

Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Nicole

Submission to Marlborough District council re New 10 year Plan – Discharge Station.

This submission is made on behalf of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association.

The Association was established in 1991 and currently has approximately 200 household members whose residents live full time or part time in the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. The Association's objects include, among others, to coordinate dealings with central and local government and promote the interests of residents of Kenepuru Sound and adjacent areas and to promote and act in the best interests of residents, ratepayers and persons associated with the Kenepuru and Central Sounds area. AGMs of the Association are well attended.

Issue: Camper van's and lack of discharge of effluent facilities in the Mahau, Kenepuru and Outer Sound Area.

The purpose of this submission is to seek an allocation of funding in order to identify and construct a waste dumping station situated closer to or in the Mahau Sound, Kenepuru and outer Sounds Area.

Commentary

Over recent years the number of freedom campers and campervans using the Marlborough Sounds has increased dramatically. This has been encouraged by Government both nationally and locally e.g. the new DOC brochure, "Campsites", shows 47 camp grounds in Marlborough, compared to 10 in Nelson/Tasman, and 10 in West Coast. This encourages tourists to Marlborough but it brings associated local infrastructure problems that need addressing.

One of the problems associated with freedom campers and the larger campervan users is toilet waste and this issue is well documented New Zealand wide.

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As we see it there are 2 main problems;

1. **Campervans with Toilets - Dumping of Toilet Waste;** Rental van agencies insist on the holding tanks of vans to be clean when returned. Also, holding tanks do not have very large capacity. This leads to toilet waste being dumped on the side of the road due to a lack of dumping facilities or the occupants of the campervans do not use their toilets at all but use the bush or side of the road. Many campervans travel to the Mahau Sound, Kenepuru Sound and outer sounds via Linkwater and the Kenepuru Road. We would like to see a Waste/Dumping station with water hosing facilities, developed by the Council somewhere in this area for Campervans.
2. **Campervans without Toilets;** Small campervans have no toilets and their occupants are often seeking the least expensive options, so even staying at campgrounds with toilets are avoided. These vans should have to carry small portable toilets. These are effective and take little space. While there are dumping stations in Havelock, Picton and Blenheim, tourists often spend many days in the outer Sounds area and need a dump station somewhere in that area. If there was a dumping station somewhere in the Kenepuru Road area, that was well identified, then it is much easier to encourage campervan users to use their campervan toilets/ portable toilets

Solution

A Council operated waste dumping station situated closer to or in the Mahau Sound, Kenepuru and outer Sounds Area and associated publicity as to its (and other such facilities) existence.

Conclusion

We believe that this project is of significance to residents and visitors to the Kenepuru Sound and Marlborough generally.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit the Association's views and we would be pleased to speak to this submission at the proposed hearing.

Yours faithfully


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