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Waikato DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera aa Takiwaa o Waikato

Proposed Beaches and Reserves Bylaw 2016

Staff Comments Report on Submissions

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Readers Guide

The proposed Reserves and Beaches Bylaw 2016 was notified on 20 April 2016 with submissions closing on 20 May 2016.

Each submitter has been allocated a unique submitter number.

The electronic pdf copy of this document is hyperlinked for ease of locating the relevant submitter and/or issue/matter.

This report has three key sections. Each of these sections is outlined in detail below:

Submitter Index

This section outlines the list of submitters in submitter number order. It outlines which issues they submitted against.

Staff report on submissions

This report provides staff comments on all issues/matters received by the submitters in relation to the proposed Reserves and Beaches Bylaw 2016. This report is sorted by topic/matter raised and then by submitter number.

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2	Aksel Jepsen	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, Additional comments
3	Sue Edmonds Eureka Community Planning Commitee	Preferred method of contact, Ethnicity, Additional comments
4	Shaun Jackson	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?
5	M Wilcock Tamahere Community Committee	Preferred method of contact, Ethnicity, Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, Additional comments
6	John Lawson	How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Additional comments
7	Paulette Knock	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?
8	Jason Knowles Na	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Ethnicity, Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?, Additional comments
9	Dominic Friskney	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Ethnicity, Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?, Additional comments
10	Jenny Latto	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Any activities to be restricted or

		prohibited?, Additional comments
11	John Bridgman Gordonton District Committee	Do you support the proposed Bylaw?
12	Jennifer Cox	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Ethnicity, Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?, Additional comments
13	Tracey May Waikato Regional Council	Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?, Additional comments
14	Sheryl Hart Raglan Sport Fishing Club	Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?, Additional comments
15	Danielle Bergin Island Child Charitable Trust NZ	Preferred method of contact, Age (optional), Ethnicity, Do you support the proposed Bylaw?, How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?, Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?, Additional comments

Staff report on submissions received

Category: Do you support the proposed Bylaw?		No. of Submissions: 12
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
1	Robyn Riddle	
Question:		
No		
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
2	Aksel Jepsen	
Question:		
Yes		
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
4	Shaun Jackson	
Question:		
No		
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
5	M Wilcock	Tamahere Community Committee
Question:		
Yes		
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
7	Paulette Knock	
Question:		
Yes		
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
8	Jason Knowles	Na
Question:		
Yes		
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
9	Dominic Friskney	

Question:

No

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
10	Jenny Latto	

Question:

Yes

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
11	John Bridgman	Gordonton District Committee

Question:

Yes

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
12	Jennifer Cox	

Question:

Yes

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
13	Tracey May	Waikato Regional Council

Question:

Yes

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
15	Danielle Bergin	Island Child Charitable Trust NZ

Question:

No

Category: How would you like vehicles accessing beaches to be managed?		No. of Submissions: 9
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
1	Robyn Riddle	

Submission

No motor vehicle access to be allowed

Staff Comment

Recommendation of no change - do not allow bicycles on beaches as per current wording.

Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
4	Shaun Jackson	

Submission

Should some locations be allowed to have vehicle access and some not?

Staff Comment

Initially applications for the use of vehicles on beaches will be able to be made using Council's 'Reserve Event Application Form' available from the Council website. Moving forward Council will investigate a permit system consistent with Auckland Council.

Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
6	John Lawson	

Submission

I don't agree with banning bicycles and sand yachts from the beaches. The old bylaw referred to motorised vehicles, but the draft to vehicles. It claims to be putting WDC bylaws in line with Auckland's, but I can't find any bans on bicycles or yachts on their beaches and motor vehicles are allowed on two of their beaches.

Staff Comment

Recommendation of no change - do not allow bicycles on beaches.
This bylaw does not address dogs as this is addressed in the Dog Control Bylaw. The draft Reserves and Beaches bylaw states that: With the exception of disability assist dogs, no person shall bring onto a reserve any dog or allow any dog to be within the area of a reserve other than in accordance with the Council's Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and any subsequent amendments or substitute.

Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
7	Paulette Knock	

Submission

Don't let vehicles on at all. Only emergency vehicles as needed

Staff Comment

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches. The proposed bylaw states that:
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speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water. Every vehicle shall be removed from the beach immediately upon retrieval or depositing of the boat. This clause does not apply to emergency vehicles, police vehicles and Council vehicles or cases whereby properties can only be accessed via the beach, or where the beach is an unformed legal road.
The proposed bylaw states that: No person shall light or cause to remain alight, any fire within any reserve except for a gas barbecue, or with the prior written permission of the Council.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
8	Jason Knowles	

Submission

I would like to see a designated area for vehicles to launch boats- access should be dented to people with trail bikes and modified four wheelers- I haven't seen any problems with 4wd quads and vehicles accessing the beach for recreation and fishing.

Staff Comment

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches.
Antisocial behaviour such as vehicles drifting and speeding will be in breach of the bylaw and offenders liable for prosecution.
The proposed bylaw allows people to drive a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
9	Dominic Friskney	

Submission

by free yearly permit

Staff Comment

The proposed bylaw allows people to drive a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.
Bollarding is an operational issue to be referred to the Parks and Facility team for consideration.
Freedom camping is being addressed through a separate bylaw.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
10	Jenny Latto	

Submission

Staff Comment

I think a bigger car park area would be beneficial and the access to the beach needs to be away from an area set aside for the public to picnic etc.

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
12	Jennifer Cox	

Submission

I agree that vehicles should have a permit as adopted by the Auckland Council last year, with free permits and a permit to last for a year at a time. However, motorbikes should be banned from the beach and quad bikes only allowed for the purposes of fishing only and require a permit every time they access the beach for this purpose. This is to ensure the dunes are protected. At present there are always bikes on the dunes and they never have registrations, despite Kariotahi beach being a public road.

Staff Comment

Initially applications for the use of vehicles on beaches will be able to be made using Council's 'Reserve Event Application Form' available from the Council website.
Moving forward Council will investigate a permit system consistent with Auckland Council.
One reason for the restrictions being placed on vehicles is to protect the dunes, addressing a concern raised by the submitter

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
15	Danielle Bergin	Island Child Charitable Trust NZ

Submission

Maintain status quo.

Staff Comment

Horse riding can occur at sites that have been identified as suitable. The proposed bylaw states that: No person shall lead or ride any horse or other animal on any area of a reserve except on those areas set aside specifically for such purpose, or with the prior written permission of the Council.
No horses other than in reserved areas as per the Bylaw. We need to balance these needs with ecological needs and damage to dunes etc.
It is an offense under the proposed bylaw for people to litter

Category: Any activities to be restricted or prohibited?		No. of Submissions: 9
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
1	Robyn Riddle	

Submission

motor vehicles of any sort should not be permitted on Raglan beaches

Staff Comment

Recommendation of no change - do not allow bicycles on beaches as per current wording.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
7	Paulette Knock	

Submission

Fires and vehicles - hazards

Staff Comment

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This clause does not apply to emergency vehicles, police vehicles and Council vehicles or cases whereby properties can only be accessed via the beach, or where the beach is an unformed legal road.
The proposed bylaw states that: No person shall light or cause to remain alight, any fire within any reserve except for a gas barbecue, or with the prior written permission of the Council.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
8	Jason Knowles	

Submission

Yes use of standard cars drifting and speeding- using trail bikes and modified quads should be banned!

Staff Comment

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches.
Antisocial behaviour such as vehicles drifting and speeding will be in breach of the bylaw and offenders liable for prosecution.

The proposed bylaw allows people to drive a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
9	Dominic Friskney	

Submission

at maraetai bay port Waikato it needs to be bollarded ,so the barbeque can be used by everybody and not over taken for most of the day by groups of people parking cars around it . also freedom camping is a problem, cars skidding around at night and day, cars being able to park on and drive around playground and grass areas ,were people are trying to picnic and enjoy the day

Staff Comment

The proposed bylaw allows people to drive a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.
Bollarding is an operational issue to be referred to the Parks and Facility team for consideration.
Freedom camping is being addressed through a separate bylaw

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
10	Jenny Latto	

Submission

I don't visit the beach (kariotahi) on weekends because too many people driving on the beach in a dangerous manner, no peace and quiet. I would like to see driving on the beach banned all together. Surely vehicles on the beach is damaging to the ecosystem and plants?

Staff Comment

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
12	Jennifer Cox	

Submission

As above: the riding of any motorbikes and quad bikes unless the latter has special permit for fishing purposes.

Staff Comment

Initially applications for the use of vehicles on beaches will be able to be made using Council's 'Reserve Event Application Form' available from the Council website.
Moving forward Council will investigate a permit system consistent with Auckland Council.
One reason for the restrictions being placed on vehicles is to protect the dunes, addressing a concern raised by the submitter.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
13	Tracey May	Waikato Regional Council

Submission

Staff Comment

1. The WRCP is being reviewed and new provisions in regard to vehicle use of beaches is expected to be notified in 2018. An existing identified gap in the permitted rules is the failure to provide for the use of vehicles on beaches by fisheries officers. The council suggests that the bylaw provide for any central government staff vehicle use where this is required as a result of their statutory functions and duties.

2. The bylaw only imposes a speed limit on vehicles launching and retrieving boats. the WRCP imposes the same speed limit for all vehicle use under the permitted activity rule. the council suggests that the speed limit should apply to all exceptions provided by the bylaw, except to emergency and police vehicles.

Recommendation: Add a provision to clearly state vehicles are prohibited from dunes on beaches.
Recommendation: That the bylaw provide for any central government staff vehicle use where this is required as a result of their statutory functions and duties.
Recommendation: That the bylaw clarifies the speed limit for vehicles on beaches applies to all exceptions provided by the bylaw, except to emergency and police vehicles.
Members of the public can apply to Council for an exemption to use vehicles on beaches (seeking prior written permission from Council). It is recommended that staff refer to the Waikato Regional Council's rules regarding when vehicles are allowed on beaches when considering such applications and take a consistent approach.
It is recommended that Staff make a commitment to engage with WRC during the review of the WRCP and WRP

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
14	Sheryl Hart	Raglan Sport Fishing Club

Submission

Clause 5.1 D) Can we add … this clause shall not apply to fishing and the collection of food from the marine environment.

Clause 5.5 create

D) Parking on a reserve in relation to a boat ramp is a permitted activity.
E) There is to be no vehicular access to beaches except for emergency services on any West Coast Beach or by special permit

Clause 7 Closing of reserves
When an event is planned on a reserve that contains a boat ramp free access must be made available for boat users and their crew.

2.6.1 Bay View Road Reserve
We agree with the general proposals for this area accept for the creation of a storage station for Kayaks. The owners need to take them home to their own storage facility.

2.6.2 Oram Park

Staff Comment

The clause 5.1 (d) states that it does not apply to fishing: No person shall hunt, injure or kill any animal or interfere with birds, nests and eggs on a reserve provided this clause shall not apply to fishing.
In regards to parking on boat ramps, clause 5.5 (a) states that: This restriction does not apply to any person driving a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.
The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches.
When an event is planned on a reserve that contains a boat ramp, an assessment as to whether a boat ramp free access must be made available for boat users and their crew should be made on a case by case base.

We agree with all council proposals.

2.6.3 Warihi Park
Some acknowledgement needs to be made to the Raglan Scouting movement who created the playground initially. However we agree with all council proposals.

2.6.4 Whale Bay Reserve
Reserve Management Policy
Investigate opportunities to develop surf and safety information signage in conjunction with the Point Board riders Club and Coastguard.

Proposed Development
Consideration should not be made for the removal of public toilets at Whale Bay. They should be replaced. (Manu Bay is a long way away when the need arises).

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
15	Danielle Bergin	Island Child Charitable Trust NZ

Submission

Maintain status quo.

Staff Comment

Horse riding can occur at sites that have been identified as suitable. The proposed bylaw states that: No person shall lead or ride any horse or other animal on any area of a reserve except on those areas set aside specifically for such purpose, or with the prior written permission of the Council.
No horses other than in reserved areas as per the Bylaw. We need to balance these needs with ecological needs and damage to dunes etc.
It is an offense under the proposed bylaw for people to litter

Category: Additional comments		No. of Submissions: 11
Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
2	Aksel Jepsen	

Submission

I would like to see WDC through this and other Bylaws to think proactively and positively about dog friendly areas, particularly areas where dogs can be off leash. The many rural and large sections in more residential areas means the WDC have a high number of dog owners in its rate payer base and I think more thought and planning can be given to be explicit about say 'yes' to where dogs are permitted.

Staff Comment

This bylaw does not address dogs as this is controlled through the dog control bylaw. This draft Reserves and Beaches bylaw states that: With the exception of disability assist dogs, no person shall bring onto a reserve any dog or allow any dog to be within the area of a reserve other than in accordance with the Council's Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and any subsequent amendments or substitute.

Submitter No	**Submitter Name**	**Organisation/On Behalf Of**
3	Sue Edmonds	Eureka Community Planning Committee

Submission

Item 5.1(a)

Given the rather complex wording of the definitions of 'beach', 'foreshore' and 'reserve' some members were concerned as to whether 'stones' or 'articles' would preclude a strolling beachcomber from collecting shells or driftwood.

Common sense would appear not, but we had heard of residents in some areas taking shells from the adjacent beach in quantity with which to build paths in their gardens, resulting in beach erosion. Our members were concerned that this type of activity does not appear to be covered at present.

Item 5.4 (a) and (b)

Having now read the Dog Control Bylaw it is clear that there must be some areas within the District where dogs can be exercised unrestrained. However, the current wording does not clarify either where these might be found, or what forms of public notification are used to advise on this. It is also not clear about where dogs are permitted in relation to beaches or foreshore, and whether restrained or not.

Clause (b) does not make clear the position of riding horses on beaches – permitted on all, or limited to certain areas? Or is the last section of this meant to indicate that dogs are allowed, but only restrained?

Staff Comment

The wording of 5.1 (a) is consistent with wording in the existing Waikato District Reserves and beaches Bylaw 2008. It allows for enforcement action in cases whereby articles are being removed in quantities that create negative impacts. Common sense is to be applied where strolling beachcombers are collecting shells or driftwood.
It is not the intention of this bylaw to state the dog exercise areas as this is covered in the Dog Control Bylaw.
Recommendation: Remove "provided that this clause does not apply to dogs" from 5.4 (b) to avoid confusion.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
5	M Wilcock	Tamahere Community Committee

Submission

5.0 Prohibited & Restricted activities on Reserves

5.4a Dog Control Bylaw 2015
Tamahere Recreational Reserve is currently used by local and regional owners as an 'off the leash' dog exercise area. The current dog bylaw does not allow this.
The community wants a specified area for such activity and set times when it will be allowed.
This could be covered in the specific Reserve Management Plan for this reserve.

8.0 Charges for Special Events on Reserves

8.1 Reserves Act 1977 allows council to close all or part for an event; it can then charge the public for entry to parts that are open to them during the event.
Is this rule for council run events or community ones as well?
If parts of the Reserve are open to the public while an event is taking place why is there a charge? Simpler to just close the reserve while the event is on.

Major Comment
Does the Reserve Recreation Management Plan for a specific site over-ride this bylaw?
There needs to be a statement clarifying this in Bylaw.

Staff Comment

The draft Reserves and Beaches bylaw does not address dogs as this is covered in the Dog Control Bylaw. This bylaw states that: With the exception of disability assist dogs, no person shall bring onto a reserve any dog or allow any dog to be within the area of a reserve other than in accordance with the Council's Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and any subsequent amendments or substitute.
8.1 This wording is consistent with the wording in the existing Waikato District Reserves and Beaches Bylaw. This clause applies to Council or community run events. It is not the intention to charge people to access reserves when there are no events occurring, but the wording allows for reserves (or portions of reserves) to be closed for events and charges may be payable for admission.
Recommendation: Add a statement to the bylaw to inform the reader that the policies within Reserve Management Plans do not over-ride this bylaw.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
6	John Lawson	

Submission

It refers to the dog bylaw, but the only easy to find rules on WDC's website are confusing now that dogs are allowed in most CBDs - https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dogs/dog-exercise-areas. Probably that's because the bylaw is similarly confusing - https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/docs/default-source/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/dog-control-bylaw-2015.pdf. The list of CBDs where dogs can be taken on a lead implies they're different from other streets, which is no longer the case.

Staff Comment

Recommendation of no change - do not allow bicycles on beaches.
This bylaw does not address dogs as this is addressed in the Dog Control Bylaw. The draft Reserves and Beaches bylaw states that: With the exception of disability assist dogs, no person shall bring onto a reserve any dog or allow any dog to be within the area of a reserve other than in accordance with the Council's Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and any subsequent amendments or substitute.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
8	Jason Knowles	

Submission

I have been on Karioitahi beach since the new permits have been required- it's a fast! People register for a permit with a vehicle attach a trailer and take to the beach fast quads and trail bikes which do not stick to speed limits and they disrespect other beach goers. This current requirement is a waste of thine. A more black n white guide should be applied.

Staff Comment

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches.
Antisocial behaviour such as vehicles drifting and speeding will be in breach of the bylaw and offenders liable for prosecution.
The proposed bylaw allows people to drive a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
9	Dominic Friskney	

Submission

I believe counsel is doing a good job in what they are doing and trying to do. I think an important thing to remember when deciding on projects at port Waikato is the reason why people chose to live owen and day trip there. that is for the natural assets it has to offer [sunset beach, maraetai bay, sandhills] we as residents and day trippers don't go to port for main street shops or night clubs or bars ,the wharf dairy is the only shop that has lasted in the 30 years I have been at the port .there is really only one way in and out you don't pass through to another place you go there to enjoy the natural assets . the grass areas in maraetai bay are used a lot by elderly and people who find surf beach hard to access, families picnicking, groups of people playing ball sports ,kit fling the open grass areas are important we need to maintain and look after port as a wild west coast environment keep it natural

Staff Comment

The proposed bylaw allows people to drive a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.
Bollarding is an operational issue to be referred to the Parks and Facility team for consideration.
Freedom camping is being addressed through a separate bylaw.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
10	Jenny Latto	

Submission

If there is going to be driving on the beach there needs to be a bigger no driving area where families etc. can play in peace.

Staff Comment

The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches

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Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
12	Jennifer Cox	

Submission

The permits and management of the beach needs to be enforced a lot more either by council staff or police. We got a permit last year and regularly drive the beach for white baiting, picnics and fishing and were shocked by the number of unregistered vehicles, bikes on dunes, and speeding vehicles, particularly near picnickers.

Staff Comment

Initially applications for the use of vehicles on beaches will be able to be made using Council's 'Reserve Event Application Form' available from the Council website.
Moving forward Council will investigate a permit system consistent with Auckland Council.
One reason for the restrictions being placed on vehicles is to protect the dunes, addressing a concern raised by the submitter.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
13	Tracey May	Waikato Regional Council

Submission

As a result of the submission period timing this submission has been prepared by staff and has not progressed through Committee of Council. The Strategy and Policy Committee of Council who has the delegation to approve Council submissions, meet next on 14 June where retrospective endorsement of the submission will be sought. As a result of discussions at the upcoming meeting amendments may be made to the submission, these will be forward in due course.

Some thought should be given to how to manage situations where a vehicle user requires both a permit under the bylaw and resource consent. Council staff would like to engage with WDC during the review of the WRCP and WRP to explore how an efficient system could be established.

How the bylaw applies to dunes is unclear. The council would like to see dunes be included in 5.5(a), similar to the wording of the Franklin 2006 bylaw part 5(4).

Staff Comment

Recommendation: Add a provision to clearly state vehicles are prohibited from dunes on beaches.
Recommendation: That the bylaw provide for any central government staff vehicle use where this is required as a result of their statutory functions and duties.
Recommendation: That the bylaw clarifies the speed limit for vehicles on beaches applies to all exceptions provided by the bylaw, except to emergency and police vehicles.
Members of the public can apply to Council for an exemption to use vehicles on beaches (seeking prior written permission from Council). It is recommended that staff refer to the Waikato Regional Council's rules regarding when vehicles are allowed on beaches when considering such applications and take a consistent approach.
It is recommended that Staff make a commitment to engage with WRC during the review of the WRCP and WRP

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
14	Sheryl Hart	Raglan Sport Fishing Club

Submission

The Raglan Sport Fishing Club was founded in the year 2000 and we currently have 500 members with another 400 angler contacts who fish the area. Although the club was only

Staff Comment

The clause 5.1 (d) states that it does not apply to fishing: No person shall hunt, injure or kill any animal or interfere with birds, nests and eggs on a reserve provided this clause shall not apply to fishing.
In regards to parking on boat ramps, clause 5.5 (a) states that: This restriction

founded 15 years ago. Our fishing club is the largest club of its kind in the Waikato.

It is a known fact that only 10% of recreational fishers belong to any fishing or boating club, so the Raglan Sport Fishing club undertakes the responsibility of representing all fishers by default, who fish out of Raglan. This includes those who visit from other areas.

Reserves - General Concerns
All reserves within the Raglan town area need to be brought under the umbrella of the Raglan Coastal Reserves Committee, unless there are existing committee already covering them.

Reasoning being that the management of the reserves outside of the few that already full under the current committee it appears that the management of these is very ad hock.

The protection of natural scenic views must be protected in the marine environment. This is to include the erection of monuments.

does not apply to any person driving a vehicle by a direct route at a speed not exceeding 10km/h on a beach where vehicular access is permitted, to deposit or retrieve a boat in the water.
The bylaw proposes a consistent approach with the neighbouring Auckland Council in dealing with vehicles on beaches. This will place significant restrictions on vehicles accessing beaches.
When an event is planned on a reserve that contains a boat ramp, an assessment as to whether a boat ramp free access must be made available for boat users and their crew should be made on a case by case base.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
15	Danielle Bergin	Island Child Charitable Trust NZ

Submission

There is an issue with litter/rubbish left by human users. Environment litter minimisation initiatives at community level via grants would be beneficial.

Staff Comment

Horse riding can occur at sites that have been identified as suitable. The proposed bylaw states that: No person shall lead or ride any horse or other animal on any area of a reserve except on those areas set aside specifically for such purpose, or with the prior written permission of the Council.
No horses other than in reserved areas as per the Bylaw. We need to balance these needs with ecological needs and damage to dunes etc.
It is an offense under the proposed bylaw for people to litter.