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Secretary  
Responsible Campers Association Inc

*Via email: [responsiblecampersassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:responsiblecampersassoc@yahoo.com)*

Dear [REDACTED]

**Response to official information request relating to resource consent and exemptions to camp ground legislation.**

I refer to your request for official information received 7 September relating to resource consent and exemptions to camp ground legislation. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed.

- 1. The application and Council's summary for the reasoning of granting of Resource Consents [and Camp ground exemptions] to the NZMCA property in Ulric street Plimmerton.**

The Application (consisting of 3 documents) and the signed planning report for RC7113 are provided, the Council's reasoning is included within the context of the planning report.

- 2. Council's summary for the reasoning of granting of camp ground exemptions to the NZMCA property in Ulric street Plimmerton.**

The Application (consisting of 2 documents) and the approval in principle letter is provided. A summary of the reasoning is provided below.

On 14 June 2016, NZMCA applied to Porirua City Council for an exemption to requirements for ablution facilities (under Camping-grounds Regulations 1985) when they were creating the camp ground for their members at Plimmerton. This application was granted for the following reasons:

Regulation 14 (1) & (2) allows a local authority to grant certificates of exemption to the operator of a camping ground or remote camp site, or to the owner of a relocatable home in cases of undue hardship. Without limiting the effect of undue hardship, the reasonable interpretation, as defined in the explanatory commentary for the regulations, is when the cost of the work in complying with the physical requirements is out of proportion to the gain in public health.

Undue hardship relates to the physical requirements, not the cleaning, conduct or maintenance.

Under this regulation the local authority is able to consider the full implications of the application and then, with a complete knowledge of the circumstances, grant or decline to issue a certificate of exemption. This regulation allows camping grounds to operate without undue restriction but with adequate control by the local authority.

The reasoning for this exemption has been applied all over the country and the NZMCA has successfully been granted exemptions from all local authorities where their camping grounds are situated. It is under this regulation and reasoning that Porirua City Council granted the exemption to NZMCA for their site at Plimmerton.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact Derek Vos, Manager Resource Consents and Monitoring on (04) 237 3822 or [Derek.Vos@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:Derek.Vos@porirua.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Walker".

Wendy Walker  
**Chief Executive**  
**Kaiwhakahaere Matua**