q11****Respondent skipped this question**

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

**Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,
Part Six: Traffic****Q13**

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Allow mobile shops to operate at Riversdale. The local store there has had a monopoly for too long.
Ban driving on the beach at Castlepoint, in front of jetty road .
Set speed limits of 10kph on the beach at Riversdale and Castlepoint**Q14**

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Its time something was done about the idiots who race along the beach at Castlepoint, endangering members of the public.

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Jonathan
Surname (required) Hooker

Q2

Optional details

Email

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Q10

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Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Part two.

Signage - agree to non-complying removal in 14 days.

Sandwich Boards - agree

Outdoor Dining - agree

Wheeled vehicles - disagree to allowing their use in both the CBD and Kuripuni. The reason they were banned was because of issues around safety. To say there haven't been reported incidents is because they haven't been allowed in the CBD for some time.

Part Three.

Locations - disagree

Only two places at Castlepoint and Riversdale to protect the viability of both shops. It's unfair that outside traders can come in at the height of the season and then disappear when there aren't as many people there. The shops rely heavily on the summer months to survive the winters.

Part Five -

Beehives no number specified.

Feral Animals - agree

Part Six

Stopping/standing vehicles - agree commercial operations shouldn't be parking their stock on the road and taking up car parks.

Vehicles Beaches - don't agree with no access to the Castlepoint Foreshore but do agree with the speed restrictions. Who is going to Police and enforce it tho?

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,

Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees,

Part Six: Traffic

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

See above

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

No

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) barry
Surname (required) jessop

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

I'm happy with the proposed changes as most are good commonsense ideas.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)**Part Six: Traffic****Q13**

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

The use of scooters/electric and mobility scooters is a God idea but must be used sensibly. As long as the 10kph speed restriction only applies to the entrances to the beaches I'm on favour. Sensible use of motor vehicles on the beaches should remain unrestricted.

Q14**Respondent skipped this question**

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Tim
Surname (required) Jonassen

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

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Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 3 - Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw . This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.**Q11****Respondent skipped this question**

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Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

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Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Skateboards and scooters are a nuisance to pedestrians and some individuals riding e-scooters do so in a manner that interferes with motor vehicles. Vehicles should be banned from beaches due to the damage they may cause

Q14**Respondent skipped this question**

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) antony
Surname (required) maguire

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

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Q4

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What is your gender?



Q9

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

Part Six: Traffic

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Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I support banning vehicles from all off-road areas at castlepoint. Sometimes deliverance cove resembles a carpark. I also have to dodge vehicles doing 30-50kph when I'm walking to castle rock or the lighthouse - ridiculous in my opinion

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Josh
Surname (required) Martin

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Q6

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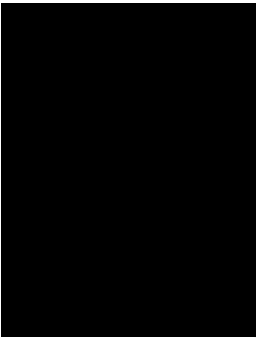
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Q11

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bylaw change that seeks to prohibit vehicle access to the foreshore of Castlepoint Beach running parallel to Jetty Road.

This section of the beach has long served as an essential public access route, particularly for families, fishers, elderly residents, mobility-impaired beachgoers, and others who rely on vehicle access to enjoy this iconic and culturally significant location. Closing off vehicle access would severely limit public use of the beach and disproportionately impact those who are least able to access it on foot.

Castlepoint is not just a summer destination it is a year-round community asset. The ability to drive along the beach is part of the heritage and character of the area. For generations, locals and visitors have used this access for picnics, launching boats, setting up for surfcasting, and simply enjoying the coastline. It is a key aspect of what makes Castlepoint special and accessible to all.

While I fully support efforts to improve safety and protect the environment, there is a middle ground that can be reached without resorting to an outright ban. Proper signage, clear speed restrictions, designated vehicle zones, and increased community education could address safety concerns without stripping the public of their access rights.

I urge Council to reconsider this blanket restriction and instead engage with the community to develop a more balanced, inclusive, and practical solution. As it stands, this proposal feels like a top-down attempt to marginalise users who have long respected and relied on this stretch of the beach.

Castlepoint belongs to all of us not just those who can walk long distances or navigate dunes unaided.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback. I trust that Council will take the time to listen to the voices of the community and preserve this vital piece of public access for current and future generations.

Q12

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Part Six: Traffic

Q13**Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts**

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Q15

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Jon
Surname (required) Matthews

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Which district do you live in?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

What is your age range?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

What is your gender?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10**Option 1 – Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. This is our preferred option.**

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Barry
Surname (required) Meade

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

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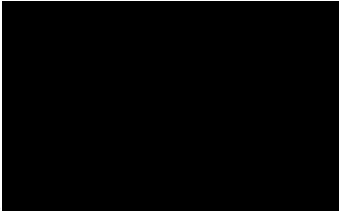
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Q8

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Q9

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Respondent skipped this question

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

- Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)
- ,
- Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,
- Part Four: Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- ,
- Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees,
- Part Six: Traffic,
- Part Nine: Water Supply,
- Part Ten: Wastewater

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Part Two:

Removed the Wheeled Recreational
Device (e.g. skateboard/scooter)
prohibition in the Masterton CBD and
Kuripuni Shopping area.
I disagree with this.

Part five:

Keeping of bees.
I disagree with this, bees will swarm, they pose no threat.

Slaughter of Stock or Poultry:

I disagree with this. It's completely unnecessary and overreach.

Part Six

Stopping, Standing and Parking.
I disagree with this. It's completely unnecessary and overreach and completely unnecessary.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of
your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

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Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

Q6

What is your age range?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

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What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

I submit only in regard to the proposed bylaw to restrict vehicle speed to 10 km/h at Riversdale Beach.

I am a long term resident of Riversdale beach and walk and drive the beach almost daily. I have never encountered a speeding vehicle and absolutely know that the permanent residents of Riversdale Beach do not need or want your interference.

If you are concerned by the weekend population transgressions then you need to address that by other means. It is the permanent residents of Riversdale Beach you should be primarily concerned for.

This in my view is another unwarranted overreach by a local authority imposing regulations and rules where they are not required or wanted.

If you have records of incidents of speeding or endangerment on the beach here please provide me with those details.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

As above. What reason have you got to impose this on Residents

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

I object to marae becoming a place of business under the pretext of Tiriti obligations. Unless you allow such activities from places of worship meeting halls and the like thereby treating all persons equally and with dignity then such a distinction cannot be justified.

Q15

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Your details

First name (required) Richard
Surname (required) Miles

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Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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Q11

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I would like to see more public selling of goods such as proposed food carts, trucks, outdoor food markets, in public locations. This will enhance convenience of access of purchasing food and drink products, encourage outdoor events and attract employment and business opportunities.

Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Traffic restrictions on public beaches such as Castlepoint have never been an issue of concern with respectful drivers of all vehicle types I personally encounter. Speed limits and parking restrictions here are unnecessary.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Common sense with fire lighting, smoke drift, and bee keeping does not warrant action. Restricting after dark access to QE Park would be a good idea to limit anti social behaviour and it should be off limits late evenings.

Q15**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Belinda
Surname (required) Milnes

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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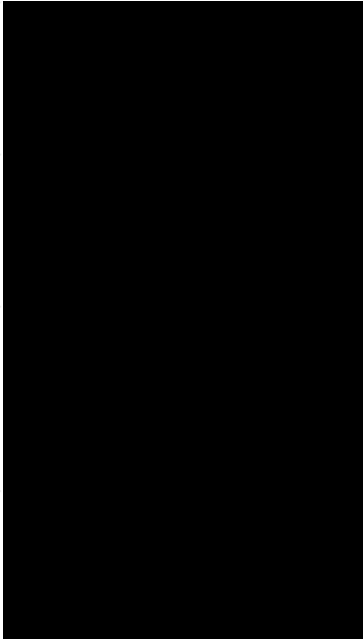
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What is your gender?



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Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 3 - Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw . This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

In particular remove all aspects detrimental to local businesses such as the footpath bylaw

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

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Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,

Part Six: Traffic

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

As above, remove all parts of the bylaw that could add cost or compliance on local businesses.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

I support the submission by Brenda West regarding outdoor dining and signage on footpaths.

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Q1

Your details

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Surname (required) Murphy

Q2

Optional details

Email [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

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Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Allowing skateboards on footpaths in town areas would make these areas more of a hazard for pedestrians. For those hard of hearing they wouldn't necessarily hear the skateboarders, scooters etc. and risk stepping into their path causing accidents. Footpaths are congested enough already without skateboard users being added. Keep footpaths for pedestrians only please.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Organisation Name: New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health (NZIEH)

Hearings

A hearing will be held on Thursday 14 August 2025 for those wanting to present their views. You will have 5-10 minutes to present your feedback to elected members.

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

☐ Yes (in person)

☒ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)

☐ No

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YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Proposal

The Wairarapa District Councils propose to adopt a bylaw to replace the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019. The proposed bylaw has the following parts:

- **Part One:** Introductory
- **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)
- **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places
- **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees
- **Part Six:** Traffic
- **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria
- **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
- **Part Nine:** Water Supply
- **Part Ten:** Wastewater
- **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste

Overall thoughts

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

- ☐ **Option 1: Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This is our preferred option.
- ☒ **Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
Please describe your suggested changes below.
- ☐ **Option 3: Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

As per attached feedback, specific to Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing. I believe changes are required to this part before the new bylaw is confirmed/accepted.

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaws parts?

If yes, please tick which part(s) you are providing feedback on. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

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| ☐ Part One: Introductory | ☐ Part Six: Traffic |
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| ☐ Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places | ☒ Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing |
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| | ☐ Part Eleven: Trade Waste. |

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw? Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Please see attached documents.



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Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw – Feedback on Consultation document

24 July 2025

Dear bylaw hearings committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on your consolidated bylaw, specifically part eight in relation to Beauty Therapy, Tattooing, and Skin Therapy. I have attached via a tracked changes word document version of Part Eight of your bylaw, suggestions, and feedback in relation to part of your consolidated bylaw. Other parts of your bylaw I have not reviewed as these are not my area of interest.

Overall, I support the statement of proposal to maintain a Bylaw for these Industries, however, believe some changes need to be made before this bylaw is finalised and implemented. In the absence of any national legislation currently for these industries, a bylaw remains the most effective way to regulate these industries otherwise, so I commend you for continuing to have such provisions in place for these industries.

By way of introduction, I am the National President for the New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health (NZIEH), a position I have held for over 5 years. I am also an Environmental Health Officer with near 15 years' experience, and the current Team Leader for Environmental Health & Alcohol Licensing at Dunedin City Council. This submission is made in my capacity as National President of NZIEH and from a personal standpoint only.

One of my key subject expert matter areas within my day-to-day role is Beauty Therapists, Tattooists and Skin Piercers having been heavily involved in the updating and re-writing of Dunedin's Bylaw for these industries in 2015-2016, and again during 2024-2025. I have also spoken at conferences on this topic area within New Zealand previously, and provided staff training sessions for Dunedin, Invercargill, and Hutt City Council's Environmental Health teams during the implementation of their new or updated bylaws, as well as delivering training to several branches of NZIEH throughout New Zealand over several years. In 2023 I attended Masterclass training in Australia in relation to these industries, and in July 2024, spent two days in America undertaking extensive Body Art Facility inspection training, under the umbrella of the National Environmental Health Association of America.

I have also undertaken extensive personal research in the 'Appearance Industries' areas (namely covering Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing industries) within New Zealand. This work has resulted in two publications released publicly in May 2024 and October 2024. Please refer to: <https://www.nzieh.org.nz/publications> to view both publications.

The first publication gives an extensive review of the 14 current bylaws of this kind currently in existence (as of the time of writing) within New Zealand. The second report includes an international perspective of these industries, alongside a thorough risk assessment of common procedures undertaken within these industries. Both reports have been presented to, and discussed with Ministry of Health staff, as well as the former New Zealand Health Minister Dr Shane Reti in 2024, and current Health Minister Mr Simeon Brown in July 2025.

Through this work alongside additional education and training I have undertaken here and overseas, I therefore hold extensive knowledge in the current state of the appearance industries within New Zealand.

A summary of key feedback on part eight of your bylaw:

Definitions - Review required. Hairdresser regulations have now been revoked, no such definition of approved dishwashing facilities exists under the Food Act 2014, no definition currently for what/who an Authorised officer is.

Confusion between the terms 'Commercial service' and 'Prescribed process'. These terms have been regularly interchanged throughout the bylaw and are confusing. Recommendation to use 'Prescribed process' as the better definition.

Restriction of services - Recommendation to add in no person under the age of 18 years should be tattooed. In addition, no genital or nipple piercings to be undertaken on any person under the age of 18 years.

Training/Qualifications - Recommendation for all persons undertaking tattooing or skin/body piercing to undertake blood-borne pathogen training.

Bylaw flow/order - Feedback provided for flow throughout bylaw - exemptions section to be moved nearer start of part eight (ideally after the definitions section). Consider review of sections 4 and 13 within the bylaw as these relate to consent conditions - some double up wording evident between these two sections.

Conduct – Remove reference to 'Hospital grade disinfectant' – no such term exists; this is purely a marketing reference with no scientific basis.

Sterilisation of equipment & records - Remove references under sterilisation to UV cabinets and Glass bead sterilisers, neither of which are true sterilisation practices, nor can such equipment be serviced/calibrated.

Please refer to the attached tracked changes document for full feedback/commentary.

I thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback, and I would welcome the opportunity to speak to your hearing committee and answer any clarification questions they may have.

Nga mihi,



Tanya Morrison

NZIEH National President

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Ngā Ture ā-Rohe Tōpu o Wairarapa

Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Wāhanga Waru: Ngā Ture ā-
Rohe Haumanu Rerehua, Kirituhi,
Titi Kiri

Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing

Timatanga | Commencement

The Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw came into force throughout the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa Districts on 1 September 2025.

Whāngai | Adoption

Date	Summary of Amendments	Adopted By
14 August 2013	Consolidated Bylaw 2012: Parts One to Eighteen	Masterton District Council
31 July 2013	Consolidated Bylaw 2012: Parts One to Six, Parts 8 and 9, Parts Eleven to Sixteen	South Wairarapa District Council
26 June 2019	Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019: Part Twelve – Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing	Masterton District Council Carterton District Council South Wairarapa District Council
September 2025 (TBC)	Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw: Part Eight – Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing	Masterton District Council Carterton District Council South Wairarapa District Council

Arotakenga | Review

The Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw is due for review by September 2030. If not reviewed by this date, the bylaw will revoke in September 2032 in accordance with section 160A of the Local Government Act 2002.

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Tuhinga Pāhekoheko | Referenced Documents

Reference is made in this document to the following legislation:

- Health Act 1956
- Local Government Act 2002

Reference is made to the following documents:

- Guidelines for the Safe Piercing of Skin published in October 1998 by the Ministry of Health
- Customary Tattooing Guidelines for Operators published in April 2010 by the Minister of Health

Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw: Part Eight – Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
Bylaw came into force: 1 October 2025

Kupu Takamua | Foreword

Part Eight is made under sections 145 of the Local Government Act 2002 and section 23(e) and section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

If any provision of this part is inconsistent with Part One – Introductory, then the provisions of this part prevail.

1. Aronga me te Pūtake | Scope and Purpose

- 1.1. Part Eight protects, promotes and maintains public health and safety and prescribes sanitary precautions to prevent the transference of communicable diseases via beauty therapy practices, tattooing or skin piercing businesses.
- 1.2. An exemption from the requirements of registration are provided for certain qualified health practitioners due to their recognised training standards, however general standards of hygiene must still comply with the Infection Control Standards NZS 8134 3 2008. Other exemptions, where appropriate, also apply (refer section 13 of this part for further details).
- 1.3. Part Eight should be read in conjunction with the [Guidelines for the Safe Piercing of Skin](#) published in October 1998 by the Ministry of Health.

Explanatory Note:

Part Eight supplements other obligations of premises, including but not limited to, those set out in the Resource Management Act 1991 and Building Act 2004, and any codes developed under such legislation, and those in Council plans and bylaws. A premises may also be subject to other licensing requirements by the Council.

2. Kuputaka | Definitions

Refer to the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw: Part One - Introductory for any definitions not included in this part.

- 2.1. The following definitions are applicable to Part Four:

Acupuncture: means the practice involving the insertion of filiform (very narrow) needles through the skin and tissues for the purpose of alleviating ailments or injuries.

Approved Dishwashing Facilities: means to the same standard required for a food business registered under the Food Act 2014.

Autoclave: means a machine using high pressure and steam to Sterilise equipment and supplies.

Commented [TM1]: There is no such definition for this under The Food Act 2014. This definition should be removed.

Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw: Part Eight – Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
Bylaw came into force: 1 October 2025

Beauty Therapy Practices: means any procedure intended to improve, alter or cleanse a person's appearance (hair, skin or complexion) or wellbeing including, but not limited to, any Commercial Service that:

- pierces the skin (including but not limited to Tattooing, body Skin Piercing, Electrolysis, red vein therapy, dermal rolling or stamping, extractions); or
- risks breaking the skin (including but not limited to hair removal e.g. Epilation or Depilation, waxing and Electrolysis, manicure, pedicure); or
- risks burning the skin (including but not limited to pulsed light, laser treatments, Solariums).

Where relevant, this includes businesses such as jewellers, body skin piercers, beauty therapists, nail technicians, and tattooists.

Explanatory Note:

~~Part Eight does not apply to a Person carrying out Hairdressing unless that Person is also providing a Prescribed Process at the Premise in addition to Hairdressing. Hairdressing is regulated by the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980.~~

(Health Hairdressers regulations 1980 now revoked as of 31 July 2025)

Certificate of Registration: means a certification or licence issued by the Council confirming that the Prescribed Processes a Beauty Therapy professional or establishment provides meets the required standards as set by this bylaw or the relevant regulations and includes all conditions to which the Certificate of Registration is subject.

Cleaning: means the physical removal of dirt, blood and any other substances from surfaces by washing in detergent and warm water to reduce the number of microorganisms and "Clean" and "Cleansed" have a corresponding meaning.

Commercial Service: means a service (whether operated from Permanent, Temporary or Mobile Premises or by a Mobile Operator) provided by one or more persons for another person for monetary payment or any other consideration.

Communicable Disease: has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Health Act 1956.

Designated Premises: includes any commercial, industrial, ~~r~~Residential, or community building where a Prescribed Process is carried out, whether they are Permanent or Temporary Premises.

Disability Assist Dog: has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

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Commented [TM3]: The definition for Prescribed process also includes wording around 'payment received'. This Commercial Services term doubles up with the prescribed processes term and is confusing - both terms are being inter-changed throughout your bylaw - suggest run with prescribed process and remove the Commercial Services definition altogether.

Disinfection: means the killing of disease-causing micro-organisms except bacterial spores and "Disinfected" has a corresponding meaning.

Electrolysis or short-wave diathermy: means the use of negatively charged electrical current to destroy hair.

Epilation or depilation: means the practice involving the penetration of the skin for the purpose of removing hair and includes the process commonly known as electrolysis.

~~**Hairdressing:** has the meaning given to it under section 2 of the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980.~~

Commented [TM4]: Regulations will be revoked come 31 July 2025.

Health Practitioner: has the meaning given to it under section 5(1) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 as a practitioner of a particular health profession.

Instrument: means any appliance, implement, needle or tool, of metal or non-metallic construction, which may come into contact with the skin or tissue on which the Prescribed Process is being carried out. It must also include any swab or dressing applied to the broken skin surface.

Licensee: means the person or legal entity to whom a Certificate of Registration has been issued to under this bylaw in respect of a Prescribed Process in their Premises.

Medical Waste: means the disposal of any needle or other article contaminated by blood, tissue or other bodily fluid in an approved manner such as a sharps container or biohazard waste receptacle.

Psychoactive Substance: has the meaning given to it under section 9 of the Psychoactive Substance Act 2013.

Mobile Operator: means a ~~p~~Person who operates without a Premises.

Mobile Premises: means a location other than a Permanent Premises where any Prescribed Process is undertaken on an ongoing ~~b~~and regular basis by any person including any vehicle, stall or unit whether self-propelled or not.

Operator: means any Licensee and/or staff member who performs or carries out a Prescribed Process.

Permanent Premises: means any location where any ~~Commercial Service~~Prescribed Process is undertaken by any person on an permanent basis and the primary purpose of that location is the ordinary provision of that ~~service~~process.

Premises: means, as defined in Section 4 of Part One and includes where the context requires in this part, Designated Premises, Permanent Premises, Temporary Premises, or Mobile Premises.

Prescribed Process: means any Beauty Therapy, Tattooing or Skin Piercing process for which payment is received.

Principal Entrance: means the main entry point to the Premises, through which clients, customers, or visitors access the Premises.

Readily Accessible: means the location of any fixture, equipment, instrument or utensil so that it can be accessed quickly, practically and without any action likely to pose a risk to any person.

Red Vein Treatment: means the practice of piercing a vein with a needle along the length of a damaged capillary causing little dams or blockages along the vessel.

Residential: means from a private dwelling.

Skin: is included in the definition of Tissue and means the outer surface covering the body and is made up of the outer epidermis, middle dermis and deep subcutaneous tissue.

Skin Piercing: means a practice involving the piercing, cutting or puncturing of the skin or any other part of the human body and includes such services as acupuncture, body piercing, derma rolling/stamping, dry needling, electrolysis, extractions, red vein treatment and Tattooing, and Traditional Tools Tattooing.

Recognised Qualification: may include a nationally or internationally recognised training standard, NZQA unit, standard, or industry training organisation qualification.

Solarium: means a commercial establishment containing one or more sunbeds (tanning units). A sun-tanning device emits ultraviolet radiation to produce a cosmetic tan.

Sterilised: means in relation to an instrument or like article or container, means subjecting an instrument, article or container to a process (including methods like with heat or an Autoclave), as a result of which all organisms and their spores present on the surfaces of the instrument, article or container are completely eliminated or killed and "Sterilisation" and "Sterilise" have a corresponding meaning.

Tā Moko: means the permanent marking or Tattooing as customarily practised by Māori.

Explanatory Note:

Practitioners undertaking Tā Moko on a marae in Wairarapa and in accordance with tikanga Māori (traditional Māori custom) are exempt from complying with this part of the bylaw (refer section 14.2 of this part).

Commented [TM5]: You seem to give capital letters to any term that has been defined, in which case capitals are needed here to be consistent.

Commented [TM6]: I'd be curious to know what issues you've had with solarium/sun beds and why this still needs to be included within your bylaw at all? Personally, I'd remove it as this area comes under The Health Act 1956 already. The Health Act 1956 already restricts the use of sunbeds to persons only over 18 years of age.

Commented [TM7]: Consider for this and the explanatory note below making the distinction between when payment is received for a service or not. It is only the practices under tikanga ie: on a Marae etc that are exempt - not Tā moko undertaken for commercial gain such as from a tattoo parlour. The art form is protected, as is the application when undertaken as part of a cultural experience/rite of passage, but when undertaken out of a 'normal studio' it is no different to normal tattoos where payment is received.

Tattooing: means a process by which indelible marks are made in human skin or tissue by inserting pigments or dyes into punctures. Tattooing also includes the process known as pigment implantation or permanent makeup and "Tattoo" has a corresponding meaning. Tattooing also includes cosmetic, and semi-permanent tattooing such as via semi-permanent makeup applications.

Tatau: means the permanent marking or Tattooing as customarily practised in Samoa.

Temporary Premises: means any location where any Commercial Service Prescribed process is undertaken by any person on an irregular basis and the primary purpose of that location is not the ordinary provision of that service.

Tissue: means a collection of similar cells that together carry out a specific function. It includes connective tissue such as blood, bones and ligaments, muscular tissue, membranes and Skin.

Traditional Tools Tattooing: means a practice of making indelible marks in the human skin or tissue by inserting pigments or dyes into punctures made in the skin or tissue using tools that are culturally traditional in structure and used in procedures such as Tā moko, Tatau, Uhi or any other traditional tattooing practice that has recognised cultural significance.

Uhi: means Māori tattooing implements (chisel blades).

3. Tohu Rēhita | Certificate of Registration

- 3.1. A Person must not use any Premises to carry out any Prescribed Process without a current Certificate of Registration.
- 3.2. Applications for a Certificate of Registration must be made by the owner or manager or Operator and shall be made on the prescribed form. The applicant must pay the applicable registration fees as set by the Council.
- 3.3. Council may make controls and set fees or recover costs for the following matters with respect to any Certificate of Registration required by clause 3.1:
 - a) applications for a Certificate of Registration (including renewals);
 - b) process to review, suspend or cancel a registration or its conditions;
 - c) process to object to a decision of the Council in relation to the review, suspension or cancellation of a registration;
 - d) conducting inspections necessary as part of the process of assessing an application for registration; and
 - e) conducting inspections to ensure that a registration and its conditions are

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complied with.

- 3.4. At the discretion of Council and having regard to any controls made under clause 3.3, a Certificate of Registration may be declined, or granted subject to any conditions.
- 3.5. A Certificate of Registration must not be issued unless the Premises concerned complies with all requirements of this part of the bylaw, or an exemption in accordance with section 13 of this part of the bylaw has been granted.
- 3.6. All Operators must comply with the conditions of any Certificate of Registration and requirements within this bylaw unless a written exemption is obtained.
- 3.7. The Certificate of Registration must be prominently displayed at the Principal Entrance so that anyone visiting the Premises can easily see it.
- 3.8. A Certificate of Registration is valid from for 12 months from the date it was issued and it must be renewed annually.
- 3.9. A Certificate of Registration issued under this part of the bylaw is not transferable without written approval from Council. If the business is sold or transferred to another person, the owner, manager, or Operator must notify the Council in writing within 14 days of the settlement date of the sale of the business. The new owner must apply to Council for a new Certificate of Registration and must pay the required registration fees.

4. Ngā Herenga Mahi | General Conditions of Operation

- 4.1. A person must not allow or carry out any Prescribed Process on any person under the age of 16 years without the written permission of that person's parent or legal guardian.
- 4.2. A person must not tattoo any person under 18 years of age.
- ~~4.1.4.3.~~ A person must not pierce any nipple or genital area of a person under 18 years of age.
- ~~4.2.4.4.~~ A person must not carry out any Prescribed Process on any person whom they suspect is under the influence of alcohol, drugs or Psychoactive Substances.
- 4.5. A person must not allow or carry out any Prescribed Process unless they hold a Recognised Qualification, where a Recognised Qualification is available for the Prescribed Process. An exemption will be applied to any person under the direct in-person supervision of someone who holds the said qualification and where the person providing the supervision is employed by a training institution.

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4.3.4.6. Any person who undertakes a prescribed process that pierces or penetrates

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the skin must have obtained and be able to provide evidence of a bloodborne pathogen training course being successfully undertaken.

Explanatory note:

A bloodborne pathogen training course includes training undertaken face to face or online. Such courses must cover identification of disease and infection causing microorganisms, the risks associated with such microorganisms, and the prevention and control measures required to protect clients when reprocessed items or equipment is used.

All skin-piercers and tattooists must complete bloodborne pathogen training within one year of either the enactment of this bylaw, or within one year of initial registration under the bylaw.

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4.4.4.7. A person must not eat or drink on the Premises except in a part of the Premises that is clearly separate from the area where the Prescribed Process is carried out and refreshments are only to be served in client waiting areas, not in work areas.

4.5.4.8. Smoking and vaping is prohibited on the Premises.

4.6.4.9. The Operator of a Premises where any Prescribed Process takes place, must display in a prominent place a notice asking clients to inform them of any Communicable Disease the client has, which may be likely to have an effect on the Prescribed Process.

4.7.4.10. The Operator must maintain accurate records, in accordance with section 12 of this part of the bylaw.

4.8.4.11. A person who knows or suspects that they are suffering from, or are a carrier of, a Skin Infection or Communicable Disease, or associated conditions, must not carry out any Prescribed Process, without taking adequate precautions to prevent the transmission of such infection, disease or condition.

4.9.4.12. No Animals, except disability assist dogs, are to be permitted in that part of the Premises where the Prescribed Process takes place.

4.10.4.13. Any person operating a Solarium must comply with AS/NZS 2635:2008 "Solaria for cosmetic purposes" and Part 5 of the Health Act 1956.

4.11.4.14. Prior to performing any Prescribed Process that invades someone's body in any way, information must be given in a manner which fully explains the nature of the procedure, the outcomes of it and any risks involved. The information must be understandable and take into account the age of the person involved and their understanding of the language used. Informed consent cannot be legally given by someone under the age of 16 years.

4.12.4.15. Any person who wishes to have a Prescribed Process carried out, must

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Commented [TM8]: All of these sections (4.6 to 4.11 under your original draft) are covered by requiring Client consent - refer to section 13.2 in your original draft document. Client consent should also be written - this needs to be made clearer. It is suggested you review these sections alongside section 13.2 to streamline and remove duplication re: consent.

inform the Licensee, manager, or other person for the time being appearing to be in charge of the Premises, prior to the commencement of any Prescribed Process, if they know or suspect that they:

- a) are suffering from a Communicable Disease;
- b) have a history of problem bleeding;
- c) are taking medication such as anticoagulants which thin the blood or interfere with blood clotting;
- d) have a history of allergies or adverse reactions to pigments, dyes or has other skin sensitivities; or
- e) have a history of epilepsy or seizures.

4.13.4.16. The Operator is required to specifically request the information needed under clause 4.12.

4.14.4.17. The Operator may decline to carry out any Prescribed Process on the basis of information received under clause 4.12 or agree to carry out the Prescribed Process subject to such conditions as are considered appropriate in the circumstances. Nothing in this part of the bylaw shall be construed as requiring any person to perform a Prescribed Process on any other person.

5. Ngā Āhuatanga Ōkiko o te Hanganga | Physical Aspects of Premises

5.1. A person must not use, or allow any Premises to be used for a Prescribed Process except in accordance with all of the following provisions:

- a) the Premises must be maintained in a state of good repair, sanitised, clean and tidy condition;
- b) the floors, walls, ceiling, fixtures and fittings in any area connected with the carrying out of any Prescribed Process must be constructed of materials that are continuously smooth, impervious and easily cleaned;
- c) a wash basin with splash guards, a constant piped supply of hot and cold water, soap, a nail brush and approved hand drying facilities must be provided in a readily accessible position within the working area associated with the Prescribed Process;
- d) a designated sink supplied with a constant piped supply of hot and cold water must be provided in a readily accessible position within the working area for the sole purpose of Cleaning Instruments and equipment associated with a Prescribed Process;
- e) all parts of the Premises must be adequately ventilated;
- f) all parts of the Premises must be provided with adequate lighting to assist

Commented [TM9]: Unsure why so specific with splash guards - this is hard to enforce.

in the performance of a Prescribed Process and facilitate cleaning and inspection;

- g) there must be a sufficient supply of Cleaning, Sanitising and Sterilising agents, and suitable Cleaning equipment, to enable regular and proper Cleaning of the Premises and the equipment.
- h) there must be a separate area in the Premises for the storage of chemicals, cleaning equipment and products associated with any Prescribed Process when they are not in use;
- i) there must be an a sufficient supply of covered waste receptacles that are constructed of easily cleanable materials;
- j) all mattresses, squabs and cushions used on any chair, bed, table or the like, used in conjunction with the carrying out of any Prescribed Process, must be covered in impervious and readily cleanable material. After each client, all linen/paper used to cover these must be replaced and the tables and equipment must be Cleaned and Disinfected.
- k) there must be a separate storage area for clean and soiled laundry. The storage containers for the laundry must be made of water-proof material and capable of being easily cleaned;
- l) there must be a separate storage area in the Premises for the storage of beauty products and other products or materials.
- m) where refreshments are served to clients, single use utensils are to be used unless Approved Dishwashing Facilities are supplied.

Commented [TM10]: Refer to earlier comment under definitions - there's no such thing as Approved Dishwashing Facilities under The Food Act 2014. Just say dishwashing facilities are to be provided.

6. Ngā Hanganga Hikawe me ngā Kaiwhakahaere Hikawe | Mobile Premises and Mobile Operators

6.1. All Mobile Operators must:

- a) provide sufficient facilities in the Mobile Premises to adequately store all clean and used equipment, linen and waste products safely in separate containers before and after use and while in transit;
- b) establish and maintain a 'clean' work area in the Mobile Premises and protect all surfaces and equipment in that work area from contamination by dust, dirt, other such contaminants or members of the public at all times;
- c) ensure ~~they~~ in the Mobile Premises, ~~they have~~ there is direct access to hand washing facilities with soap, paper towels and hot and cold running water, preferably through a single spout. Alternatively, where it is physically impossible to have hand washing facilities with running water in the Mobile Premises, waterless alcohol-based antiseptic hand gels, foams, or liquids can be used.

Commented [TM11]: Unsure why this is required nor relevant. Preferable is not enforceable, therefore no point in mentioning this.

- d) clean their hands using waterless alcohol-based hand cleanser between each client;
- e) wash their hands with running water and soap if their hands are visibly soiled; and
- f) ensure there is sufficient Sterile equipment for all clients undergoing ~~skin~~ skin penetration procedures and, if the Mobile Premises does not have an Autoclave, then single use pre-sterilised equipment is to be used.

6.2. All owners or Operators of a Mobile Premises must ensure that the area set aside for the Mobile Premises complies with all controls for a Prescribed Process. The controls for a Prescribed Process in a Mobile Premises are to be determined by an ~~Authorised Officer~~, who will take into consideration the circumstances in which the Prescribed Process is being undertaken to decide what is appropriate.

Commented [TM12]: Authorised Officer has not been defined in your definitions section, and really should be.

7. Ngā Whanonga | Conduct

7.1. While on the Premises, an Operator must:

- a) at all times keep their clothing, hands and fingernails clean, and cover any infected, damaged or inflamed skin with an impermeable dressing or disposable gloves;
- b) thoroughly clean their hands immediately:
 - i. before commencing and after completing any Prescribed Process;
 - ii. after using a toilet;
 - iii. after smoking or vaping;
 - iv. after blowing the nose; and
 - v. after handling soiled laundry, money, biological matter or waste materials used or produced in connection with a Prescribed Process;
- c) prior to commencing any Prescribed Process, cleanse the client's skin by swabbing with a ~~hospital-grade~~ ~~suitable~~ cleansing agent; and
- d) dispose of all blood or tissue contaminated materials, and dye residue used in a Prescribed Process into a puncture resistant container, 'sharps container' or otherwise in a manner approved by an Authorised Officer.

Commented [TM13]: There is no such thing as hospital grade. This is a marketing term with no scientific basis whatsoever and should not be used.

7.2. An Operator shall, at the completion of any Prescribed Process, provide to each client suitable written instructions for the subsequent ~~after~~ care of the site to prevent its infection.

7.3. ~~An Operator must not undertake any Tattooing, waxing, Electrolysis or Skin~~

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Piercing procedure unless that person covers their hands with new, single use gloves for each client.

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- 7.4. Any equipment used for a Prescribed Process must be calibrated, serviced and operated according to manufacturer specifications and only used for the purpose set out in the instructions.

Commented [TM15]: Include a reference to section 13.2 re: records needing to be kept for the servicing/calibration of such equipment?

- 7.5. An Operator must ensure there is a written procedure for the Cleaning of any blood or tissue contaminated linen or fixtures held onsite at all times.

8. Kirituhi | Tattooing

- 8.1. The Sterilisation of Tattooing equipment must include, but not be limited to, the Sterilisation of needle bars, tubes and tube tips.

- 8.2. Stencils and marker pens must only be used for one client and then disposed of.

- 8.3. An Operator must not, in Tattooing a client, use any dye, pigment or solution, unless the dye, pigment or solution:

a) has been decanted into a ~~sterile~~ single use container (as per Section 11) holding a sufficient amount of the liquid for carrying out the Tattoo on that client only; and

Commented [TM16]: Such containers are never truly sterile. Single use is the appropriate term.

b) is, while the process is being carried out on that client, extracted or withdrawn only from that container.

- 8.4. The Operator must ensure that on completion of the Tattoo, any dye, pigment or solution residue is discarded and disposed to waste, and the container is either sterilised or discarded.

- 8.5. The Operator is responsible for ensuring all dyes, inks, pigments, or solutions used for Tattooing are:

a) approved under the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority's Tattoo and Permanent Makeup Substances Group Standard ~~2020~~ 2022 (or subsequent iteration) or meet the relevant standards that apply under legislation from the territory or country from which they are imported; and

Commented [TM17]: 2022 is the most current version, therefore should be the one you mention.

b) prepared, stored and dispensed in such manner as to prevent any likelihood of infection to any other person.

9. Haumanu Rerehua, Titi Kiri me te Kuku Huruhuru | Beauty Therapy/Skin Piercing/Epilation

- 9.1. An Operator must not remove hairs from moles, birthmarks and other abnormalities without medical permission.

- 9.2. The client's Skin must be ~~sanitised~~ suitably cleansed prior to waxing.

Commented [TM18]: Sanitised isn't correct. Often sanitised can be translated to an alcohol wipe, which isn't always practicable nor recommended before waxing. The skin is instead cleansed to remove dirt, oils etc.

- 9.3. No person may use any Instrument to pierce Skin unless it has been Sterilised

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and has been kept in such a manner as to maintain sterility. All needles must be either pre-sterilised disposable types or needles sterilised as directed in section 10.1(a). No needle or other Instrument used to carry out a Skin Piercing may be touched by bare fingers, nor contaminated by packaging which has been contacted by bare fingers.

- 9.4. All jewellery used for Skin Piercing must be Sterile.
- 9.5. Any product that has been applied to a client's body (including wax) must not be reused on another client.
- 9.6. Any applicator that makes contact with a person's Skin must not be reused (double-dipped) or be replaced in a receptacle containing wax or any product unless the product has been decanted into single use containers.

~~9.7. Any product cross contaminated through the process of double dipping must be disposed of before the next client.~~

~~9.8.9.7.~~ All equipment and disposables used as part of treatment or after care must be used and stored in such a way to prevent contamination.

10. Ngā Ratonga Aukati | Prohibited or Restricted Services

- 10.1. ~~Commercial Services~~ prescribed Processes that pierce the eyeball (including tattooing of the eyeball or scleral tattooing) are prohibited unless undertaken by appropriately qualified health practitioners (Ophthalmologists) who are covered by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 in the practice of their profession.

11. Te Patu Moroiti i ngā Taputapu | Sterilisation of Equipment

- 11.1. No tools or equipment used for any Prescribed Process, such as needles and similar equipment that pierces or risks cutting the Skin (including pedicure, manicure or waxing equipment), shall be reused unless it has been Sterilised in one of the following ways:

- a) thoroughly cleansed and Sterilised in an Autoclave in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Evidence of the use of chemical indicator strips to demonstrate that the appropriate temperatures have been achieved during the ~~S~~sterilisation cycle must be kept and be made available for inspection for a minimum of 12 months. During each use, the gauges on the Autoclave shall be viewed to ensure that the correct times, temperatures and pressures are reached.

- ~~b) thoroughly cleansed and exposed to dry heat for at least 60 minutes at not less than 170°C~~

- ~~c) thoroughly cleansed then totally immersed in a glass bead Steriliser according to manufacturer's instructions.~~

Commented [TM19]: This point is redundant when 9.6 above clearly states no double dipping is allowed. So why provide for the scenario here under 9.7 where someone has double dipped, advising people how to address this - delete 9.7 and refer only to 9.6 above.

Commented [TM20]: Merely viewing the gauges is not enforceable, therefore unsure why this is in the bylaw. Also, modern machines will print this information out from the sterilisation cycle. Remove this wording unless you wish to require people to document what the gauges say.

Commented [TM21]: Not a common, nor practicable way of disinfecting. It is a disinfecting process too, not a sterilisation process, as when articles are removed from the dry heat they are no longer sterile. Autoclaving is the only way articles can truly be sterile. Recommendation to remove this wording altogether.

Commented [TM22]: This is not a sterilisation process - don't let the name 'Glass bead steriliser' confuse you. As soon as equipment is removed from the glass beads, the article is no longer sterile. The only truly sterile equipment is anything that has been autoclaved. The mention of a glass bead steriliser is more appropriate under section 12: Disinfection, Cleaning, Cleansing and repair.

~~eth~~ thoroughly cleansed by a method appropriate to the nature of the article concerned and then submitted to a process of Sterilisation approved by an Authorised Officer.

- 11.2. All disposable needles used for any Prescribed Process must be disposed of in an appropriate "sharps" container for medical waste, which in turn must be disposed of in an approved manner.
- 11.3. All materials containing body fluids and blood (including follicles) must be disposed of as medical waste in an approved manner. Medical waste must not be stored on the Premises for any longer than two weeks.
- 11.4. All non-medical waste is to be stored in a covered receptacle and removed from the Premises regularly.
- 11.5. Where an Instrument or like article used for projecting a needle into the Skin of any person, would be rendered inoperable or be damaged if a hand piece attached to it were Sterilised, the hand piece shall be deemed to be Disinfected if it has been cleaned of all visible soiling then wiped with a clean paper towel saturated with:
 - a) a solution of industrial methylated spirit;
 - b) ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol (in each case containing not less than 70 per cent alcohol); or
 - c) Viraclean or other similar approved solutions.
- 11.6. Prior to cleansing the hand piece, the needle shall be removed from the hand piece and disposed.

Explanatory Note:

~~Chlorine solution will corrode metals.~~

Operators should follow manufacturer's instructions in cleaning products, in particular concentration and use by dates.

Commented [TM23]: Unsure if this was meant to read 'Viraclean'? Also it isn't recommended to name specific products/chemicals where possible. Unsure what 'Approved solutions' are or who is approving them.

~~Irrelevant about chlorine causing corrosion, this has nothing to do with public health.~~

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12. Te Patu Huakita, te Whakamā, te Akuaku me te Whakatika | Disinfection, Cleaning, Cleansing and Repair

- 12.1. Where any Premises, equipment or procedures used to carry out any procedure or Prescribed Process are in such a condition whereby clients may be exposed to contamination or Communicable Disease, the Licensee must on receipt of a notice signed by an Authorised Officer cleanse, reconstruct or repair the Premises, equipment or redesign the procedures as directed within the time specified on the notice or cease using the Premises until any such time agreed by the Authorised Officer.

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- 12.2. All equipment, Instruments and utensils that are unable to be Sterilised must be thoroughly Cleaned and then Disinfected by a thermal or chemical Disinfection procedure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 12.3. After thorough Cleaning, approved solutions for Disinfecting include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol or methylated spirits (in each case containing not less than 70% alcohol); or
 - b) an industrial strength disinfecting solution (such as a chlorine, phenol or Quaternary ammonium cation (QUAT) based solution) used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 12.4. For any chemical used to Disinfect, Operators must be able to demonstrate knowledge of chemical dilution rates, application method and contact times.

13. Ngā Mauhanga | Records

- 13.1. Records must be maintained to assist Operators with providing aftercare advice for clients and as an opportunity to audit the quality of procedures, should complications occur.
- 13.2. Prior to commencing any Prescribed Process, the Operator must obtain and record the following information in writing:
 - a) client name, address, and phone contact;
 - b) client date of birth;
 - c) details of the procedure type and potential risks associated with the Prescribed Process to be administered;
 - d) consent for the Prescribed Process to be administered that is signed by the client; and
 - e) client health information including, but not limited to:
 - i. any medication taken which may affect the Prescribed Process;
 - ii. Any known blood or bleeding disorder or blood thinning medication taken;
 - iii. any medical history of known allergies or adverse reactions; and
 - iv. any medical history in relation to Communicable Disease or infectious disease.
- 13.3. The Operator must hold client records regarding such information on site and ensure that information is updated after every visit. These records must be

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made accessible to an Authorised Officer upon request

Commented [TM24]: This is repeated again under section 13.5.

- 13.4. Records must be strictly confidential and all personal client information must be kept secure in a secure area.

Commented [TM25]: Perhaps add wording stating 'in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020' or similar.

- 13.5. The Operator must hold client records regarding information collected under clause 12.2 on site for a period of 12 months from the date of the initial Prescribed Process. These records must be made accessible to an Authorised Officer upon request.

Commented [TM26]: As above, already stated under 13.2 to provide upon request.

- 13.6. The Operator must collate information relating to the monitoring and regular servicing of all equipment used for Sterilisation such as an autoclave, ~~UV cabinet or glass bead Steriliser~~. Such records must be kept for a minimum period of 12 months from the date the monitoring or servicing was carried out. The records shall be made available to an Authorised Officer or a Medical Officer of Health upon request.

Commented [TM27]: UV cabinets and glass bead sterilisers cannot be serviced nor calibrated.

- 13.7. A record of medical waste disposal must be kept for a minimum period of 12 months from the date of disposal. The records must be made available to an Authorised Officer or a Medical Officer of Health on request.

14. Ngā Kapenga | Exemptions

Commented [TM28]: Recommendation to move your exemptions section nearer the start of the bylaw, ideally after your definitions section.

- 14.1. The provisions of clause 4.3 of this part of the bylaw shall not apply:

- a) where the procedures are carried out in the practice of medicine, dentistry, nursing, physiotherapy, pharmacy or podiatry respectively, by a medical practitioner registered pursuant to the Medical Practitioners Act 1995, a dentist registered under the Dental Act 1988, a nurse registered under the Nurses Act 1977, a physiotherapist registered under the Physiotherapists Act 1949, a pharmacist registered under the Pharmacy Act 1970, a podiatrist registered under the Medical Auxiliaries Act 1966, or any Health Practitioner registered under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 or subsequent Act;
- b) acupuncture undertaken by members of the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists or members of the New Zealand Acupuncture Standards Authority or by members of Acupuncture NZ;
- c) commercial ear-piercing services undertaken in a pharmacy licenced by the Ministry of Health;
- d) a person acting under the direction or supervision of a any person described and acting in accordance with clause 14.1 (a), where the purpose is the practice of medicine, dentistry, nursing, physiotherapy, pharmacy or podiatry;
- e) to any tertiary educational institution authorised to train persons to become qualified in the practices of Beauty Therapy and/or nail technology; or

Commented [TM29]: These services already fall under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. Unsure why this needs to be stated under exemptions - semi covered by 14.1 (a) above.

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- f) in a situation where an Authorised Officer is satisfied that compliance with any requirements of this part of the bylaw would be impractical or unreasonable, having regard to the Premises in question, or the Prescribed Process being undertaken. A written exemption may be granted with such modifications, and subject to such conditions as are in the interests of public health as may be desirable in the circumstances.

14.2. Kua kore tēnei wāhanga o ngā ture ā-rohe e hāngai ki ngā ringatā e tā moko ana ki ngā marae i Wairarapa, whai rawa i ngā tikanga Māori. Me whai whakaaro ngā ringatā ki ngā paerewa, ki ngā tohutohu hoki o roto i te 2010 Customary Tattooing Guidelines for Operators a te Manatū Hauora hei ārahi matua, me ētahi anō tohutohu ārahi e tuwhera ana. He taonga te tā moko. Ko tā te Atikara 2 o Te Tiriti o Waitangi he tiaki i te rangatiratanga o Ngāi Māori ki ō rātou taonga.

Explanatory Note:

Section 14.2 in English means practitioners undertaking Tā moko on a marae in the Wairarapa and in accordance with tikanga Māori (traditional Māori custom) are exempt from complying with this part of the bylaw. Practitioners should consider the minimum standards of this part and the Ministry of Health's 2010 Customary Tattooing Guidelines for Operators as a best practice guide, alongside other available guidance. Tā moko is considered to be a taonga (or cultural treasure). Article 2 of the Treaty of Waitangi protects Māori rangatiratanga over taonga.

14.3. Any Operator may apply for an exemption from any requirement in this part of the bylaw where the Operator can demonstrate that any risk to public health is mitigated to the same extent as what is provided for in this part of the bylaw.

15. Ngā Hara me ngā Hāmene | Offences and Penalties

- 15.1. An Authorised Officer undertaking inspections under this part may take or remove a sample or thing for analysis, for the purpose of determining whether or not this part is being complied with.
- 15.2. Any person who breaches or fails to comply with this part of the bylaw commits an offence and may be liable on conviction to a penalty under the Health Act 1956 or the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Refer to Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025: Part 1 - Introductory (Section 15.2) for details of what constitutes a breach.

- 15.3. A breach or failure to comply with this part of the bylaw may result in a Certificate of Registration being cancelled.

Explanatory Note:

As at the date the Bylaw comes into force, a Person who is convicted of an offence against Part Eight:

- is liable to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 in accordance with section 242 of the Local Government Act 2002;
- is liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 in accordance with section 66 of the Health Act 1956;
- where the offence is continuing, is liable to a fine not exceeding \$50 every day the offence continues in accordance with section 66 of the Health Act 1956;
- where a person provides artificial tanning services to a person under 18, is liable to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a body corporate in accordance with section 114(3) of the Health Act 1956.

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Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 1 – Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. This is our preferred option.**Q11****Respondent skipped this question**

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Yay, speed restrictions. Much overdue for Castlepoint and much needed. Great bylaw. Do it.

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

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Christopher Percy

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Vehicles on Riversdale Beach Rules Submission

I support Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. A 20kph speed limit on the beach would be more realistic

If the reason to ban vehicular access to the beach is for the protection of the "endangered Dotterel species", they have a fenced area for their breeding cycle. This "protected area" is not accessed by vehicles, but is totally inundated by high tidal movements regularly.

No wonder they are an endangered species being that dumb. Perhaps we could ensure their breeding capability by building a wall or just banning high tides ?. The published photo of a dead dotterel allegedly run over by a vehicle (body crushed in tyre tracks) doesn't prove that anyone ran over it while it was alive ? 99.99% of vehicle users on the beach, comply with a wide berth of the "breeding area" and travel at a low speed to avoid any birds that may cross their path on the journey to the north rocks to access legal marine activities. The surf club uses vehicles to service the beach patrols, so are the community going to help push their equipment down to the beach and back every day ? We don't need a "who is allowed to, and who is not" regime controlling vehicular access. Perhaps Fisheries can park their vehicles in front of the surf club and walk. I am sure officers will enjoy walking back to the carpark, with a confiscated crayfish pot. And those with special harvesting rights can follow suit. We don't need a racist rules disparity. Catch, walk and carry. We don't need unreasonable controls, upon the vast majority of good citizens, to have their recreational enjoyment destroyed by the 1% of dickheads that frequent the beach and speed and do donuts etc on rare occasions.

I provide a quad bike on the beach daily for the seniors swimming club, tagged as the "Rivers Dippers", to place their gear on and it is primarily to ride up to the surf club quickly and will raise the alarm as necessity arises.

I am happy for you to submit my commentary submission under Part Six : Traffic

I do not wish to speak to my submission at the August 14th hearing

I would support the adoption of a 10kph speed limit on the beach north of the surf club and at the southern beach (albeit overkill to say the least) 10kmh on a deserted beach in winter is ludicrous.

There is absolutely no requirement for the banning of vehicular access to the beach and rocks for recreational pursuits.

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YOUR DETAILS

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Hearings

A hearing will be held on Thursday 14 August 2025 for those wanting to present their views. You will have 5-10 minutes to present your feedback to elected members.

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

☐ Yes (in person)☐ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)☒ No

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YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Proposal

The Wairarapa District Councils propose to adopt a bylaw to replace the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019. The proposed bylaw has the following parts:

- **Part One:** Introductory
- **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)
- **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places
- **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees
- **Part Six:** Traffic
- **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria
- **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
- **Part Nine:** Water Supply
- **Part Ten:** Wastewater
- **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste

Overall thoughts

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

☐ **Option 1: Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**

This is our preferred option.

☐ **Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**

Please describe your suggested changes below.

☐ **Option 3: Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**

This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaws parts?

If yes, please tick which part(s) you are providing feedback on. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

☐ **Part One:** Introductory

☒ **Part Six:** Traffic

☐ **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)

☐ **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria

☐ **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places

☐ **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing

☐ **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke

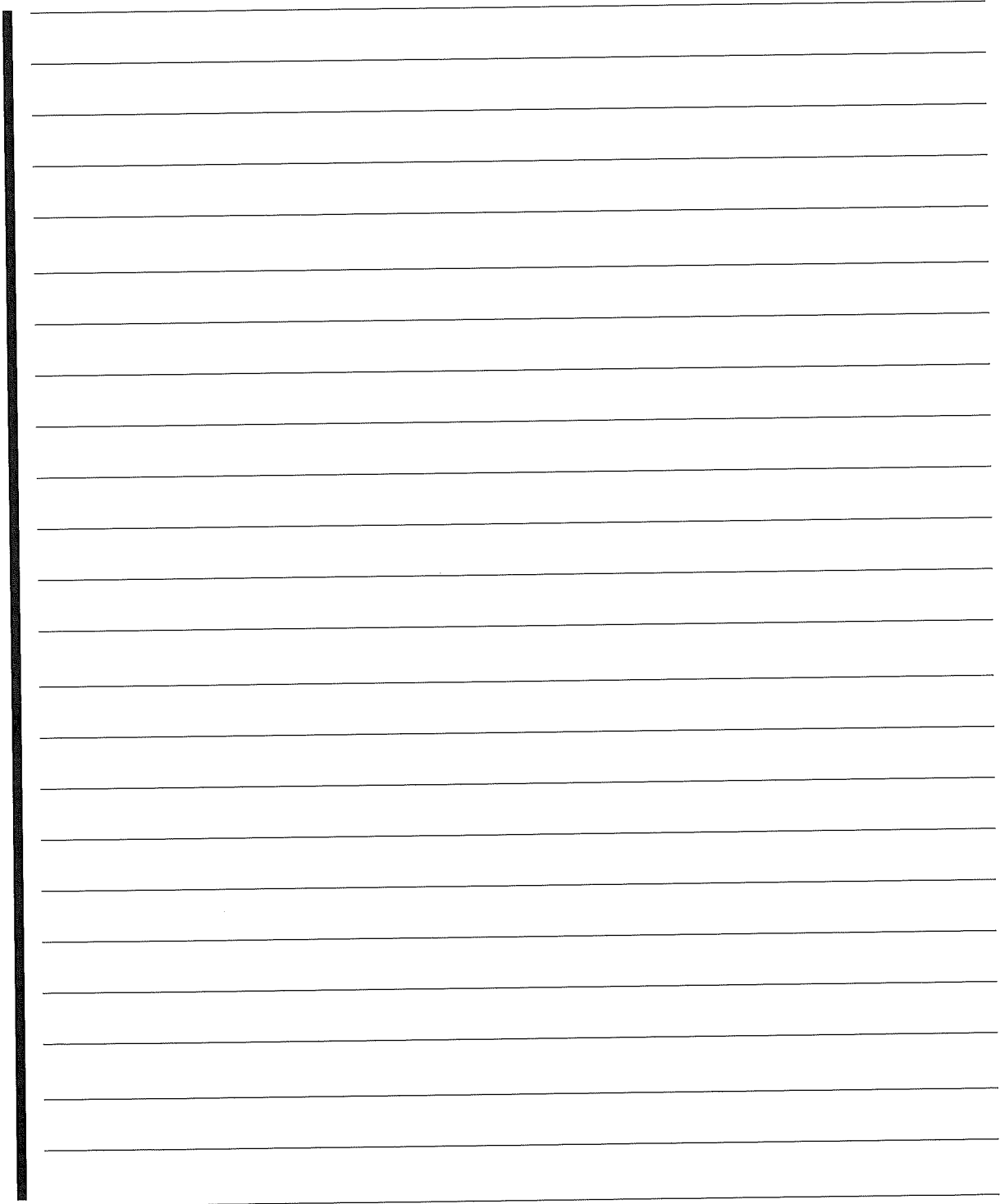
☐ **Part Nine:** Water Supply

☐ **Part Ten:** Wastewater

☐ **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees

☐ **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste.

Reducing the speed to 50 past the cemetery cars are going too fast and up to Railway Crossing Western lake therefore speed 100 after Rail crossing it is very important to think about this as ive seen older people nearly hit coming out of cemetery



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Part Six: Traffic

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Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

6. Keep consistency across the region. 10kmh for vehicles on any beach within 50 meters of any person or animal on the beach. This allows for peak and off peak times, or when there are events at beaches.

10kmh is very slow when there is zero risk to pedestrians (because there are none). This could also push unregistered vehicles onto roads where they can drive faster but they may not be legal for the roads. If this was successful the region could promote it as a rule for all of NZ

50m is plenty of buffer and policing at this range is not needed.

But when a vehicle is 20 or 30 meters away (or less), the risk is still low but policing it is easy, as an enforcement officer could be sure that the vehicle was within 50m.

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

No thank you.

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Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

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I'm proposing a change to Part Five. Specifically the keeping of poultry. This isn't really a consolidated bylaw, South Wairarapa's rules on poultry are different to Carterton and Masterton. I request that South Wairarapa rules are brought into alignment with Carterton and Masterton. Their rules are sufficient for the keeping of poultry and by being different contribute to the confusion of keeping poultry in the Wairarapa as a whole and in South Wairarapa specifically. It is also clear from walking around Featherston, which I do almost daily, that hardly anyone is actually following the bylaw and a rule unfollowed and not enforced is no rule at all.

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Part Five: Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees

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Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

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Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Part Five: in relation to keeping bees. I'd like to see the Wairarapa allow the keeping on bees on property by bee keepers. In Auckland you can hire a bee hive, the bee keeper looks after and maintains the hive. I'd love to be able to do this, but alas I am allergic. I'd like to see the option there for people, even if I am unable to use it.

Part Nine: Water Supply. Please measure nitrates in our water supply. And for goodness sake add fluoride to the water. It's a mandated activity, get it done.

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Submission by the

Royal New Zealand Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc.

on

Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw:

Keeping of Animals, Poultry, and Bees Bylaw 2025

25 July 2025



Executive Summary

- SPCA advocates for animals such stock and poultry to be housed in environments that promote their welfare alongside hygiene. Clean, healthy environments are important for reducing nuisance and also for promoting positive animal welfare.
- Animals should have appropriate bedding material to meet their behavioural needs.
- SPCA advocates for housing requirements that provide areas for animals to move around without permanent tethering.
- SPCA supports the mandatory desexing of all cats by four months of age in the Carterton, Masterton, and South Wairarapa Districts with exemptions for registered breeding animals, or if a veterinarian has determined it would negatively impact the cat's health or welfare. Desexing provides welfare benefits to the individual cat and is important for addressing problems with cat overpopulation, including nuisance.
- SPCA supports the mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register for all cats by four months of age in the Carterton, Masterton, and South Wairarapa Districts. Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted.
- SPCA recognises the benefits of a limit on the number of cats per dwelling, however, we advocate for the minimum number to not be lower than three cats per dwelling.
- SPCA advocates for cat owners to keep their cats at home or on their property and supports bylaws that facilitate this behaviour.
- SPCA urges Carterton, Masterton, and South Wairarapa District Councils to improve their tracking of nuisance associated with roaming cats including property damage, spraying and defaecating on neighbouring properties, and fighting with other cats causing injuries requiring veterinary treatment.
- SPCA advocates for local councils to take an active role in promoting responsible cat ownership.



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Introduction

The following submission is made on behalf of The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (trading as SPCA).

SPCA is the preeminent animal welfare and advocacy organisation in New Zealand. The Society has been in existence for over 150 years with a supporter base representing more than 100,000 New Zealanders across the nation.

The organisation includes 29 Animal Welfare Centres across New Zealand and approximately 60 inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

SPCA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the draft Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025.

Submission

Keeping of Stock and Poultry

Animal husbandry and animal welfare are linked. Environmental conditions and how an animal interacts with their environment directly influence how they feel (Mellor et al., 2020). Where there is poor husbandry, there is often poor welfare. SPCA advocates for bylaws that promote good husbandry to reduce the potential for nuisance and help prevent welfare problems. Below we provide our recommendations on the draft Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025.

SPCA advocates for the inclusion of conditions for animal enclosures that reduce nuisance and promote positive animal welfare including:

- A condition specifying animals have appropriate companionship. SPCA advocates for animals to be kept in appropriate social groups. For example, sheep and goats experience fear and vocalise more when socially isolated (Cockram et al. 1994; De et al., 2018; Forkman et al., 2007; Siebert et al., 2011).



- A condition specifying that animals can access shade, shelter, and nest material suitable to their species-specific needs. For example, poultry housing should protect animals from thermal stress and drafts; and resting areas should include species-appropriate bedding and nesting material and remain dry (EFSA Panel on Animal Health and Welfare, 2023a, b).
- A condition prohibiting the permanent tethering of livestock. Tethering compromises an animal's welfare leading to frustration and stress because they cannot behave and move around normally (Beaver et al., 2021; Hydbring-Sandberg et al., 2022; van der Staay et al., 2010). Permanent tethering can increase fear when it interferes with an animal's instinct to flee when alarmed (Beaver et al., 2021; Forkman et al., 2007). Tethered animals may lack sufficient shelter from all conditions or access to appropriate feed and water. Tethered animals can become entangled and harm themselves leading to painful injuries and are at risk from being harassed or attacked by other animals or people.
 - SPCA advocates that farmed animals are provided properly fenced areas that allow them to move around, graze, exercise, socialise with other animals, and seek suitable shelter when needed.
- SPCA advocates for provisions in housing standards that align with the Code of Welfare for Pigs, including ensuring pigs have access to housing of sufficient size that allows for movement and natural positions, adequate ventilation, protection for thermal extremes, and a dry laying area. We advocate that Council require pigs to have nesting material and separate areas for toileting, eating, and separation from offspring by choice. Expression of natural behaviours and behavioural interactions with their environment is important for a pig's welfare (Johnson et al., 2022; Kells, 2021; reviewed by the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, 2021).
 - We have recently seen Palmerston North City Council amend their [Keeping of Animals Bylaw](#) which now requires pigs to have suitable nesting material and separate spaces for resting, eating, and toileting.



Keeping of Cats

SPCA advocates for the inclusion of requirements in bylaws for cats to be desexed and microchipped by four months of age and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. We have seen a steady increase in councils that pass bylaws to promote more responsible cat ownership (please see Table 1 for more information).

Require cat owners to desex their cats

SPCA advocates for the requirements for cat owners to desex their companion cat by four months of age with exemptions for registered breeding animals or to protect the health and welfare of the cat.

Desexing provides welfare benefits to the individual cat and helps address problems with cat overpopulation (Farnworth et al., 2013; Glen et al., 2023; Joyce & Yates, 2011; McDonald et al., 2023; Miller et al., 2014; Yates et al., 2013). Desexing companion cats helps reduce the number of kittens that enter shelters and are euthanased (Marsh, 2010; Marston & Bennett, 2009; New et al., 2000; please see Table 2 for more information).

The traditional age for desexing a cat in New Zealand is four to six months (Farnworth et al., 2013; Orr & Jones, 2019). Kittens typically enter puberty from four to six months of age however, this can occur as early as fourteen weeks of age (Farnworth et al., 2013; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995). Therefore, we support the requirement for desexing to occur before kittens enter puberty to help break the cycle of unplanned litters born each year in New Zealand.

Desexing can be safely performed at an earlier age than four to six months (Howe, 2015; Root Kustritz, 1999; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995; Stubbs et al., 1996). Early desexing does not adversely affect the physiological or behavioural development in cats; it is a faster procedure with a quicker recovery time for the kitten (Aronsohn & Faggella, 1993; Bushby & Griffin, 2011; Howe, 1997; Porters et al., 2015); and reduces the likelihood of some cat behaviours such as spraying, straying, and vocalising later in life (Spain et al., 2004).



Require cat owners to microchip their cats and register the microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register

SPCA supports the requirement for cat owners to microchip their cats by four months of age and register the microchip on the [New Zealand Companion Animal Register](#). The New Zealand Companion Animal Register is a private, charity-based database and is the only place where a cat's microchip can be registered in New Zealand. There is a one-time fee for registration.

Microchipping and registering the microchip helps ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted (Lancaster et al., 2015; Lord et al., 2010). Most New Zealand cat owners allow their cats to roam (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020; Hall et al., 2016; Gates et al., 2019), which further illustrates the need for cats to have a reliable form of identification.

Reasonable limits on the number of cats per dwelling

SPCA supports reasonable limits on the number of cats per dwelling as this can help ensure an individual cat's welfare needs are met and they experience a Good Life. We urge the Wairarapa District Councils to maintain the limit on cats per residence as no less than three and to have a permission system for a person to have more than three cats per dwelling. We encourage the Wairarapa District Councils to include microchipping, desexing, and keeping cats at home (on the owner's property) as criteria for a person to have more than the permitted number of cats.

Additional Considerations for Cats

Keep cats at home to reduce nuisance

SPCA advocates for cat owners to keep their cats at home and supports bylaws that facilitate this behaviour. We urge the Wairarapa District Councils to consider the public health risks, nuisance, and property damage related to companion cats whose owners allow them to freely roam from their property.

There are roughly 1.26 million companion cats in 35-40% of households across New Zealand (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2025; van Heezik et al., 2010). Recent studies indicate that most cat owners do not restrict their cats from roaming from their property (Bassett et al., 2020; Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020; Gates et al., 2019). The likelihood of undesexed



companion cats contributing to the unwanted population of cats is exacerbated by most cat owners allowing their cats to roam freely.

A cat can experience positive welfare and their physical, health, and behavioural needs can be met whilst keeping them at home as indoor-only cats or with access to a secure outdoor enclosure or a garden with an escape-proof fence (de Assis & Mills, 2021).

Keep track of nuisance complaints

SPCA notes that the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw [Review](#) indicated there are few nuisance complaints related to cats in the district. SPCA urges the Wairarapa District Councils to ensure people are aware they can report cat nuisance and include complaints associated with cats such as property damage, spraying, and defaecating on neighbouring properties, and fighting with other cats causing injuries that require veterinary treatment.

SPCA is concerned that the true scale of nuisance related to undesexed, and roaming companion cats is not fully communicated to local councils. Our organisation has received emails and calls from the public about cat nuisance (e.g., the neighbour's cat is toileting in their garden). We have a [website article](#) offering advice and tips for keeping a cat out of your garden, however, these strategies place the onus of managing nuisance on those who do not own the cat. Our organisation considers preventing nuisance is a cat owner's responsibility.

SPCA is concerned about issues related to keeping cats such as disease transmission. Cats are the definitive host of toxoplasmosis, and exposure to cat faeces in waterways, soil, sandpits, vegetable beds, and gardens is a risk factor for transmission to people and other animals (Aguirre et al., 2019; Stelzer et al., 2019). Companion cats with access outdoors and stray and feral cats have a higher likelihood of being infected with toxoplasmosis due to exposure from eating infected prey animals (see Roberts et al., 2021).

Promoting more responsible cat ownership

SPCA acknowledges that regulations alone will not address problems with cat overpopulation, and we fully support complementary non-regulatory approaches to cat management. We urge



the Wairarapa District Councils to join us in our efforts to prevent problems before people end up dealing with difficult decisions about unwanted cats and cat behaviour in their communities.

We are happy to support and work with the Wairarapa District Councils to provide comprehensive services for cat owners to help achieve more responsible cat ownership. This includes overcoming the cost of the procedure, which is the primary barrier to desexing (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020).

Desexing companion cats is one of the few humane methods we have for managing stray cats, as it reduces the flow of unplanned litters of kittens from the companion cat populations into the stray cat populations. Microchipping and registering microchips for cats can help us reunite a lost cat living as a stray in the community.

SPCA has worked closely with Whangārei District Council, Auckland Council and Local Boards, Waitaki District Council, and Dunedin City Council to address the barriers to desexing and microchipping cats. We have included our Snip 'n' Chip Council Package with our submission which provides more detailed information about how we work with local councils to promote more responsible cat ownership. We encourage the Wairarapa District Councils to consider supporting their community members in becoming more responsible cat owners.

Background

Each year, on average 20,000 cats and kittens come into our SPCA Centres across New Zealand. Many of these animals are a direct or indirect (through stray cat populations) result of an owner not desexing their companion cat. Our SPCA Centres regularly see the welfare problems related to irresponsible companion cat ownership, including:

- the predictable cycle of unplanned litters of kittens born each year because there are too many undesexed companion cats allowed to breed;



- the number of cats and kittens who are lost or have strayed, and we cannot find their owner because they are not microchipped, or their microchip details are not registered on a national database; and
- the number of cats and kittens injured, diseased, and lost or strayed because they are allowed to roam freely from home.

We also know that irresponsible cat ownership can lead to nuisance in communities (e.g., spraying, toileting, fighting), predation on wildlife, and the spread of toxoplasmosis to people and animals including farmed animals and vulnerable native marine mammals (e.g., Hector's and Māui dolphins).

Desexing and microchipping companion cats and keeping them at home are some of the few ways to address problems with stray cats in our communities. Desexing a companion cat helps prevent unplanned litters of kittens which can end up as stray cats. Having a microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register can help us identify an owner to reunite with a lost companion cat that may be living as a stray. Keeping cats at home decreases their likelihood of becoming lost or straying.

The unwanted cat population in New Zealand must be viewed as a public problem, requiring local (and national) policy solutions where the true cost of owning an undesexed and un-microchipped cat is not an undue burden on New Zealand society. These costs include the costs that shelters and rescues absorb, costs that local councils absorb with managing unwanted cats, and costs of increased protection of vulnerable wildlife.

With no national legislation requiring companion cats to be desexed, microchipped, and their microchip registered, New Zealand needs more leadership from the local government to encourage responsible cat ownership and complement the work done by our organisation and others.

There is a growing list of Councils in New Zealand where cats must be desexed microchipped with a microchip registered on the [New Zealand Companion Animal Register](#).



Table 1: Local councils with bylaws requiring cats to be desexed and microchipped

Council (year)	Desexing requirements	Microchipping requirements
<u>Manawatu District (2019)</u>	Every person who keeps cats must ensure cats over six months are desexed (exemptions in place for registered breeders).	None.
<u>Whanganui District (2020)</u>	Any cat over four months of age is required to be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over four months of age is required to be microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Selwyn District (2021)</u>	None.	Every person who keeps a cat over the age of four months is required to microchip and register the cat with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or other approved registry.
<u>Whangārei District (2022)</u>	Any cat over six months of age must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over six months of age must be microchipped, and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animals Register.
<u>Ruapehu District (2022)</u>	Every person who keeps a cat that is over six months must ensure the cat is desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Every person who keeps a cat that is over six months must ensure they are microchipped, and the microchip is registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or other Council approved microchip registry.
<u>Buller District (2023)</u>	Any cat over six months of age must be desexed (with exemptions in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over six months of age must be microchipped, and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Hutt City (2024)</u>	Every person who keeps cats must ensure they are desexed by twelve weeks of age or older (with exemptions for breeders or to protect the cat's health and welfare).	Every person who keeps cats must ensure they are microchipped by twelve weeks of age or older and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.



<u>Wellington City (2024)</u>	All domestic cats over six months must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	All cats over the age of twelve weeks must be microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Palmerston North City (2024)</u>	All cats over four months of age, born after the 1 st of July 2018 must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders).	All cats over six months of age and born after the 1st of July 2018 must be microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Tararua District (2024)</u>	Every cat over four months old must be desexed.	Every cat over four months old must be microchipped and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Tasman District (2024)</u>	Domestic cats over the age of six months must be desexed (with exemptions in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health or welfare).	Domestic cats over the age of six months must be microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Nelson City (2024)</u>	Any cat over four months of age must be desexed (with exemptions for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health or welfare).	Any cat over four months must be microchipped and the microchip registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
<u>Porirua City (2025)</u>	Any cat over four months of age must be desexed (with exemptions for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health or welfare).	Any cat over four months must be microchipped and the microchip registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.

The benefits of more responsible cat ownership

SPCA advocates for more responsible ownership of companion cats to improve the welfare of cats and to help address the problems with community nuisance, predation, and the overpopulation of stray cats.



Welfare-related benefits of desexing cats

Desexing can reduce the risk of certain diseases, reduce the likelihood of roaming (which can increase risks of harm such as disease and infection, injury, and becoming lost), and increase lifespan. Desexing can also prevent the mortality of unplanned kittens which is often overlooked as a welfare problem.

Table 2: Welfare-related benefits of desexing cats

Decreased risk of reproductive disease
• Mammary gland tumours are common in cats: ○ 16.3% of all tumours are in the mammary gland in an Italian registry, making this the second most common tumour site (Vascellari et al., 2009). ○ 17% of all cancers reported were in the mammary gland in a California registry (1963-1966) making this the third most common cancer (Dorn et al., 1968). ○ 8.2% of tumours in a Swiss feline cancer registry (1965-2008) were mammary gland tumours (Graf et al., 2016). ○ Japanese and Siamese breeds are at increased risk of mammary tumours (Graf et al., 2016; Ito et al., 1996).
• Mammary tumours in cats have a high risk of being malignant: ○ >90% of mammary gland tumours in cats are malignant (Dorn et al., 1968; Hampe & Misdorp, 1974; Hayes et al., 1981). ○ A more recent study with a Swiss feline cancer registry found that 83% of mammary tumours were malignant (Graf et al., 2016).
• Desexing is protective against mammary tumours in cats: ○ Sexually intact cats have seven times the risk of developing mammary gland neoplasms when they get older compared to spayed female cats (Dorn et al., 1968). ○ Ovariectomy was found to protect against mammary carcinomas but not against benign mammary tumours. Intact cats are seven times overrepresented in the population of cats diagnosed with mammary tumours (Misdorp et al., 1991).



- Desexed female cats had significantly lower odds than entire female cats of developing tumour/malignant tumour in the mammary gland (Graf et al., 2016).
- Desexing before one year of age is protective against mammary carcinoma: 91% risk of reduction if desexed before 6 months, 86% reduction if before one year. Desexing after two years increased the risk (likely due to very few cats being desexed after this age) (Overley et al., 2005).
- Pyometra (uterine infection) risk increases significantly with age for female cats (Potter et al., 1991).

Increased lifespan and improved overall health

- Undesexed companion cats have significantly shorter lifespans than desexed companion cats (Hamilton et al., 1969; Kent et al., 2022; O'Neill et al., 2015).
- Being undesexed is a risk factor for cats developing degenerative joint disease (Lascelles et al., 2010; Slingerland et al., 2011), which is considered a leading cause of chronic pain in cats (Robertson et al., 2010).
- Improved health for both male and female cats in managed colonies may be related to reduced reproduction-related aggression in males (Cafazzo et al., 2019; Finkler et al., 2011).
- Desexed male cats live a mean of 62% longer than undesexed male cats, and desexed female cats live a mean of 39% longer than undesexed female cats (Banfield Pet Hospital, 2013).
- For companion cats over five years of age in an English veterinary database, desexed female cats lived .6 months longer than undesexed female cats and desexed male cats lived 1.8 years longer than undesexed male cats (O'Neill et al., 2015).
- For companion cats over 1 year of age in a California teaching hospital database (Kent et al., 2022):
 - desexed females had a median lifespan of 10.48 years, compared to undesexed females that had a median lifespan of 4.68 years.



- desexed males had a median lifespan of 9.84 years, compared to undesexed males who had a median lifespan of 3.67 years.
- For companion cats over the age of five years of age in a Pennsylvania database (Hamilton et al., 1969):
 - desexed male cats lived a median of 10.8 years compared to undesexed males who lived a median of 8.6 years. Deaths from trauma and infections were less common in desexed males.
 - male cats desexed before the age of five months, had a median lifespan of thirteen years compared to male cats desexed at six to seven months who had a median lifespan of eleven years.
- Cats at least six years of age and not desexed in an English database were twice as likely to have signs related to degenerative joint disease (Maniaki et al., 2021).
- Desexed stray cats were in better welfare condition compared to intact cats likely due to reduced reproduction-related aggression in males (Gunther, et al., 2018).
- Desexed male and female cats in a TNR (Trap Neuter Return) managed colony were less likely to be injured or have impaired health which may be related to decreased risk of infectious disease, nutritional deficiencies, and stress associated with reproduction (Gilhofer et al., 2019).

Decreased roaming risks

- Intact male cats are at higher risk of traffic accidents, injuries, bite wounds, and disease transmission compared to desexed males (Finkler et al., 2011; Gunther et al., 2015; 2018).
- Roaming (and fighting and spraying) reduced or eliminated in 80-90% of cats (Hart & Cooper, 1984).
- Desexing reduces activity related to territorial behaviour. Authors note cats are less active, which they do not specify as including roaming (Cafazzo et al., 2019).



Improved kitten welfare

- Unplanned kittens contribute to high numbers of animals surrendered to shelters. Kittens under the age of six months made up the largest proportion of owner-surrender cats to an animal shelter in Australia; 34% of all owner-surrendered animals were emaciated (Marston & Bennett, 2009).
- Kittens that enter the shelter system because they are from unplanned breeding can often be in a poor state of welfare. This is before shelter entry and not related to shelter stay. An average of 30% of kittens that came into SPCA Centres are categorised as not healthy at intake. Not healthy categories include Dead on Arrival; Unhealthy not treatable; Unhealthy treatable (urgent); Unhealthy treatable (non-urgent) (SPCA Intake Health Data: Jan 2021-Jul 2023)
- Free-roaming kittens had the highest prevalence of emaciation and thinness, lowest BCS (Body Condition Score) scores, and higher prevalence of severe injury or disability than adults. (Gunther et al., 2018).
- There is high variability among kitten mortality in stray cats, however, at least one study showed 75% mortality before six months, with trauma being the most common cause of death (Nutter et al., 2004).

Welfare-related benefits of microchipping cats

SPCA prefers microchipping as the primary form of identification for a cat because the chip cannot be removed, dislodged, or lost without surgical intervention. Once a cat is microchipped, the 15-digit microchip number and the animal and owner's details can be registered with a microchip registration database, such as the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2018). Microchipping helps ensure a lost cat can be reunited with their owner, which can be especially true during emergencies.



Table 3: Welfare-related benefits of microchipping cats

Welfare-related benefits of microchipping	
	• During the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, 85% of owners of microchipped animals were contacted within 3 hours by the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, compared to only 25% of non-microchipped animals reunited with their owners within seven days (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2018).
	• 39% of microchipped cats were returned to their owners, compared to 2% returned for un-microchipped cats (Lord et al., 2010).
	• 51% of microchipped cats were returned to their owners compared to only 5% of un-microchipped cats (Lancaster et al., 2015).

The addition of a collar and tag for companion or managed stray cats can provide a visual indication of a cat's ownership/management status and successfully help reunite lost cats with their owners/carers (Alberthsen et al., 2013; Lord et al., 2007, 2010).

Welfare-related benefits of keeping cats at home

Cats who are allowed to roam from home face numerous welfare risks including threats to their health, consequences of becoming lost or straying, and if not desexed, can contribute to the unwanted kitten population in New Zealand.

Table 4: Welfare-related benefits of keeping cats at home

Welfare-related benefits of keeping cats at home	
	• Reduced the risk of injury and death from vehicles, fighting with cats and other animals, infectious disease transmission, and ingestion of harmful substances (Bruce et al., 2019; Loyd et al., 2013; Rochlitz, 2003a, b, 2004a, b).
	• Reduced risk of disease transmission to people and other animals (e.g., ringworm, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus [FIV]) (Hosie et al., 2009; Stull et al., 2015).



Other benefits of responsible cat ownership

More responsible cat ownership can reduce the negative impacts cats can have including nuisance, predation on native wildlife, and spread of toxoplasmosis to both native animals and pastoral animals. Desexing and microchipping are longer-term strategies that will address problems with the overpopulation of cats and keeping cats at home can provide immediate local benefits for reducing nuisance such as spraying and toileting on neighbouring properties and reducing predation. Preventing cats from defecating away from home can also contribute to a reduction in the spread of toxoplasmosis to other animals and people.

Table 5: Other benefits of responsible cat ownership

Benefits of responsible cat ownership
• Reduced risk of toxoplasmosis transmission to farmed animals (Aguirre et al., 2019; Stelzer et al., 2019).
• Decreased risk of toxoplasmosis transmission to native wildlife (Aguirre et al., 2019).
• Decreased predation on native wildlife (Bell & Bell, 2003; Bellingham et al., 2010; Dowding & Murphy, 2001; Imber et al., 2003; Veitch et al., 2011).

Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025. SPCA is happy to provide further information if needed.



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PROMOTING DESEXING AND MICROCHIPPING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Snip n Chip is a desexing and microchipping service aimed at reducing the number of unwanted and unowned cats — a humane solution for the feline population and welfare management.

Launched nationally in 2022, SPCA's Snip n Chip offers low-cost, accessible desexing and microchipping for cat owners who need it most.

SPCA values working with local councils to increase the number of desexed and microchipped animals in their area and promote responsible pet ownership.

What is Snip n Chip?

- Available through an online system where owners can obtain a voucher to desex and microchip their cat at a heavily discounted rate.
- Designed to educate and promote responsible companion animal ownership by encouraging owners to desex and microchip their animals.
- Encourages owners to develop positive relationships with their local veterinary clinics.

What are the benefits for Councils?

- Promote compliance with Councils cat bylaws
- Reduction in abandonment and euthanasia of cats
- Reduction of feline behaviour issues in the community – noise, fighting, breeding
- Ability to target specific suburbs within the Councils region
- Reduced complaints from residents
- Positive community relations
- Demonstration of commitment to humane reduction of stray, unowned, or unwanted cats and kittens.
- Please see our desexing website for more benefits to both Councils and members of the public <https://desexing.sPCA.nz/councils>

What does the service cost for Councils?

- A set price for each surgery and microchip
- Run as many campaigns as your budget will allow
- Administration and marketing support included
- Regular reporting to allow for greater transparency and reporting back to constituents and councillors

What have been the results?

Since launching in February 2022

- We have desexed 19,501 cats across numerous campaigns
- We estimate this has prevented 78,004 unwanted offspring
- Campaigns selling out in as little as one day
- Positive feedback from local communities for Councils participation
- Four councils and five local board partners have supported Snip n Chip campaigns in their communities

What has been the feedback?

Dr Imogen Bassett, Principal Advisor Biosecurity, Auckland Council

Desexing and microchipping are an important part of our responsible cat ownership work in Tāmaki Makaurau. As the fence at the top of the cliff, snip and chip is good for cats, wildlife, and people. Working together with the SPCA, we can share responsible pet ownership messages with more Aucklanders. The SPCA's online system and helpful staff have made it really easy for us to prioritise our support towards areas with threatened species in need of protection from cats.

Waitaki District Council

Regulatory Manager Andrew Bardsley said "As well as the benefits for cat owners, Snip 'n' Chip will have an impact in the community in terms of a reduction in unwanted breeding and the number of orphaned or feral cats. Animal welfare is at the centre of this campaign, with the added benefits of a reduction in nuisance caused by cats and the ability for lost pets to be reunited with their owners through their microchips. The SPCA team's work is extremely challenging and demanding, so it's great that Waitaki District Council has been able to contribute towards this partnership and hopefully to reduce some of the cat welfare issues in Waitaki"

Communications Team member Sonia Martinez said "Our residents were really supportive of the campaign and we had lots of positive feedback saying it made a big impact on their ability to get their pet spayed and microchipped. Lots of sharing and engagement on social media not only resulted in the vouchers selling out super quickly but also helped spread the message of responsible cat ownership throughout the district".

Cat owner feedback:

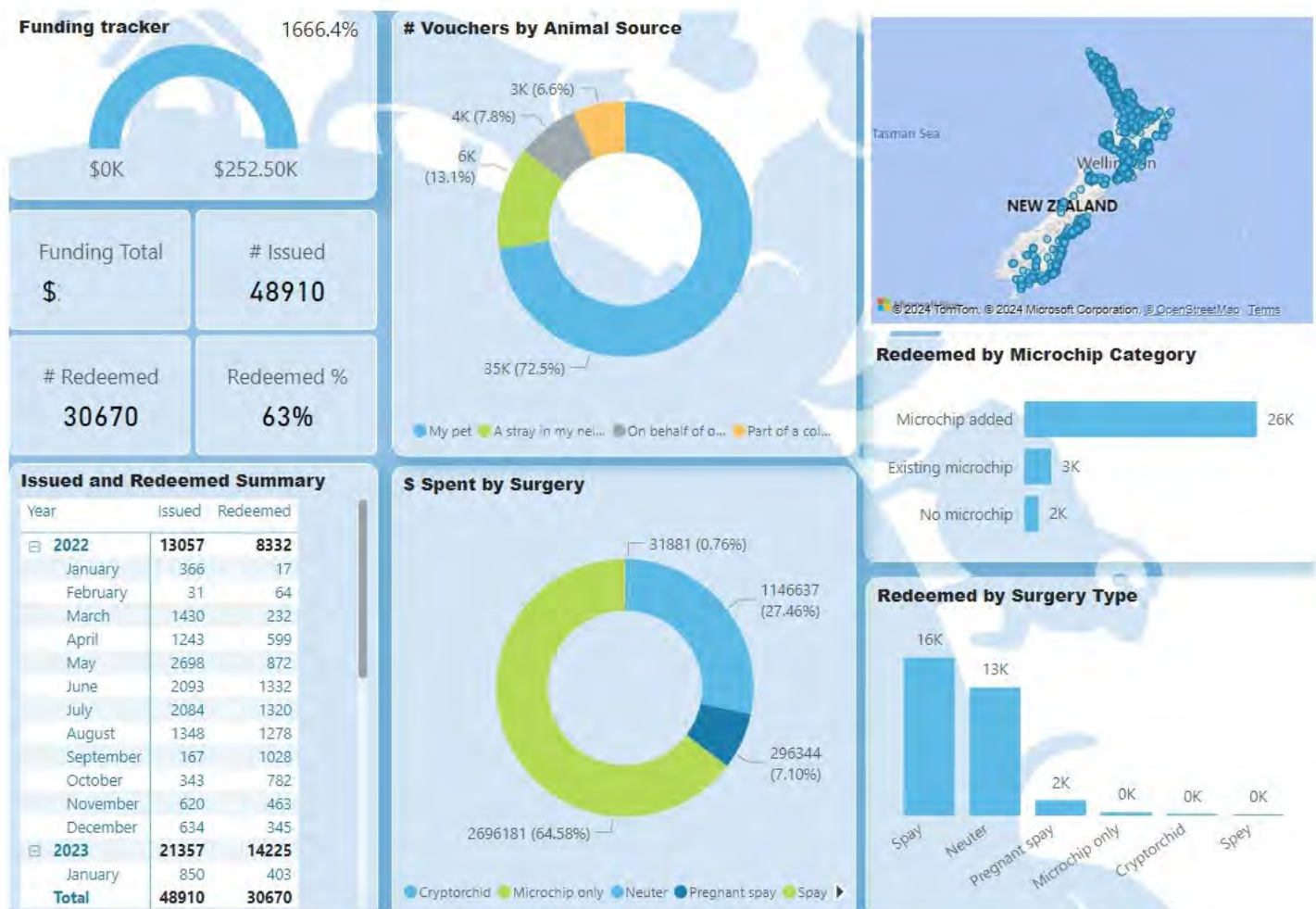
Waitaki resident, Helen, on Facebook said "Thank you so much for this wonderful initiative. I live on a rural property and got a huge surprise when a little wildie/dumped kitten wandered into my kitchen in late January. S/he (I think he's a 'he') has settled into domestic life perfectly. He's staying in the house with another former wildie until I can build an outside house/enclosure for them. The subsidised spaying/neutering is greatly appreciated."

Duration:

- Studies have shown that to make effective change, desexing initiatives should be run regularly over a number of years
- A Campaign funded at \$15k per year over 3 years (\$45k total), could desex 350 cats and prevent thousands of unwanted kittens.

Reporting:

An example of the types of reporting available



SPCA Key Contact:

Contact Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Rebecca Dobson	National Desexing Programmes Manager		



Forest & Bird

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25 July 2025

Submission on Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw review 2025

To: Masterton District Council

Submitted via email to submissions@mstn.govt.nz

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Introduction

1. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation. Our mission is to protect New Zealand's unique flora and fauna and its habitat.
2. We would like to acknowledge the three Wairarapa councils and the review of this Consolidated Bylaw. However, we are disappointed to see no proposed changes to the cat specific provisions in the Keeping of Animals Bylaw. Forest & Bird encourages councils, through their bylaws, to adopt meaningful cat policies and regulations to support responsible cat ownership, to minimise risk to human health and the risk of nuisance cats to native species.
3. Forest & Bird supports the retention of the cat limit, but we request that mandatory desexing and microchipping requirements be added, to bring the Bylaw up to the same standard as other bylaws in the region. Our submission only relates to cat provisions of the proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw.
4. We would like to speak in support of our submission.

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5. Forest & Bird contests the 2024 Review Findings Report.¹ It is well known that the Wairarapa has a serious cat problem. For example, one person with the help of her daughter, has trapped 240 cats alone in Masterton since January.²

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[https://www.mstn.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:2jr77ddvv17q9sn6a3db/hierarchy/Documents/Consultation s/Wairarapa%20Consolidated%20Bylaw/Wairarapa%20Consolidated%20Bylaw%20Review%20Findings%20Rep ort](https://www.mstn.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:2jr77ddvv17q9sn6a3db/hierarchy/Documents/Consultation%20s/Wairarapa%20Consolidated%20Bylaw/Wairarapa%20Consolidated%20Bylaw%20Review%20Findings%20Report)

² <https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/360683171/feral-cat-numbers-are-out-control>

6. The statement in the Review Findings Report that complaints received about cats are low is deliberately misleading. When residents have a problem with cats, they don't call the council. Instead, they will call the SPCA or a cat welfare group.
7. Furthermore, the Review Findings Report states that the Wairarapa District Councils' enforcement staff are unwilling to support new bylaw controls due to enforcement costs and difficulties. This is again a blatant attempt to mislead. Enforcement does not need to be difficult. For example, Wellington City Council runs a programme that aims to clear up stray cat colonies in the community.³ They have removed and rehomed over 1,000 cats from Wellington since the programme began. There is no reason the Wairarapa councils can't do the same.
8. In the last 12 months alone, Tararua District Council and Palmerston North, Porirua, Wellington and Hutt City Councils all included new provisions or tightened up existing provisions for microchipping, registering and/or desexing cats in their bylaw reviews. The Review Findings Report even states some stakeholders have contacted council staff throughout the review period expressing interest in cat control in the Wairarapa. There is a clear trend towards cat regulation in most other councils in the Wellington region, however this bylaw lacks any progressive approach to tackle the problem.
9. Council staff have proposed 'monitoring' national legislation. A member's bill was added to the 'biscuit tin' in parliament last year⁴. It is now a matter of time before cat management will become a national requirement that all councils will need to meet. Many councils have recognised this and acted. Doing so now is easier to implement and can be achieved at lower cost.
10. As stated in the Review Findings Report, a key driver is to manage cat populations to reduce the potential for nuisance. Introducing regulations to require desexing of cats is an obvious way of achieving this. Instead, staff consider it appropriate for Wairarapa District Councils to continue promoting educational messaging for responsible cat ownership. Given the evidence of nuisance cats in Masterton alone, this approach has not worked to date and it will not work. There are simply no examples of this strategy being effective in any region of New Zealand.
11. The Wairarapa District Councils are out of step and falling behind best practise regarding cats. Stakeholders have expressed a deep desire for meaningful cat control in the Wairarapa. Community groups are dealing with large numbers of complaints and picking up the slack created by the lax attitude of the Wairarapa District Councils. In the 2019 bylaw review, a commitment was made to monitor national legislation and other district bylaws. Six years have gone by, despite many successful bylaws being passed the Review Findings Report repeats the same narrative. It makes the same empty commitments and promises. There is no better time than now to implement meaningful cat regulation.

The problem with cats

12. Cats are apex predators. Domestic cats pose a significant risk to native and endemic birds, lizards, and insects throughout New Zealand. The detrimental direct effect of cats on populations of native species has been widely recognised and documented.^{5,6} For example, in a

³ <https://wellington.govt.nz/dogs-and-other-animals/cats/stray-cat-programme>

⁴ <https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360524839/compulsory-microchipping-and-national-register-cats-proposed-bill>

⁵ <https://zslpublications.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1017/S095283690200328X>

⁶ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0006320709004133>

recent case, a single domestic cat decimated the breeding attempts of native banded dotterels breeding on a beach in Wellington harbour, for the second season in a row.⁷

13. Domestic cats are also carriers of zoonotic diseases. This includes toxoplasmosis said to now be present in a high percentage of New Zealanders⁸ and a contributing factor in the death of a number of native species.^{9,10,11} Recent research from Australia has shown that the costs associated with diseases transmitted by cats cost the Australian economy more than A\$6 billion annually through their impact on human health and the agricultural sector.¹²
14. Domestic cats do not respect property boundaries. They are the cause of many cases of nuisance such as defecating in peoples' gardens and children's play areas as well as having the potential to kill the beloved pets (birds, guinea pigs etc) of those who have no control over the unwanted movements of others' free-ranging cats. Furthermore, cats (particularly un-neutered toms) pose a significant threat to other cats and can cause innocent families large vet bills after a fight.
15. Forest & Bird acknowledges the position cats hold as a valued companion animal to loving owners. As a loved animal, these owners also need to take responsibility for their cat's behaviour and safety. Limiting the number of cats on a property and ensuring all cats are de-sexed and microchipped is the bare minimum of this responsibility.
16. In the last twelve months, every council that has notified its bylaw review has included specific cat provisions, except Gisborne and recently Waikato. Forest & Bird suggests that it is now best practice to include cat specific provisions in Keeping of Animals Bylaws and requests this bylaw review be re-notified with cat-specific provisions requiring desexing and microchipping and registering of owned cats.

Forest & Bird requests compulsory microchipping and registering of owned cats

17. Forest & Bird requests a provision for all cats over the age of four months to be microchipped and the cat's microchip registered with New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
18. The Ministry for Primary Industry's Code of Welfare: Companion Cats 2018's Recommended Best Practice is that cats should be identified with a microchip¹³. Given microchipping is compulsory for dog owners, few truly loving cat owners will be put off by the imposition of the cost of microchipping to ensure the protection of their companion animal.
19. Requiring individuals to microchip and register their cats allows for a clear delineation between owned and un-owned free-roaming cats. Compulsory microchipping will also go a long way towards assisting Greater Wellington Regional Council implement its Regional Pest Management Plan which defines pest cats as any cat within the Wellington Region that is:

⁷ <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/117263362/lone-tabby-on-its-way-to-wiping-out-second-generation-of-dotterels>

⁸ <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/10056562/Cats-will-damage-your-mind-Morgan>

⁹ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/diseases/toxoplasmosis-and-hectores-and-maui-dolphin/>

¹⁰ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/261836844_Four_Cases_of_Fatal_Toxoplasmosis_in_Three_Species_of_Endemic_New_Zealand_Birds

¹¹ <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00480169.2016.1230526>

¹² <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/2018770798/cats-costing-billions-each-year-by-spreading-diseases>

¹³ [Companion Cats \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/companion-cats/)

- (i) Not microchipped in an area where microchipping is compulsory, and free-living, unowned and unsocialised, and has limited or no relationship with or dependence on humans, or
- (ii) Not microchipped, or registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, and is free-living, unowned and unsocialised, and has limited or no relationship with or dependence on humans.¹⁴

20. Furthermore, compulsory microchipping would bring the Wairarapa District Councils in line with bylaws enacted by Whanganui, Palmerston North, Wellington, Selwyn, Whangārei, Ruapehu, Buller, Hutt City, Tararua, Nelson, Tasman, Porirua and recently notified by Far North District Council.

Forest & Bird requests the compulsory requirement to de-sex cats

21. Forest & Bird requests a provision for all cats over the age of four months to be de-sexed. Compulsory desexing is increasingly becoming best practice in cat regulation. Buller, Far North, Hutt City, Manawatū, Nelson, Palmerston North, Porirua, Ruapehu, Tararua, Tasman, Whanganui, Whangārei and Wellington City Councils all included de-sexing in their recent Animals Bylaw reviews.
22. The reproductive potential of a single female cat is estimated at 300 kittens in her reproductive lifetime. The potential for a male cat is far beyond that. MPI's Code of Welfare states puberty can occur from four months of age. Responsible cat ownership includes having cats desexed at or before puberty.

Forest & Bird supports the retention of a limit of three cats per household

23. Forest & Bird is supportive of policies in Keeping of Animal Bylaws that reflect the need to better manage the negative impacts of cats. New Zealanders show a high level (>65%) of support for limits to be placed on the number of cats owned per household.¹⁵
24. Cat limits are the most common form of regulation in Aotearoa. Nearly a third of councils nationally (19/67) have a cat limit. Over 50% of councils that regulate cat numbers have set the limit to three (Table 1.).
25. Imposing cat limits to households where cats pose a nuisance, e.g. from cat hoarders, is an easy way to address and abate the nuisance. In this context, the requirement to microchip would also enable officers to enforce the cat limit when required because it would be possible to identify the owners of nuisance cats.

¹⁴ Page 68: <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/01/J000391-Regional-Pest-Management-Plan-2019-2039-4.2-TE-REO-edit.pdf>

¹⁵ Walker, J.K., Bruce, S.J., Dale, A.R. 2017. A Survey of Public Opinion on Cat (*Felis catus*) Predation and the Future Direction of Cat Management in New Zealand. *Animals* (Basel). 7(7): 49. Accessed: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5532564/>

Table 1. Territorial Authorities that currently limit cat numbers in their bylaws.

Cat limits per household	Council	
Two cats	Buller District Council ¹⁶	Mackenzie District Council ¹⁷
Three cats	Carterton District Council ¹⁸	Rangitikei District Council ²³
	Invercargill City Council ¹⁹	South Wairarapa District Council ²⁴
	Masterton District Council ²⁰	Tararua District Council ²⁵
	New Plymouth District Council ²¹	Wairoa District Council ²⁶
	Palmerston North City Council ²²	Whanganui District Council ²⁷
Four cats	Hastings District Council ²⁸	Manawātū District Council ³⁰
	Marlborough District Council ²⁹	Ruapehu District Council ³¹
Five cats	Kaipara District Council ³²	South Waikato District Council ³⁴
	Southland District Council ³³	

Forest & Bird proposes allocating appropriate resources to ensure bylaw effectiveness

26. Forest & Bird encourages the provision of targeted funding towards voluntary de-sexing and microchipping. Establishment of an education programme teaching responsible cat ownership in addition to regulation through this Bylaw is also desirable. Too often bylaws are not resourced, and welfare charities are still overwhelmed with unwanted kittens.³⁵
27. Cat regulation is desired by communities and is no longer controversial. For example, Auckland Council recently went as far as to seek feedback on keeping cats contained within owners' properties.³⁶ Cat management in the Wairarapa need not be expensive or unachievable, it just requires leadership and a well-balanced approach of education, targeted funding and enforcement.

Submission ends.

¹⁶ [Microsoft Word - From ECM 8274117 v2 APPENDIX 1 proposed Animals Bylaw 2020 FOR CHECKING AGAINST COUNCIL AGENDA AND MINUTES \(bullerdc.govt.nz\)](#)

¹⁷ [Keeping-of-Animals-Poultry-and-Bees-Bylaw-2021.pdf \(mackenzie.govt.nz\)](#)

¹⁸ [Microsoft Word - Part 6 Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw Current \(cdc.govt.nz\)](#)

¹⁹ [Invercargill City Council Bylaw 2011/1 - Significant Events \(icc.govt.nz\)](#)

²⁰ [Microsoft Word - Part 6 Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw Current \(mstn.govt.nz\)](#)

²¹ [Microsoft Word - From ECM 8274117 v2 APPENDIX 1 proposed Animals Bylaw 2020 FOR CHECKING AGAINST COUNCIL AGENDA AND MINUTES \(npdc.govt.nz\)](#)

²² [palmerston-north-animals-and-bees-bylaw-2024.pdf](#)

²³ [Animal-Control-Bylaw-2019.pdf \(rangitikei.govt.nz\)](#)

²⁴ [Microsoft Word - Part 6 Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw Current \(swdc.govt.nz\)](#)

²⁵ [Keeping-of-Animals-Bylaw-2024-adopted-25-September-2024.pdf](#)

²⁶ [WDC-Part-3-Public-Safety-Bylaw-FINAL.pdf \(wairoadc.govt.nz\)](#)

²⁷ [Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2020 - Clean Version \(whanganui.govt.nz\)](#)

²⁸ <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/documents-and-forms/bylaws/>

²⁹ [Solid Waste Bylaw 2012 - Te Ture Ā Rohe Para Māro 2012 \(marlborough.govt.nz\)](#)

³⁰ [Animal-Bylaw-amendments-22-Sep-22.pdf \(mdc.govt.nz\)](#)

³¹ [The Ruapehu Bylaw 2022.pdf \(ruapehudc.govt.nz\)](#)

³² [CGB Part 5 Keeping of Animals, Poultry, Stock and Bees.pdf](#)

³³ [Keeping-of-Animals-Poultry-and-Bees-Bylaw-come-into-effect-12-October-2020.pdf \(southlanddc.govt.nz\)](#)

³⁴ [Final - Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2017 \(southwaikato.govt.nz\)](#)

³⁵ For example: [Whanganui cat population continues to swell despite new council regulations - NZ Herald](#)

³⁶ <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/protect-our-environment>

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Page 1: PUKA TĀPAE | SUBMISSION FORM

Q1

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Surname (required) Sinclair

Q2

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Q3

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

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Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

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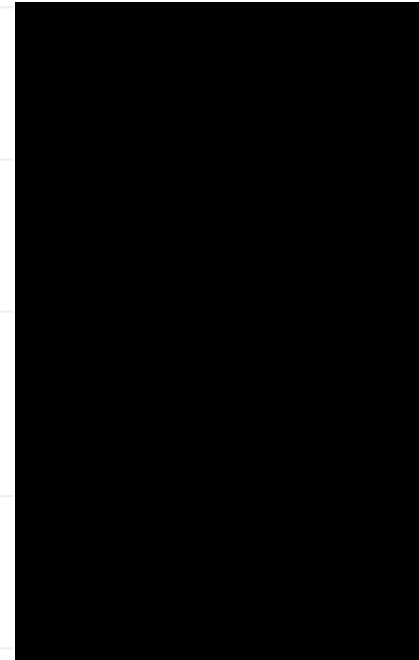
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Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



Page 2: Our Proposal

Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

I don't think allowing scooters, skateboards etc in the CBD is a good idea. As the Wairarapa (like many regions) has an aging population, I think this bylaw change may cause injuries to the aging public. It could also prove hazardous to disabled people and small children. We have invested in a skateboard park which is admirable and I don't think anything beyond that will be for the betterment of the public in general. People who are hearing impaired, with sight impairment and those who have mobility issues struggle to get out of the way when fast moving objects approach them. Whilst I acknowledge that (mainly youth) who will be operating these apparatus have a real value in our community, I feel the threat this bylaw may bring to many groups outweighs the benefits allowing the usage of the scooters and skateboards in the CBD will bring.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

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Surname (required) Stanbridge

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Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

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No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

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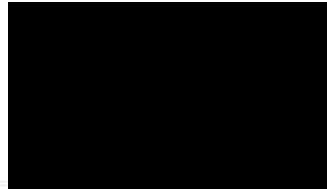
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**Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places,
Part Six: Traffic,
Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing**

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I strongly support the proposed changes, re: Part 3 (new permitted trading at Riversdale), Part 6 (speed restriction for vehicles on beaches, and prohibiting vehicle access on the specified portion of Castlepoint Beach), and Part 8 (exemption for tā moko).

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

The layout and summary content of the consultation page is excellent - makes it very easy and quick to locate relevant information. Thank you.

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Your details

First name (required) Adan
Surname (required) Suazo

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Respondent skipped this question

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

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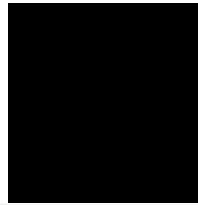
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First name (required): Ted

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, Organisation Name: _____

Hearings

A hearing will be held on Thursday 14 August 2025 for those wanting to present their views. You will have 5-10 minutes to present your feedback to elected members.

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

☐ Yes (in person)

☐ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)

☒ No

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YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Proposal

The Wairarapa District Councils propose to adopt a bylaw to replace the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019. The proposed bylaw has the following parts:

- **Part One:** Introductory
- **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)
- **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places
- **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees
- **Part Six:** Traffic
- **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria
- **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
- **Part Nine:** Water Supply
- **Part Ten:** Wastewater
- **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste

Overall thoughts

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

☐ **Option 1: Adopt the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**

This is our preferred option.

☒ **Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**

Please describe your suggested changes below.

☐ **Option 3: Do not adopt a Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**

This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Refer to following

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaws parts?

If yes, please tick which part(s) you are providing feedback on. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

☐ **Part One:** Introductory

☒ **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)

☐ **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places

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Refer to attachment with email

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Submission on Proposed changes to Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Ted Taylor

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Bylaw Section	Description of Proposal	Reason for Proposal
Control of Wheeled Recreational Devices	Removed the Wheeled Recreational Device (e.g. skateboard/scooter) prohibition in the Masterton CBD and Kuripuni Shopping area. A person may ride on a footpath in these areas if the rider exercises reasonable care to ensure no harm or damage to any person or property.	- Supports active modes of transport. - Aligns with approach in other Wairarapa districts. - Minimal complaints (four since 2019 and none in the last three years).

I **oppose** the removal of the prohibition of wheeled recreational devices from the Masterton CBD and the Kuripuni Shopping area.

The reason for this is that regardless of the minimal formal complaints received to date the likelihood that a child or elderly person being hit by such a device is high and the consequences potentially very serious meaning the risk outweighs the benefits towards supporting these transport options.

Children, particularly those at the younger end of their life are prone to unpredictable walking habits, for example suddenly running out of shops or across the footpath even when under the control of a parent or caregiver. Their awareness of the surrounding environment and fast moving devices is very poor.

Older persons, while generally more aware than children can have slower reactions and cannot move out of the way of fast moving devices, that are often changing direction rapidly as they weave among the foot traffic.

Fast moving mobility scooters are a danger in themselves, often moving considerably more than walking speeds. However, this mode of transport gives independence whereas skateboards and scooters are only used to speed up getting from one place to another

I note that the proposal includes the condition that “A person may ride on a footpath in these areas if the rider exercises reasonable care to ensure no harm or damage to any person or property.” However, there is no indication as to how this is to be monitored and enforced or how “reasonable care” is defined.

Part Six: Traffic

Bylaw Section	Description of Proposal	Reason for Proposal
Stopping, Standing and Parking	Amendment to state a person must not (without written authorisation of the Council) park a vehicle on a berm, verge, kerb, lawn, garden, or other cultivation adjacent to or forming part of a road in and urban area. The current bylaw restricts this only where there is formed kerb and channelling.	- Improves safety. It provides improved access for pedestrians in urban areas where there is a roadside berm but no footpath available. - Improved visibility for other vehicle operators. - Reduces potential for damage.

I **oppose** this proposal including to the extent that parking is restricted currently where there is curbing.

Council (MDC) is approving subdivisions where there is no room for parking on roads, where curbing is in place, to the extent that vehicles parked on the road prevent larger vehicles from passing.

To support this I include the following example:

Within the Cashmere Oaks subdivision the lower part of Cashmere Oaks Drive and Eva Cooper Close are divided into two distinct lanes by a stormwater swale. This limits each lane to a single vehicle width.

With a number of site currently being built on, the contractor's vans have to park on the verge to allow trucks to pass.

Once the properties are occupied a resident is likely to park their vehicle within their property but if they hold a social event or similar there **will be** cars parked on the road inhibiting the flow of traffic.

Of particular concern in this example is that Cashmere Oaks Drive is the roadway into the proposed Somerset Retirement village*, rest home and hospital. Traffic into this site will include, foremost, many large construction vehicles, then subsequently ambulances, service vehicles and potentially fire engines. There is a high likelihood that at some point there will be gridlock and lack of access.

In summary, in circumstance such as I have described, cars will be parked on the footpath verge regardless of any bylaw.

* 236 Independent Living Units plus a Main Building with 70 suites or beds.

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No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

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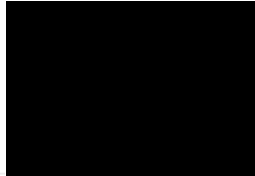
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What is your gender?

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Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Respondent skipped this question

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12**Part Six: Traffic**

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I in support of All Quade bike s would be able to use on Beaches within the whole wairarapa coastline as they do now . Thank s for reading my submission.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

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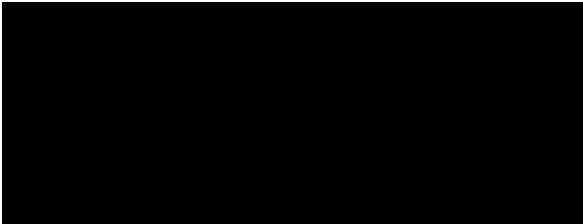
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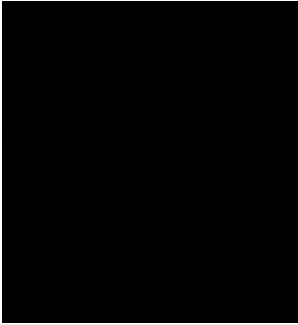
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Q8

What is your gender?



Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Option 1 choice supports my view on part 2 and 3

Q12

Part Three: Selling of Goods in Public Places

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts?If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

Excellent to have trading areas in Riversdale Beach

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Great to protect the beach at Castlepoint in front of the houses, like Riversdale Beach. Just make sure to be better at enforcing this with clear signage. Sadly not the case at Riversdale Beach.

Q15

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

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Which district do you live in?

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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

Female

What is your gender?

Q9

No

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Don't make the change to allow scooters and skateboards in Masterton CDB.

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I don't feel that scooters and skateboards should be permitted in Masterton CDB. Although some people will be careful, go slowly, and watch out for pedestrians, there are others, particularly young people, who will not and travel at unsafe speeds. This produces a high risk of serious injury to others, particularly the elderly & disabled people. E scooters are ok as they are on the road.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

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Q4

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Submitting a compromise to Part Two: Public Places (including Park and Reserves) 8.3 (b) & 9.2 (a)

Q12

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Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

A good starter that would benefit from a review after 3 years.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

That the Wairarapa is a RURAL community and decisions should consider this point of view and not that of a CITY

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Formal Submission on the Proposed Bylaw – Outdoor Dining (Clause 9.2(a))

Submitted by: Brenda West

Contact Details:



Date: 17/07/2025

1. Submission Topic

This submission addresses Clause 9.2(a) of the proposed bylaw titled Ngā Wāhi Kai o Waho | Outdoor Dining, which states:

“No less than 2.0 metres of the Footpath width remains clear of obstruction at all times (more space may be required in high volume areas).”

2. Position

I oppose Clause 9.2(a) in its current form due to its negative impact on local businesses, and submit that a modified, more flexible approach would better serve the public interest.

3. Reasons for My Submission

- Detrimental to Small Businesses and the Hospitality Sector

Many small, local cafés and restaurants depend on outdoor dining to increase capacity, especially during warmer months. Enforcing a strict 2.0-metre clearance requirement may make outdoor service economically unviable for businesses with narrow or constrained footpaths.

This clause may result in:

- Reduced seating capacity and lower turnover.
 - A loss of street presence and vibrancy.
 - A disproportionate impact on small, independent operators.
 - Inflexible and Context-Blind Regulation
- The current rule applies uniformly across all footpaths, regardless of location, traffic levels, or existing infrastructure. This one-size-fits-all approach is not practical. Many footpaths — particularly in small towns or quiet side streets — can safely accommodate pedestrians with a narrower clearance.

As a compromise to this position allow a 1.5-metre clearance in appropriate, lower-traffic areas, while consulting wider clearances in high-volume pedestrian zones.

- Contradicts Council’s Economic Development Goals

Outdoor dining contributes positively to:

- A welcoming, community-focused atmosphere.
- Increased local foot traffic and consumer engagement.
- Strengthening the local economy and hospitality sector.

Strictly limiting this activity with an arbitrary fixed measure risks undermining these benefits.

4. Request for Clarification – Infrastructure (e.g. Lampposts)

It is unclear whether permanent Council-owned structures such as lampposts, cycle stands, signage and rubbish bins are counted as "obstructions" under Clause 9.2(a).

If such structures are included:

- Many footpaths will already be in breach of the rule.
- The question of who is responsible for their removal or relocation must be addressed.

If excluded, then businesses are unfairly penalised while fixed public infrastructure is exempt. I request clarification on this matter, including whether the Council will review its own infrastructure placements for consistency with the bylaw.

5. Recommendations

I respectfully request the following amendments:

1. Adopt a more flexible, context-based rule for footpath clearance:
 - Allow a minimum 1.5-metre clearance in low-traffic areas.
 - Require a 2.0-metre clearance only in high-pedestrian-volume zones.
 - Implement a case-by-case approval system for constrained spaces.
2. Clarify the definition of "obstruction" to explicitly state whether fixed Council infrastructure (e.g. lampposts, bins) is included in clearance calculations.
3. Establish a transparent exemption process for businesses affected by existing public infrastructure or legacy street layouts.

6. Conclusion

While I support the goal of ensuring accessible and safe footpaths, Clause 9.2(a) in its current form is too rigid and risks causing harm to local businesses and town centre vitality. I am willing to support a more balanced rule, including a compromise clearance of 1.5 metres in appropriate areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I am happy to discuss this further or participate in community consultation.

Relevant Bylaw Reference – Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

8. Ngā Tohu | Signage

Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw: Part Two – Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Bylaw came into force: 1 October 2025

- 8.1. Signage must not be placed on any Public Place unless it meets the requirements for signage under the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.
- 8.2. Any sign erected that does not comply with the requirements of this part must be removed within 14 days from the date of the notice, or as otherwise specified by an Authorised Officer.
- 8.3. Sandwich Boards must meet the following requirements:
 - a) only be displayed during the usual business hours of the business to which it relates, and must be relocated inside the Premises at the close of each trading day.
 - b) if displayed on a Footpath, there must be a clear, unobstructed Footpath width of at least 2.0 metres at all times.
 - c) if displayed on a Footpath, be located directly at the curb edge or directly against the Premises.
 - d) be sufficiently weighted to ensure it remains secure in its location in all weather conditions.
 - e) must not affect the safety of pedestrians who use the Footpath (including disabled pedestrians), or traffic safety.

9. Ngā Wāhi Kai o Waho | Outdoor Dining

- 9.1. All seating and outdoor dining in Public Places must have prior Council approval and be in accordance with any conditions and/or fees imposed by the Council.
- 9.2. Conditions relevant for outdoor dining may include but are not limited to:
- a) no less than 2.0 metres of the Footpath width remains clear of obstruction at all times (more space may be required in high volume areas);
 - b) clear accessibility to surrounding streets, Footpaths, lanes and shared paths are maintained;
 - c) accessibility and visibility of business entrances, public benches, cycle stands and rubbish bins are maintained;
 - d) no person is prevented or restricted from exiting their Vehicle from any identified parking space;
 - e) the outdoor dining area is smoke and vape free;
 - f) the furniture (tables, umbrellas, chairs) is not permanently fixed to the Footpath space;
 - g) the furniture must be stable in all weather conditions and not present a health and safety risk.

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Q1

Your details

First name (required) Kylie
Surname (required) Wilson

Q2

Optional details

Postal address [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

Which district do you live in?

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What is your age range?

Q7

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Part Eight: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

I operate a sunbed from Hair EFX (the only sunbed in the Wairarapa) while it stands under the legislation of beauty therapy, tattoo and skin piercing.... Its is not a contact, person to person service & I don't think this should be under this legislation. As Hairdressing by laws are changing, I believe the operation of Sunbeds should also fall under this category of know longer needing to follow the procedures outlined as Wellington regional health and safety also come to check my premises once a year to make sure I'm following the correct guidelines and procedures. You will find that my premises are always of a very high standard & follow all procedures that are guidelines put in place by the ministry of health & believe that sunbeds do not need to be under the by laws of beauty therapist, tattooing & skin piercing.

I would like you to take into consideration at this no longer needs to be double handled & put under a legislation where I don't believe it should be under by wairarapa council.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required)

Jillian

Surname (required)

Winter

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

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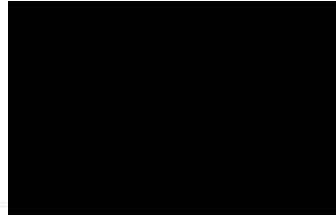
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Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw

Option 2 - Make changes to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Do not remove skateboard and scooter use on footpath bylaw. It would be very inconvenient and possibly dangerous for pedestrians. The reason there has been only four complaints is because it is illegal and signage is posted. Footpath should be for pedestrians

Q12

Do you have any feedback on the proposed bylaw parts? If yes, please select which part(s) you are providing feedback on.

Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves)

Q13

Your thoughts on proposed Bylaw parts

As above. Retain no scooters, skateboards on CBD and Kuripuni footpath. Bylaw required for safety and convenience of pedestrians and mobility vehicle users. Low complaints are due to present bylaw and signage so retain status quo.

Q14

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Your details

First name (required)Louise

Surname (required)Brown

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Optional details

Q3

No

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

Q5

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Q8

What is your gender?

Q9

No

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Option 1: Adopt the proposed Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. This is our preferred option.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Please upload any further information relevant to your submission (optional)

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Your Details

First name (required):

Surname (required):

Postal address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Organisation Name: _____

Hearings

A hearing will be held on Tuesday 19 August 2025 for those wanting to present their views. You will have 5-10 minutes to present your feedback to elected members.

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

☒ Yes (in person)

☐ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)

☐ No

About You (Optional)

These questions help us understand which sectors of the community are providing feedback so we can improve our engagement approach. Your responses will not be made public with your submission. Only collated data will be reported to the Council.

Which district do you live in?



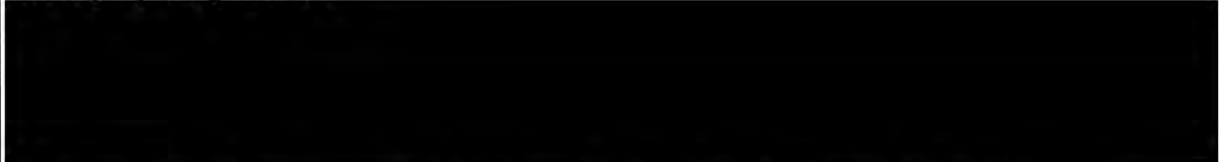
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.



What is your gender?



Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?



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YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Proposal

The Wairarapa District Councils propose to adopt a bylaw to replace the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019. The proposed bylaw has the following parts, note Parts 1- 10 will go out for consultation on 25 June 2025:

- **Part One:** Introductory
- **Part Two:** Public Places (including Park and Reserves)
- **Part Three:** Selling of Goods in Public Places
- **Part Four:** Prevention of Nuisance and Health or Safety Risk from Fire and Smoke
- **Part Five:** Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees
- **Part Six:** Traffic
- **Part Seven:** Cemeteries and Crematoria
- **Part Eight:** Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Skin Piercing
- **Part Nine:** Water Supply
- **Part Ten:** Wastewater
- **Part Eleven:** Trade Waste

Overall thoughts

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

- ☒ **Option 1: Adopt the proposed Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This is our preferred option.
- ☐ **Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
Please describe your suggested changes below.
- ☐ **Option 3: Do not adopt Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw.**
This option would rely on other non-regulatory approaches such as education or policies.

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3. Attach separate pages if more space is required.

Treaty of Waitangi
Settlement Act Section
Bc45 / 24AA Bye
law Bye Rights
Bye Voice Bye ~~Paperwork~~
Paperwork bye Ngatitōa
Ngatitōa Iwi

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on Part Eleven:

Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw? Attach separate pages if more space is required.

yes I support
The long Term
Plan Full Time
my submission Votes
from or on behalf
Wellington city council
myor Terry Whaanga
green party Team

yes I have by
 Hearing treaty of
 Waitangi settlement
 Act section 245
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 Norman Paul, Martin
 Sign Raa / Mike Butterick
 MP, Waivaraapa Masterton
 and Ngati Toa Iwi
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Q1

Your details

First name (required)Daniel

Surname (required)Millar

Q2

Optional details

Postal address

Email

Phone

Q3

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

Yes (please state organisation name):
The Bakehouse Collective

Q4

No

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

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Q10

Which is your preferred option for the future of the Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

Option 2: Make changes to the proposed Part Eleven: Trade Waste of the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw. Please describe your suggested changes below.

Q11

Please describe your suggested changes if you selected Option 2, or explain why you have selected Options 1 or 3.

While I support the intent of the bylaw to protect public health, infrastructure, and the environment, I recommend the following refinements:

1. Support for small-scale, eco-conscious operators:

Include clearer guidance or exemptions for low-risk trade premises (such as artisan producers, community food initiatives, and sustainability-focused businesses). These groups often lack resources for complex compliance but operate with low environmental impact.

2. Education alongside enforcement:

Strengthen the focus on education and practical support to help businesses transition away from harmful discharges. This could include access to information, subsidies for pretreatment solutions, or waste audits.

3. Transparency and accountability:

Establish a feedback loop by publishing annual summaries of trade waste issues, improvements, and enforcement actions to build community trust and engagement.

4. Fair implementation:

Ensure consistent, proportionate enforcement across all council areas, with consideration for rural and small business contexts.

These changes would better align the bylaw with local innovation, environmental values, and practical community needs.

Q12

Is there anything else you would like to tell us as part of your feedback on the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw?

As someone involved in local sustainability efforts, including Predator Free Featherston and The Bakehouse Collective, I see firsthand how community-led initiatives and small businesses contribute to environmental outcomes. I'd like to see the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw reflect a balance between regulation and enabling positive action.

Clear communication, fair enforcement, and support for those doing the right thing will help build long-term trust and compliance. The bylaw should not just aim to prevent harm, but also encourage innovation in waste minimisation and responsible business practices across the Wairarapa.

I appreciate the effort to make this consultation accessible and inclusive. Please continue to offer ways for individuals and small operators to engage in shaping practical, sustainable local policy.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Please upload any further information relevant to your submission (optional)
