

**MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Castlepoint Beach Resort, McLaughlin Drive,  
Whakataki and Mataikona Coast**

**Survey of Ratepayers  
and  
Camp Leaseholders**

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**Survey Results**



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## INTRODUCTION

The survey sought views on a range of functions and activities with which the Council is involved on the coast. It took place in February 2001 and was coordinated by the National Research Bureau. The survey is divided into five parts and the results have been collated accordingly.

Survey forms were sent to 366 ratepayers, camping ground leaseholders and purchasers of sites in the Balfour subdivision. In total 190 forms were returned. This equates to a 52% return. 153 forms were received from ratepayers/residents and 37 from Camping Ground leaseholders. The results of the survey do not appear to have been distorted due to the inclusion of camping ground leaseholders. The figures that follow are on this total and are represented as a percentage. These figures will not necessarily total 100% as some respondents did not answer all questions.

Where a comment is made more than once, the number of times it was made is shown in brackets.

Some responses were personal and not appropriate to be recorded, and these have been removed as were comments with regard to the sea wall. The Masterton District Council committed to a sea wall in the 2002/03 Annual Plan and separate consultation will be undertaken with the community regarding this project.



## **THE KEY RESULTS**

### **PART I – GENERAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

- Around half of the responses considered that widening and sealing of Mataikona Road was a high priority. The community was divided between additional sealing of the car park at the Basin at Castlepoint.
- Sealed car parking on Jetty Road, sealed footpaths, street lighting upgrade and kerbing and channelling are a low priority. Almost two thirds did not think that there was any need for additional car parking.
- Development of the Scenic Reserve results were too close to call with a quarter of responses in each case giving it a medium priority, a low priority, and not a priority. This is a Department of Conservation reserve for which a management plan is currently being developed.
- A new recreational reserve at Castlepoint and the development of local reserves is not a priority.
- The development of a jetty was split with similar numbers for as against.
- Over 80% of respondents supported 'danger of reef' and 'fishing signs' and measures to protect the sand dunes and half supported warning signs at Mataikona Coast and Castlepoint.
- Over half of the respondents supported additional public refuse receptacles. Additional recycling facilities and household refuse disposal facilities were a low priority.
- In terms of facilities and services beach and sand dunes stood out as being a high priority with reserves and recreation being a second priority. Other facilities and services (i.e. public toilets, recycling and refuse disposal) and roading and associated services (i.e. footpaths, street lighting, kerbing and channelling) came out as being the lowest priority.
- A number of suggestions were made for recreational activities from – leave it as it is to opening the lighthouse – generally people wanted controls on jet skis.
- The questions on the scenic reserve were asked on behalf of DOC and the answers have been forwarded to them. Just over a third thought the facilities at the reserve were okay and just over a quarter thought they needed upgrading a little.
- The majority people knew where the recycling and refuse transfer facility was, with almost all using it. This equated to 91.4% of Castlepoint respondents and 71.9% of camping ground respondents. Just over half couldn't suggest or were not sure of any improvements that could be made to the facility. Those that did, listed items such as access, frequency of removal and the size of receptacles provided.
- Half the respondents thought the rubbish collection service adequate while a fifth did not. Generally the reasons for not considering it to be adequate were related to the notification of service and time of collections.

### **THE ISSUES**

- The widening and sealing of Mataikona Road.
- Danger signs for reef, coast and fishing.
- Protection of dunes
- Additional public refuse receptacles and upgrading of facilities and service at the transfer station

## **PART II INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES**

- Three-quarters of respondents did not have any problems with their water supply. These 26 respondents listed lack of water at peak times and tanks too small as being the cause of those problems.
- The main source of domestic water is from rainwater (roof collection), those supplementing with bore water used bore water for gardens, washing boats and toilets. Those that had a bore did not have any problems with quantity and only a few had problems with quality.
- The vast majority of respondents had no problems with their sewerage system. Three responded that there was an issue with regard to sewerage smells at Castlepoint and one made a comment about the necessity to connect to Balfour subdivision sewerage reticulation and the length of time this took.
- Four-fifths of respondents recorded that there were no problems with stormwater. Those that did have problems recorded issues such as ponding and maintenance of systems and the discharge of stormwater from houses further uphill and subsidence.
- The provision of a water supply system for individual properties was clearly not a priority. Responses to sewerage and stormwater systems showed that a small majority of respondents rated these systems a low priority.
- When asked about the priority for addressing water, sewerage and stormwater issues, the sewerage system ranked as number one. A large number of Castlepoint residents indicated that this was very important to them.
- Just over half of the respondents would not consider connecting to a water supply scheme, while only a quarter said they would. Most would only consider connecting to a scheme if it became mandatory.
- Almost two thirds of those in an area without a sewerage system would not consider connecting to a sewerage system if it was made available. The majority would only connect when required to do so.

### **ISSUES**

- The maintenance of a sewerage system is very important to the local people.
- Some stormwater disposal issues need to be addressed, in particular the issue of stormwater disposal from properties higher up in catchments and possible subsidence.

## **PART III – STYLE OF DEVELOPMENT**

- An overwhelming number of people (85.8%) preferred an authentic beach style of presentation.
- Slightly more respondents supported than opposed the kerbing and channelling of all roads, street lighting throughout the resort and street trees. More people opposed sealed footpaths than supported, although a slight majority neither supported nor opposed them.
- Two-thirds supported restrictions on lot sizes, density and controls on height. The results showed opposition to development 'codes' e.g. colours and design styles; while there was more support for development 'guidelines'. Support was given for signage being a certain style.
- Varying comments were made about the future development of Castlepoint. Although some considered that the District Plan controls were adequate others believed they were not. Some noted the number of relocated buildings and section



sizes. Others reiterated the traditional nature of Castlepoint and the wish to retain this. Other comments can be seen in the survey document.

### ISSUES

- Substantial support was given for an authentic beach style rather than urban resort style development i.e. the respondents supported what they have now.

## PART IV- AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Over half of the respondents said there was no cause for complaint with regard to roaming dogs, those that did gave fouling and supervision as being reasons for complaint.
- Beach access by vehicles was of concern; speed was noted as the main reason. A majority of respondents had concerns about jet skis. Generally this related to the operation of jet skis and the areas in which they were allowed.
- Half of the respondents had concerns with pedestrian safety. Most noted lack of footpaths and speed as being the reason for concern.
- Road safety, road markings and speed humps were considered adequate.
- The majority of respondents said there should not be areas set aside for freedom camping. Those in favour suggested areas on Mataikona Road as being the preferred place.
- Summer holiday period events and activities, summer holiday policing, New Years Eve Activities and commercial area activities were all considered adequate.
- The coast, the lighthouse and lighthouse environs, the Rock, the 'resort' all stood out as being special and needing preservation. Other suggestions can be seen in the survey document, as can the suggestions for what else is needed.
- The majority of respondents did not want to see Castlepoint grow in size and those that did, thought it should grow slowly.
- Four-fifths of respondents supported the holiday period liquor bans.

### ISSUES

- Pedestrian safety
- Jet skis

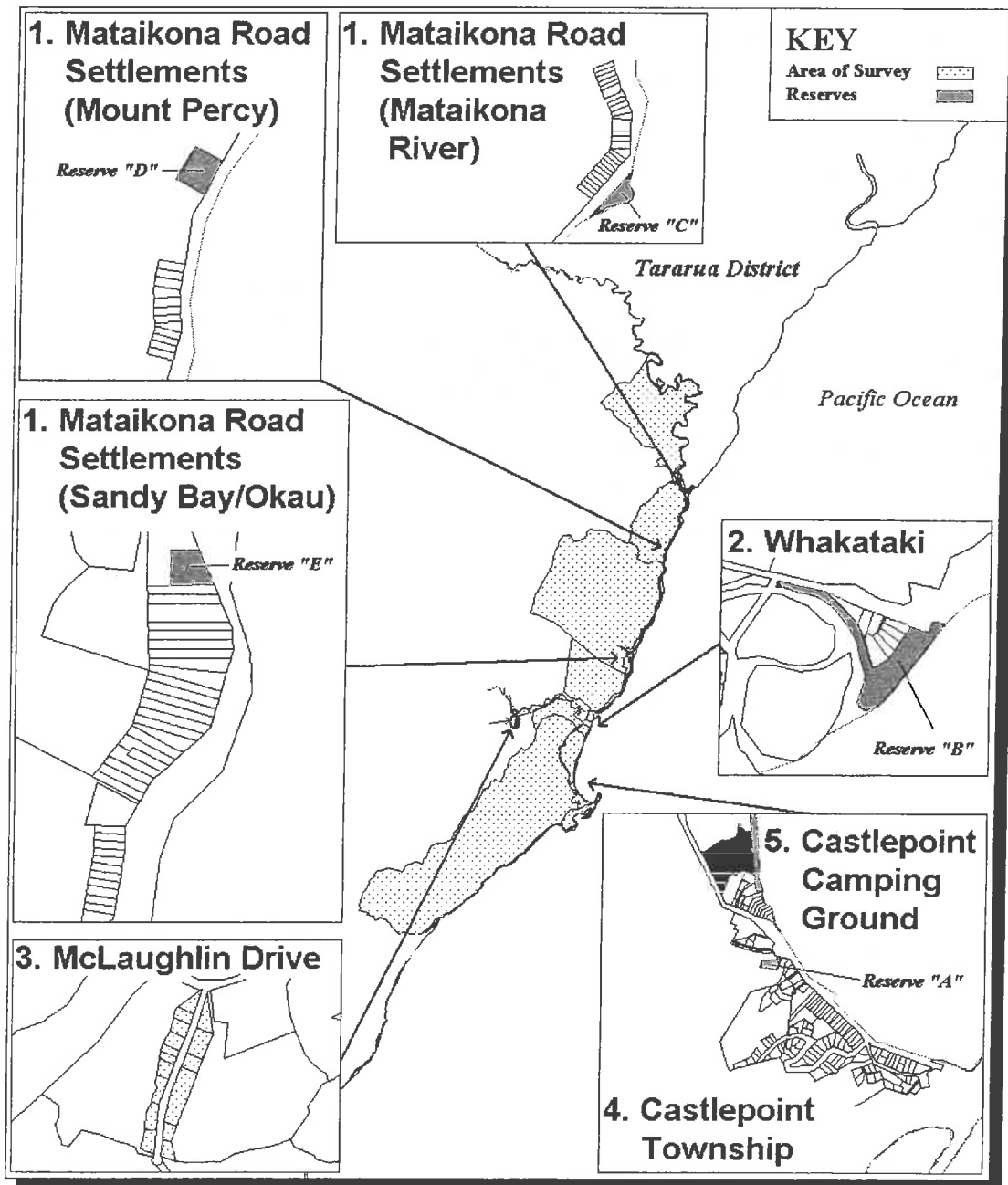
## PART V – CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS

- 89 of the respondents were owners of a holiday home while 32 were permanent residents; 37 leased a site at the camping ground and the balance was a combination of sections, other and no reply. Three-quarters had, had an interest in the property for more than five years.
- Just over a 35% of respondents had two people living in their household while 20% had four. Almost half of the respondents came from the urban and rural areas of Masterton. The busiest times for Castlepoint were January, February, March and October.



## AREA OF INTEREST

	Response Rate	Actual Number
Area 1 refers to Settlements on Mataikona Road Eg Mount Percy, Okau, Sandy Bay and Mataikona	23.7%	45
Area 2 refers to Whakataki	7.9%	15
Area 3 refers to the properties in McLaughlin Drive	1.1%	2
Area 4 refers the urban area at Castlepoint	47.4%	90
Area 5 refers to the Castlepoint Camping Ground	19.5%	37
Area 6 refers to all other areas	0%	0



## PART I. GENERAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

*The following questions relate to various facilities and services.*

### 1. Roothing and Associated Services

*Bearing in mind the likely benefits and costs, how important a priority do you think the provision of the following is?*

**High Priority      Medium Priority      Low Priority      Not a priority      Don't know      No reply**

*(please tick one box on each line)*

	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>	<b>Not a priority</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>No reply</b>
a) Sealed car parking on Jetty Road from the northern toilet block to Guthrie Crescent.	7.4	11.6	19.5	<b>50.5%</b>	1.1	10
b) Additional sealed car parking at the Castlepoint Scenic Reserve ( <i>Basin</i> )	14.7	28.9	<b>15.8</b>	<b>31.12</b>	1.1	8.4
c) Additional widening of Mataikona Road	<b>21.1</b>	<b>25.3</b>	18.4	22.1	4.7	8.4
d) Additional sealing of Mataikona Road	<b>30.5</b>	<b>24.2</b>	15.3	16.8	4.7	8.4
e) Sealed footpaths in all urban streets	10.5	11.1	15.3	<b>47.9</b>	1.1	14.2
f) Street-lighting upgrade	8.9	14.2	<b>21.6</b>	<b>42.6</b>	4.2	8.4
g) Kerbing and channelling	11.6	18.4	<b>20.5</b>	<b>37.4</b>	2.1	10
h) Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	14.7	1.6	0	2.1	3.7	<b>77.9</b>

The Mataikona Road respondents listed as a high priority: - clearly designated parking spaces for residents who cannot or will not park their vehicles on their private property; footpath along Jetty Road; upgrading sand based areas on Mataikona Road, slowing the traffic because of children and dust; complete sealing of Okau hill; and to remove the dangerous lip on the Mataikona Road because of inexperienced grader drivers grading the road as if it was for a final seal instead of shaping a metal road properly.

The medium priority for these respondents was the sealing of the road immediately opposite Mataikona river settlement and the sealing of Mataikona Road.

At Whakataki the high priorities were for: - a reduced speed limit at Castlepoint and Mataikona Road; the widening of the entrance to the rubbish dump/transfer station for better vision and general safety; and for a judder bar half way down road at Whakataki. The medium priority was for a sealed car park at Whakataki Beach and judder bars.

High priority answers for Castlepoint ratepayers were: - establishment of footpaths, preferably wooden along Castlepoint (Jetty Road) to avoid cars parking on grass verge; one person considered that there was no need for sealed areas for parking as the grass areas where cars park was not spoiled by overuse and that the greenness added to the unspoiled look of the beachfront. Similarly another person wrote that grass parking and pedestrian access, (grass or sealed) was a high priority. Another thought that the upgrade of existing road surfacing was a high priority. The widening of Jetty Road, better control of car and pedestrian traffic, by more effective separation of the two, measures to a) protect pedestrians, b) facilitate wavy movement on and off property and on Jetty Road from Guthrie Crescent to Basin were also noted as a high priority.

Grass footpaths and grass parking areas featured three times in the responses with respondents saying that the green areas on the foreshore were more than adequate for parking and that the type of grass (buffalo) was very suitable as it showed no wear and tear and remained pleasing to the eye and user.

A footpath from Guthrie Crescent to the end of the road was a medium priority answer.

Respondents from the Castlepoint camping ground listed as high priority answers; car parks spaced with grass areas in between; a sealed footpath on the land side of Jetty Road as it is difficult to use at present due to the fact it is uneven grass, stormwater grates, gravel, etc and that a decent footpath would keep people and strollers off the road. Additional judder bars especially town side of camp gate and at entrance to resort were also suggested.

**2a. Additional Car Parking**

Do you think there is a need for additional car parking (other than described above)?  
(please tick one box)

15.3%	1	Yes	
<b>63.2%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>No</b>	] GO TO Q.3
8.4%	3	Don't Know	
13.2%	4	No reply	

**2b. Where would you suggest?**

Mataikona Road respondents suggested south of and around the church and from new subdividers if sections are too small to cater for it themselves. Comment was made that charter boat patrons take up all the parking all day at present and that it needed urgent attention. A Whakataki suggestion was near the cemetery and that Council use the Public Works Act and purchase some land.

The Castlepoint respondents suggested - on seaward side of northern toilet block (3) and down to the camping ground, in front of the store, extra built up area in scenic reserve (2) and to the south of the church, behind church; in the area next to the Fire Station and bordering the creek; extend grass parking in Basin Reserve (4); near Guthrie Crescent (2), limited amounts on Jetty Road. Another suggestion was near the phone box and play area.

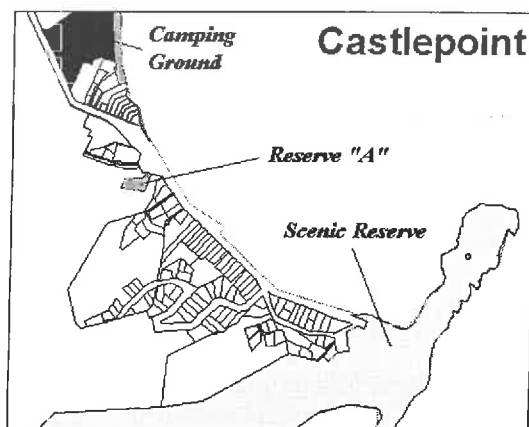
It was also suggested that for special functions only that station land could be used and another suggested paddocks for, special days, eg Castlepoint races etc. Additional parking is required on special occasions only.

Two respondents noted that if grassed areas were lowered to where they should be it would allow better and easier access and that more efficient use of parking space in area by northern loos could be made.

The Castlepoint camping ground respondents made similar responses. Their suggestions were for extra car parking adjacent to play area and phone box and at the Castlepoint Scenic Reserve (Basin).

### 3. Reserves and Recreation

Castlepoint has a *recreational reserve*, which is separate to the play area. It is situated on the side of a hill and would not be easily developed. It is shown as 'A' on the map on page 2 of the survey. The Department of Conservation owns the *Scenic Reserve* located at the Basin and questions on this area are asked on behalf of the Department of Conservation.



*How important a priority do you think the provision of the following is?*

*(please tick one box on each line)*

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not a priority	Don't know
a) Further development of Castlepoint Scenic Reserve ( <i>The Basin</i> ).	8.9%	<b>24.7</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	3.7
b) i. Development of a new recreation reserve at Castlepoint.	4.2	8.9	20.5	<b>40.5</b>	4.2
ii. Where do you think it should be located?	GO TO C)				

High and medium answers have been combined, but area of response is grouped according to the indicated area of interest. Mataikona Road respondents suggested - Deliverance Cove subdivision, Castlepoint and Castle Hill (Rock?). Whakataki respondents suggested Whakataki and Castlepoint township. Castlepoint respondents suggested - Castlepoint school grounds (2); overlooking the Basin, below the tree line; flat area in front of ranch house (across from northern loos); Council owned land near fire station, (very urgent); and on the road reserve adjacent to corner at Guthrie Crescent and Jetty Road. Others suggested a playground on Reserve A.; beside fire station; beach frontage along Jetty Road to Castle Rock; and in the church area. One person suggested opening up to Christmas Bay.

c) Development of the recreation reserve in your area as shown on the map on page 2.	2.6	12.6	15.3	<b>38.4</b>	2.1
d) Development of a jetty.	<b>25.8</b>	15.8	16.3	<b>28.9</b>	2.1
e) Further play equipment.	7.4	<b>21.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>30.5</b>	2.1
f) Other ( <i>please specify</i> ).	11.1	2.1	0.5	2.6	3.7

Other high priorities were listed by the Mataikona Road respondents as being breeding areas for plants specific to the Castlepoint/Mataikona areas; toilets; upkeep of the reserve as it is; and permanent launching facilities for private recreational fishing boats at all access points.

Whakataki respondents listed the upgrade and care of lighthouse walk and for the respective Authorities to keep the Whakataki River flowing straight out to sea and not damming on the beach as high priorities.

At Castlepoint the high priorities noted that scenic reserves are attractive to visitors, attention to maintenance is all that is required. Suggestions were also made for the use of school grounds for recreational reserve/play equipment; barbecue picnic area for non-residents. More trees planted for shade as well as enhancement of the area; picnic tables; the path to the lighthouse must be upgraded with handrails, etc. fitted, this is urgent; a hard pad ramp for launching trailer boats; development of walking tracks to add to activities in area, eg from saddle below Castle Rock down to southern beach (Christmas Bay); information kiosk for scenic reserve and information kiosk for Castlepoint (by store); to retain and prevent deterioration of the natural features; ongoing maintenance is all that is needed; replace exotic trees with low profile native coastal species.

A medium priority was for safety equipment; and allowing a private operator to put a helter-skelter type of facility on Hill reserve.

The camping ground respondents high priorities were: - the protection of the natural environment in the Basin should be a priority, do not wish to see buildings, rooftops etc. on the skyline, from subdivision; sheltered barbecue area for both Basin and north end of beach with fixed tables, rubbish bins, etc. Medium priorities were the greater maintenance of raised walkway and windbreak to lighthouse, an eyesore; and the maintenance of Rotary walking track.

#### 4. Beach and Sand Dunes Issues

<i>How important a priority do you think the provision of the following is? (please tick one box on each line)</i>	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>	<b>Not a priority</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
a) Warning signs for swimmers at Castlepoint	<b>32.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>20.5</b>	13.7	2.1
b) Warning signs for swimmers at Mataikona Coast	<b>30.5</b>	<b>27.4</b>	17.4	6.8	10.5
c) Danger of reef and fishing signs	<b>67.4</b>	18.9	3.7	2.6	0.5
d) Measures to protect the sand dunes (eg defined beach access tracks, protection from vehicles and native re-vegetation projects)	<b>63.2</b>	21.1	8.4	1.6	0.5
e) Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	17.9	0.5	0	1.1	2.1

Other beach, sand and dune issues were listed by the Mataikona Road respondents as being high priority were the definition of the area for commercial fishing boats, especially when fuelling at Castlepoint Basin/Beach; the protection of wildlife, specific areas for dog exercise (because it is heart breaking to see the dead native wildlife and to see the damage of native flora); signs for campers that camp in a fire risk area, pines and long dry grass, etc., roadside areas; warning signs recognised internationally because of tourists; protect Mataikona beach reserve land which is being eroded at the river end; and access points and suitable parking to reduce congestion in Basin. A medium priority was the protection of dunes opposite sections from dumping of garden clippings and waste.

It was also noted that the increasing numbers of holiday/day visitors to the area has affected our environment.

Whakataki high priority answers included closing the beach to ordinary vehicle traffic in the summer eg 1st October to 28 February, this will protect the sand dunes; enforcement of "No camping" areas; signage for fishing and shellfish quota and size. It was suggested for the beach to remain safe for swimmers, the seal population will have to be contained if not eliminated, because if the seal population increases, these will attract sharks into the swimming areas; continued protection of shellfish and marine life over summer. Excellent work (2001-2002) by Fisheries officers this summer, congratulations and agreement with measures to protect beach and sand dune area, however, expect local commercial users to still have continued, guaranteed access to what is already here.

At Castlepoint the high priorities were listed as the sand dunes and Basin area, four wheel drive bikes and vehicles driving, destroying sand dunes, enforceable speed limits; signage needs to be located in two areas, 1) An info kiosk on the concrete pad opposite the shop. 2) Major info kiosk in the church area (this may well come into being under DOC Management Plan); planting of shrubs and grass on slopes around lighthouse area; measures to reduce vehicle traffic on beach, especially high speed vehicles; limit vehicle access to beach, speed; rubbish; keep motorbikes and ATV's out of sand hills by the Basin.

Other suggestions included vehicle and quad bike speed limit on beach of 10 kph; natural environment issues to have high priority. Increasing sealing of foreshore and Basin for parking purposes destroys the ambience of the whole area; planting programme of "non marim" grasses and levelling of sand dunes in front of church back to where they were 30 years ago when the church was built; replanting with native grasses so the dunes won't keep building up; need permanent steps at regular intervals in wall; need surf lifesaving and Coastguard groups.

At the camping ground the respondents listed large signs for jet ski area; measures to prevent jet skis from going out of their designated areas, and staying away from swimmers in the bay and surfers and swimmers in the Gap (Basin); to limit unsafe driving and speeding vehicles in the lagoon reserve area; ideally the Basin should be an area where people can walk, play etc. without feeling unsafe because of vehicles; in the future if there are increasing number of commercial boats perhaps they will need to be parked elsewhere.

## 5. Other Facilities and Services

*With respect to your area as shown on page 2, how important a priority do you think the provision of the following is?*

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not a priority	Don't know
<i>(please tick one box on each line)</i>					
a) Additional public toilets	7.4	14.7	27.9	<b>40.0</b>	1.6
b) Additional recycling facilities	11.1	<b>22.6</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>25.8</b>	1.6
c) Additional household refuse disposal facilities	12.1	<b>20.5</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>	3.7
d) Additional public rubbish receptacles	<b>30.5</b>	<b>27.4</b>	14.2	18.9	1.1
e) Other <i>(please specify)</i>	9.5	0	0.5	1.1	3.2

It was noted that at Mataikona there were no toilets or rubbish facilities, but with development of a reserve it was hoped both would be included and that the existing services are fine but people just have to use them.

An additional service considered a high priority at Whakataki was to be able to get a drink of fresh clean water for nothing.

The respondents at Castlepoint said that the transfer station needs more frequent servicing, bins overflowing; ratepayers should be permitted to use beach rubbish bins; suitable collection times during holidays i.e. most people leave on a Sunday afternoon/evening therefore collection Monday morning; fresh water outside shower units attached to public toilet blocks for swimmers, etc; as we are not properly informed as to the Christmas refuse collection, any further household collections are neither desired or needed; public drinking water fountains; keep refuse transfer station in better condition; toilets at Basin where the surfers go; better information on service and containers to be used; review of household collection contract (so residents are aware of availability); upgrade the public toilets (north end) with warning signs about unsuitability of water for drinking; Sunday afternoon, Monday morning are best times for rubbish collection; availability of MDC bags; a notice to householders would be useful stating rubbish collection times, use of MDC bags, etc. (these are not supplied).

At the camping ground the high priority was for quality drinking water.

## 6. Priority of Facilities and Services

- 6(a) Of the four services and facilities mentioned below, which do you feel is the highest priority? *(tick one box under Q.6a column below)*
- 6(b) Which do you feel is the second highest priority? *(tick one box under Q.6b column below)*
- 6(c) Which do you feel is the third highest priority? *(tick one box under Q.6c column below)*
- 6(d) And finally, which do you feel is the lowest priority? *(tick one box under Q.6d column below)*

	Q.6a Highest Priority	Q.6b 2nd Highest Priority	Q.6c 3rd Highest Priority	Q.6d Least Priority
i) Roading and associated services (ie. Footpaths, street-lighting, kerbing and channelling)	<b>27.9</b>	10	16.8	<b>24.7</b>
ii) Reserves and recreation	5.8	<b>37.9</b>	16.8	16.3
iii) Beach and sand dunes	<b>45.8</b>	15.3	15.3	5.8
iv) Other facilities and services (ie. Public toilets, recycling and refuse disposal)	5.3	15.3	<b>26.8</b>	<b>27.4</b>



## 7. Recreation

Do you have any suggestions for further recreation activities at Castlepoint Beach?

The suggestions from Mataikona Road included designated jet ski areas; a paved (sealed) footpath on the coast side of Jetty Road/toilet block to Guthrie Crescent; children's play area development; skating rink for roller bladers, skateboarders, the education block would be a possible site; keep the foreigners out of the seafood; open up access to beaches south of reef for walking ponies. Comments were made as follows - the recreation activities at Castlepoint are fine just as they are; people have to learn to enjoy the area for what it has to offer and not expect others to entertain them; not necessary, the beach is it, "life's a beach"; this area has natural beauty and attractions and does not need artificial enhancement; actually we all enjoy it as it is.

The respondents from Whakataki said similar things - no, there is no need, as they would only be vandalised. The beach is for swimming, surfing, climbing sand hills and walking etc; life saving equipment should be readily available at all times on the reef (i.e. life saving tube and rope); we support DOC in preserving the Basin (Deliverance Cove) and surrounding areas; the beach and environs already provide the ideal place for many existing recreational activities; a bigger child's play area, eg swings, slides, see-saw.

Suggestions from the respondents at Castlepoint included - artificial reef off the point for divers; protected fishing reserve (marine); Castlepoint is recreation in itself, the beach, scenery and unspoiled charm of a small beach community, such places are becoming increasingly rare; Castlepoint beach, Basin, reef are features that are unique and never cease to enthral; fines for beach/roadside litter and bins handy; rubbish bin/receptacle at beach - Whakataki; keep it natural, just as it is, there's heaps to do; four wheel drive trips over the station property; learn rock climbing on Castle Rock; horse trekking; the creation of a safe fishing area for children, etc. on the bay side eg safe jetty or wharf; better control of jet skis, keeping them away from swimmers; community beach party (organised) on New Years Eve; surf Club set-up; trips through lighthouse; no, who would run them anyway? we have approximately 14 permanent households here, some of us are overloaded with community work now!; sealed tennis courts on school grounds.

Other suggestions included - gas barbecue along foreshore for public use; no, Castlepoint is a delightful beach resort, simple and uncluttered, surely that's the way to keep it; designated mountain biking area; no, there are plenty already there, pub, golf, tennis, netball; a track up to Castle Rock from Basin; windbreak on track up to lighthouse; create a separate jet ski area south of Whakataki Stream and ban jet skis from area of Castlepoint Bay and Deliverance Cove; purchase the Castlepoint School and grounds for the residents, the area would make a nice bowling green and tennis club for both locals and visitors; you make your own entertainment at a beach, there is golf and tennis within easy drive; try and get sports, i.e. multi-sport, beach athletics, beach volleyball, interested as a venue perhaps in conjunction with the races; defined areas for jet ski operation, there is no policing of current 50 metre regulations; discussed over the last forty years, limitation due to available land, keep the naturalness of the area; a warden system installed for monitoring activity; sand sculpture competition; signs re areas for boat launching, jet skis, etc; no, except for the development on the MDC area owned, near the fire station; develop Castle Rock climb like Lion Rock at Piha, Auckland (signs and perhaps a fixed rope on the two steep parts), it is enjoyed by many, young and old; create a boat launching pad adjacent to the northern toilet block, reduce traffic on Jetty Road; kayak, canoe, surfboard hire; area specific for four wheelers in sand dunes (maybe stop them using sand area in front of church). The area opposite the corner of Guthrie Crescent and Jetty Road would be a wonderful place to create a playground area plus a nice picnic area for day-trippers. A public barbecue similar to that at Henley Lake would be well used. The lighthouse could be open several times a year for a small charge; more picnic tables needed along beachfront. Protect and enhance existing natural features. Castlepoint has so many opportunities of different things to do in a relatively small area and the fact that they are not man made and don't cost money make them appealing. If people want the glitz of the Gold Coast or northern beaches of NZ go there. Castlepoint needs no extra recreation. Its stunning scenery, beach areas, rock pools, fishing and even the weather and storms can fascinate. It is unique and should be preserved without any "prettying up" or other attractions. Castlepoint has everything. It is unique, dramatic scenery, wonderful safe beach area in the bay, also in the Basin. It also has the charm of an unspoiled beach community. Such places are becoming increasingly rare in NZ and indeed elsewhere eg the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, etc. in Australia. Surf lifesaving club and coastguard group.

The Castlepoint camping ground respondents suggested and made comments that include picnic tables, barbecue areas; get the jet skis out of the bay; there's plenty of scope for recreation already, could perhaps extend the walking tracks; shade areas; no, we like our beach uncommercialised; jetty should go ahead. Forget playgrounds, the beach is the playground but what about a permanent cable to help kids get up the dunes to slide near the camp and at the Basin; a breakwater or jetty to allow recreational fishing and safety for boats; signs to control water skiers/jet boats to specified areas away from main beach; more seasonal recreational diversity; the lighthouse to be open to the public for a small fee, I for one, would be happy to give some free time towards this.

## 8. Castlepoint Scenic Reserve

The following two questions relate to Castlepoint Scenic Reserve, (see map on page 3) and are asked on behalf of the Department of Conservation.

8a. What are your overall feelings about the condition of the facilities on Castlepoint Scenic Reserve (tracks, structures etc)? (please tick one box)

Need upgrading a lot	12.6
<b>Need upgrading a little</b>	<b>28.4</b>
<b>Are OK</b>	<b>37.4</b>
Are very good	10.5
Are excellent	0.5
Don't know	1.1
No reply	9.5

8b. Please explain any specific issues you have with visitor facilities on Castlepoint Scenic Reserve.

The Mataikona Road respondents recorded specific issues as being - more Maori history and place names on boards and signposts, bi-lingual signs; information available on the geological and historical aspects of the area in consultation with local hapu; the steep grading of stairs down from the lookout above the lighthouse are a huge concern and we question safety standards and do they meet OSH standards? these stairs need urgent attention; not enough parking near church and environs (some people do not like to park on beach); tracks need upgrading, particularly repair windbreak on route to lighthouse; a few more trees would be nice; recognition of those who have done some of the work (Deliverance Cove track) is needed.

Whakataki respondents recorded - the disregard for speed limits on the beach, very dangerous for picnickers and extra traffic does wear the sand dunes down unnecessarily; the windbreak on the pathway up to the lighthouse is in drastic need of repair, not removal due to high winds; need to do something about mud hole at start of walkway just beyond car park; the fence leading up to lighthouse should be restored for safety to protect people in a cross wind; simple safe access to cave required, some steps down about one and a half metres at low tide to sea bed; boat numbers belonging to permanent fishermen should be limited and should be charged a mooring fee; toilet block not good enough for volume of people using them.

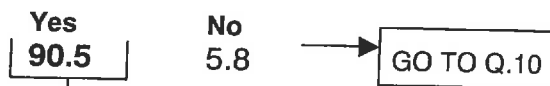
At Castlepoint the issues were - shelter fence on lighthouse track needs major upgrade; additional parking would be very useful around lighthouse, windbreak falling apart, pathway buckling and breaking, wooden steps coming off, need re-nailing or a coach bolt; improvement of beachfront from the stream, Guthrie Crescent. Suggest large blocks of concrete etc from demolition placed on shoreline to protect and, later, to build out to make an improved parking area along beachfront; there would then be room for a footpath along this area and shelter for picnickers south and north; lack of sealed car parking; rubbish bins so holiday/day trippers easily dispose of litter; I built one of the bridges and worked on the track as a Rotary Club member, this track is greatly appreciated by those that walk it, however the upkeep by DOC is appalling; leaving their rubbish, show little care for the natural environment. Others said - walking track to Castle Rock could be maintained more regularly; I have discussed with DOC the extension of the Rotary Deliverance Cove walking track; also the re-erection of the windbreak up to the lighthouse; handholds and rails to paths below lighthouse to the east; picnic areas would be nice; remove rundown windbreak; all issues specified in the Management Plan are high priority; we need a safer track at south end of Deliverance Cove to come down onto the Basin and also one half way for shorter around walk; we need to be able to park and not step out into deep puddles; the track up to the lighthouse is getting dangerous and needs handrails, etc; walking track overgrown, not able to use walking track; needs to be completed; walking track to lighthouse needs repairs; windbreak, timber requires replacing, etc; more information kiosks around the place; seal population needs to be kept to a manageable size for tourist safety reasons visiting the cave; replace/repair windbreak to lighthouse; improve picnic/parking area around church; stop people camping in the Reserve, much rubbish gets left behind; a developed picnic area past the church where parking, area for permanent tables could be in sheltered area; provide access from Castle Rock area south to Christmas Bay; develop identified walking tracks through the Scenic Reserve to control use of the area while enhancing utilisation of its potential; perhaps a few more signs; extension of track down to Del. Cove, some steps and hand rails for older visitors to walk the round trip; repair of wind protection barrier on Lyall house track; lack of car parking at peak times and when tide/weather not suitable as not everyone likes to park on the

beach; fix the fence on the walkway to the lighthouse or remove it; windbreak restoration to lighthouse track; land conservation attention to the land on the west side of lighthouse track; rubbish bin location - reef, for fishermen/beach areas south end of lagoon for surfers; problems with ATV's and motorcycles in trees and dunes, speeding cars in Basin; I believe the scenic track to Castle Rock should be better promoted, i.e. photos in store, etc; Deliverance Cove track widened; improve track from Castle Rock down to beach, difficult for elderly folks at present; visitor safety issues; removal of wind fence; signs for visitors to take their rubbish home or put in bins; more rubbish bins; there needs to be some form of shelter structure (trellis type); the fence and gateway are a disgrace and represent a hazard; needs to be a sign with map on it of walkway from the parking area at the church; do people know if there; wooden steps (similar to those above the lighthouse) from the 'gap' to the ridge below Castle Rock to make the walkway more accessible to less able people. Some seats with views along the walkway would be good; why do we see pine trees on a DOC reserve?; inadequate car parking and facilities for day trippers; some days the car park is full of charter boat customers cars' and up to eight police cars.

The camping ground respondents said - more car parks at area by church; receptacles for rubbish at the tap for surfies, etc. (hopefully they will use them); we believe somebody will be hurt if vehicles are allowed to travel at high speed as now in the Basin reserve; jet skis must be kept further away from swimmers and surfies; rubbish i.e. bottles, plastic bags; many more shade trees needed and more seating in picnic areas; semi windbreak to light is an eyesore; road outside public toilet often deteriorates and needs constant repairs; fencing on walkway to lighthouse is in need of repair; rotary track needs maintenance; needs better parking and signs; if not tended regularly or sprayed, track becomes overgrown with gorse; a few rubbish bins would help control litter; larger sealed parking area to prevent further damage; sheltered barbecue area for both Basin and north end of beach with fixed tables, rubbish bins, etc;

**9. Recycling facilities and rubbish collection at Castlepoint Beach**

9(a) Do you know where to find the recycling and refuse transfer facilities, which service the Castlepoint community? *(please tick one box)*



9(b) Do you use these recycling facilities? *(please tick one box)*

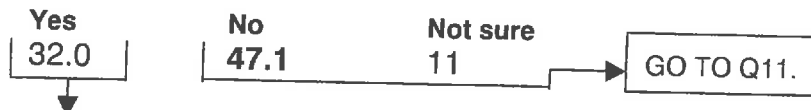


9(c) Please comment on why you do not use the recycling and refuse transfer facilities.

Two respondents from Mataikona Road used the Tinui facility and one said that it's a time wasting mess for eccentrics only. Similarly at Whakataki one said they used the Tinui facility and the other said they dumped all rubbish. Two people responded that they did not have a dwellinghouse on their site yet, and one of the two said they took the rubbish home.

The respondents at the camping ground (6) said they used the camp facilities and one respondent listed fish refuse.

9(d) Can you suggest any improvements to the recycling facilities? *(please tick one box)*



9(e) What improvements are these?

Suggestions for improvements from the Mataikona Road respondents included oil waste area and facility; white ware recycling; signposting for Mataikona residents to make them aware as to where the facility is would be a help as there is no rubbish facility on Mataikona Road; seal the access road (3); sealed road down to the transfer station as the road continually ruts out; better and more glass recycling drums or empty them more frequently; access road too steep, sign isn't clear enough; larger bins especially during holidays or when the population increases because of events; better maintained/cleared over summer months; enforcing of rules such as no

dumping of vehicles; perhaps there could be bigger bins for glass, etc; and drums seem to overflow onto the turnaround area.

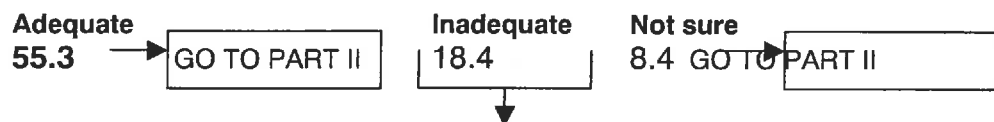
Whakataki respondents suggested more recycling bins mainly for plastic and bottles; more bins over holiday period; Castlepoint dump, the gateway is dangerous, the entry needs lowering and made safer, otherwise all okay and get rid of the rats. One suggestion from McLaughlin Drive was for more drums for glass, etc.

The Castlepoint respondents suggested - during summer, service more (6) often, bins overflowing, fish disposal full; encourage users to sort rubbish at beach, too many put it all in together and toss the lot (bottles, cans, etc.) for transfer; house collection; encourage use; more signposting (4), access (4); it was great before but not so good now; more types of recycling available; better labelling and segregation of the different bins/drums to avoid mixing of different types of material; sealing; more containers for a greater range of rubbish; perhaps a mini facility in Castlepoint itself would be desirable for visitors too lazy to stop at the Transfer Station; more rubbish bins needed particularly at church and starting end of boardwalk; bins located north end of Castlepoint Beach or below Guthrie Crescent; more bins; warning signs to traffic to slow if needed; more regular maintenance of the fish waste hole; empty it prior to and more often during peak periods; would like recycling bins at beach for day trippers; education on recycling; keep transfer facility clean, accessible and hygienic; clear more frequently at holiday time, improve recycling; larger recycling containers; more control re dumped rubbish and old vehicles, rat infested; further clarification on "what goes where"; bigger hole for disposal of waste fish, etc; additional bins as the existing are often overflowing; ensure bins are cleared more often and beach glass removed; consult professionals; warning of cross traffic; broader off road pull over area before turning in to track; a warning sign down hill from recycling track "vehicles turning" or similar; there are several materials that are excluded from dumping at the transfer station but several people ignore this, presumably they find it inconvenient not to be able to dispose of rubbish at one site, perhaps an area could be set aside for these more difficult materials; fish disposal needs re-introducing; needs more frequent attention; more bins needed; signs for eg timber, iron, batteries, fridges etc., all just being dumped, fills up very quickly, may need more bins.

A few suggestions were made from the camping ground - need to be better organised and positioned, away from the beach frontage; central facility near main toilets; beach cleaning parties; reduce smell during summer months; better signage.

## 10. Rubbish Collection

- 10(a) Rubbish is collected twice weekly during the summer holiday season and weekly at other times. In addition there are refuse transfer and recycling facilities available. Do you consider that these services are adequate or inadequate? (please tick one box)



- 10(b) Please comment as to why you consider that these services are inadequate.

The respondents from Mataikona Road said rubbish collection facilities would definitely be of assistance during the busy holiday periods; need better and more services; rubbish is not collected on the Mataikona Road (3).

Similarly at Whakataki respondents said never seen rubbish collection; how come extra services are put on for townies in summer when full time residents have to use the existing facilities; they all have to drive past the dump to go home; we have no rubbish collection or bins at Whakataki Beach whatsoever; because the tip is never overflowing at high times; rubbish bins should be emptied more during peak holidays; we would like rubbish bins at Area 2 please; no collection in Area 2.

At Castlepoint comments included - I didn't know there was twice weekly collection (8), where do I leave it? What in? Will animals tear it open? Why can't ratepayers use the rubbish bins? Surely it is easier to service these than it is to go door to door. There used to be recycling bins at Castlepoint itself, where have they gone? details. Timing is important, when people are going home. Many houses are rented out during holiday period and during year. A printed notice (card preferably) to householders with information re the above and other matters i.e. times, type of container (MDC bags, should some be supplied). As a lot of houses have casual tenants, some notification is required so casuals know of collection days. We pay rates and don't get any rubbish bags (3). Communication to property owners re Christmas collection is totally inadequate and better liaison between collection operator as to times of pick-up is very desirable. We do not have a weekly collection and we do not need one, there are not enough permanents here to warrant the expense. Because no information is given

of days for holiday season days and especially the weekly one through the year. At Christmas we put our rubbish out by 9 am on the correct day twice and no one came around to do the whole township at all. There is no one to ring and concerned residents took it to the tip before cats and dogs got to it. Bach rubbish collection not adequately advertised. Misunderstanding as to when and what. Its visitors tend to treat it as a collection of everything. Should be services more often. No bags provided to residences and notices are not clear to visitors. Rubbish should be collected three times a week from December 25 to January 31st. People visiting Castlepoint don't know what a "transfer station" is. It should be signposted as a rubbish dump or refuse tip. Better publicity of service to owners and containers to be used. More drums are needed. I do not feel this is reflective of policy that currently exists. The transfer station is not cleared frequently, often at holiday times. Rubbish bins are often overflowing. Need either more bins or additional collection. People generally leave on a Sunday afternoon so collection around that time or Monday morning would be useful (3). Households should be informed as to times of collection and other matters relating to safety, etc. People (staying in baches) generally go home on a Sunday. Marked lanes for entry and exit and warning signs for access to transfer station.

The respondents at the camp said; rubbish needs to be more frequently collected during the busy periods and during summer with the large influx of visitors; the community bins need emptying more.

## PART II. INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES

E.G. Water, Sewerage and Stormwater Systems

If you indicated on page 2, that your locality is the Castlepoint Camping Ground, please go to Part III (page 12).

*These questions seek your views about the major services that the Council either currently provides or could provide to the various communities. These services include community water supplies, sewerage systems, stormwater management.*

### 11. Water

11a. Have you had a problem in the last two years with your domestic water supply system (eg drinking water, water for washing/bathing etc)? *(Please tick one box)*

<b>Yes</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">17</div>	<b>No</b> <b>73.2</b>	<span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GO TO Q.13</div>
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11b. Please indicate which of the following cause problems *(please tick one box on each line)*

	Yes	No	Not Sure
i. Lack of water at peak holiday times	<b>61.5</b>	11.5	0
ii. Insufficient water most of the time	11.5	<b>50</b>	0
iii. Poor quality of water	15.4	<b>42.3</b>	3.8
iv. Water supply tanks too small	<b>30.8</b>	<b>34.6</b>	0
v. Water supply tanks and/or pipes need replacing due to age/ poor state of repair etc	23.1	<b>42.3</b>	0
vi. Other <i>(please specify)</i>	15.4	3.8	0

#### MATAIKONA RD

Lack of rain.

#### WHAKATAKI

When an easterly wind, all the road dust drifts onto our roof and washes into the tanks, from the traffic.

#### CASTLEPOINT URBAN

Leak in underground pipe, fixed; Castlepoint and the other areas of this survey are not on the water scheme; pump and pipe need minor maintenance;

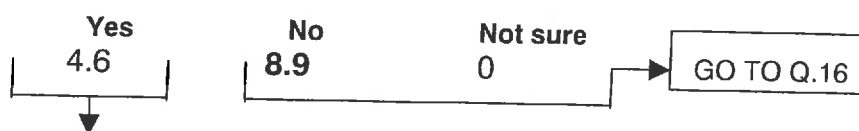
12. What is the **main** source of your domestic water supply? *(please tick one box)*

<b>Rain water</b> (roof collection)	<b>Bore water</b>	<b>Other</b> Eg spring, dam or purchased
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*Please specify*

**MATAIKONA RD**  
Foreman's Farm water supply.  
**WHAKATAKI**  
Spring.

13. Do you have a bore water supply? (please tick one box) 7 people answered this question; 4 Mataikona Road



14. Do you use your bore water supply for: (please tick one box on each line)

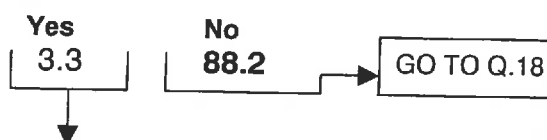
	Yes	No	Not sure
a) Drinking, cooking, baths or showers?	28.6	42.9	0
b) Toilets?	71.4	0	0
c) Gardens and outside use eg washing boats and vehicles?	85.7	14.3	0

15. Is there a problem with your bore water supply... (please tick one box on each line)

	Yes	No	Not sure
a) Quality problems?	0	100	0
b) Quantity problems?	14.3	42.9	

#### 16. Sewerage

Have you had a problem in the last two years with your sewerage system including septic tank? (please tick one box)



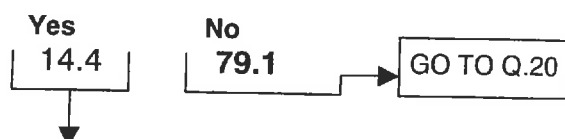
17. Can you briefly outline the problem?

(Castlepoint Only)

Neighbour put a house pile through our sewerage main; there are still unconnected systems in Castlepoint who should now have to pay the penalty rate; on some occasions you can smell the sewerage in the air in and around the settlement (3); took seven years to connect to Castlepoint sewerage, completed January, 2002 (Balfour Crescent).

#### 18. Stormwater

Have you had a problem in the last five (5) years with your stormwater system or with stormwater on you property? (please tick one box)



19. Can you briefly outline the problem?

Responses from Mataikona included - Castlepoint needs stormwater to be removed to stop soak pits and sewerage overflowing on to beach; driveways to sections stopping stormwater from running down the side of the road to a culvert; flooding on front of section due to Council removing top layer of soil for roading (when road was upgraded many years ago); runs off the road into our property and ponds there; culvert on Mataikona Road at Sandy Bay; also prior to Okau sea wall, seawater goes over road and front part of my property.

One problem from Whakataki was recorded as - only at high tide when we get a lot of rain for a few days. A number problems occurred at Castlepoint and included ponding at gateway to section, from road, in time of

heavy rain; run off from poor planning of subdivision above our property; not big enough for this years rain; run off from new subdivision scouring access roadway; we own a stormwater drain that goes down into the sea, at least 5 other sections stormwater and overflow comes through our drain with no agreement; hill slipping behind house due to stormwater from above; water flowing off the hill behind my property across road and down under house; water running across lawn and scouring out bank and flushing debris on to road; water coming down from houses up above, ground starting to move; stream from camp through my property is full of rubbish from caravanners in camp; floods badly through vegetation, through Esplanade; there is an open stormwater drain through the back of our property; since the judder bar was formed beside 111 Jetty Road, the water collects either side and makes it almost impossible for walking public; after only slight rain, water collects in great pool on road at gateway making walking exit to street difficult, what drainage there is, is mostly blocked or overgrown; since the extension of Guthrie Crescent, the channel outside No.22 can't cope with the increased flow and comes over the side; erosion, but nothing the Council can fix; land slippage addressed by pole planting programme with WRC; road drains full of sand causing water to back up and flood the lower section; Council maintenance requires improvement.

**How important a priority are the following services as they relate to your own property?**

20. How important do you think the provision of community schemes are for the property you identified on page 2 of this survey, for water supply, sewage disposal, and stormwater management?

Please indicate for **each service** whether it is a high, medium or low priority or not a priority. (please tick **one** box on each line)

	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority	Don't know
a) Water supply scheme	7.8	16.3	13.7	<b>52.9</b>	0.7
b) Sewerage scheme	<b>33.3</b>	7.8	4.6	<b>39.9</b>	0.7
c) Stormwater management scheme	16.3	<b>23.5</b>	11.8	<b>39.2</b>	1.3

21. In what order would you rank the priority for addressing these issues (put 1 next to your highest priority, 2 for the next highest priority and 3 for the lowest priority)?

	Rank 1	2	3
a) Water supply scheme	14.4	18.3	<b>32.0</b>
b) Sewerage scheme	<b>35.3</b>	15.7	11.8
c) Stormwater management scheme	18.3	<b>27.5</b>	19.0

The following questions relate to your household's interest in connecting to the following services for your own property.

**WATER SUPPLY**

22. Would you consider connecting to a community water supply scheme if it was provided for your property? (please tick one box).

Yes	26.1	1
<b>No</b>	<b>52.3</b>	2
Not sure	17.6	3

23. Providing a water supply scheme may be difficult due to the shortage of natural water systems and therefore may not be possible. If it was possible it would require a contribution from the community possibly through a combination of an annual charge or rate and a capital charge at the time of connection. If a community water supply scheme were built for your property as marked on page 2 would you consider joining the scheme...?



(tick the one answer that best matches your thinking)

Straight away because our existing system is unsatisfactory	3.9
Straight away because of the scheme's environmental advantages	5.2
In the future when our current system requires upgrading	11.8
Only when Council required all properties to connect	45.1
Other (please specify)	25.5

#### MATAIKONA RD

Very happy with system of rooftop collection; not relevant question to our lifestyle, choice of living at Castlepoint area; not needed or required (2), would not pay; do not believe Council could require owners to connect as indicated by this statement; would oppose such a scheme; never, our own is adequate; wouldn't want to even if we were meant to, an unnecessary expense in our situation.

#### WHAKATAKI

Our water supply is okay all year round (4).

#### McLAUGHLIN DRIVE

No, we only use the property about two months of the year.

#### CASTLEPOINT URBAN

Let's pay off the sewerage first, Council said \$120.00 per year for ten years, it came out \$160.00 over fifteen years so why trust Council; dependent on cost, especially capital charge at time of connection; only if Council provided it free of any charge, rain collection is adequate, difficult to conceive of Council requiring connection to a water supply scheme; once building commences we would consider connecting to community water supply; you are dreaming, Council put water right along the beachfront to toilets and wouldn't put a line to top of Guthrie Crescent for emergency services, eg fire; no, our tank supply is sufficient and a water supply would be very expensive; would totally oppose a water scheme; we at Castlepoint are paying off one scheme, don't load us with another; tank supply adequate; not necessary; never; never, rainfall is adequate; absolutely not, my facilities are fully adequate; never, stupid idea; would not want to join if there was any charge; satisfied with rainwater system and quantity of water available; why would Council require us to connect when we have our own rainwater?; as we have a very adequate scheme and are used to providing our own water, I would find it hard to hook up and pay for something we have already provided for of our own account! We use tanks collecting rainwater which are perfectly adequate; we have our own water sources and do not feel it is applicable; I have no need for such a scheme and have little confidence in the Council to supply a cost effective solution; have always managed with amount on hand; we have adequate tank supply with no health problems, I can see no reason why Council would require us to connect to future scheme; each household should be responsible to conserve their resources.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

24. If your property/residence is in the Castlepoint urban area (Area 4 on page 2), please go to Q.25 (Castlepoint urban area has a sewage disposal scheme, to which properties must be connected).

If your property/residence is in any other area, please answer questions 24a and b.

24a. Would you consider connecting to a community sewage disposal scheme if it was provided for your property? *(please tick one box).*

Yes 16.1 1

**No 64.5 2**

Not sure 16.1 3

24b. Providing a sewerage scheme would require a contribution from the community possibly through a combination of an annual charge or rate and a capital charge at the time of connection. If a community sewerage system was built for your settlement (as marked on page 2) would you consider joining the scheme...?

*(tick the one answer that best matches your thinking)*

Straight away because our existing system is unsatisfactory 3.2

Straight away because of the scheme's environmental advantages 3.2

In the future when our current system requires upgrading 8.1

**Only when Council required all properties to connect 51.6**

Other *(please specify)* 17.7

## MATAIKONA RD

Very happy with present system; the current sewerage scheme in operation at Castlepoint seems to have had pollution problems and new dwellings are still hooking onto this system which continues to pollute the stream, surely this needs addressing before even contemplating additional sewerage scheme in other outlined areas.

Why was the firm initially engaged to design the system not held liable for the failure of the design to adequately dispose of sewage waste without polluting the waterways? Own system more than adequate and has already been paid for so would not consider new system. I would oppose such a scheme. Never, individual systems are safer in our cases. No, would just be another unnecessary expense when our system is adequate.

## WHAKATAKI

The property at McLaughlin Drive is okay, as is. Have a satisfactory existing system. Would be concerned as to where a community sewerage scheme would be disposed of. We have spent a lot of money installing a septic tank, which is trouble free and don't wish to contribute to or connect to any Council scheme. The cost would be astronomical and can't be seen in the foreseeable future.

## PART III. STYLE OF DEVELOPMENT

### 25 & 26 Style of development that you would prefer

25. Bearing in mind that higher standards of presentation and development may result in special area rates to fund the additional costs, would you like to see the **area you indicated on page 2...**? (please tick one box)

Developed to resemble a formal urban/resort style streetscape. 2.1

**Or would you prefer an authentic traditional beach style of presentation. 85.8**

A mix of both 0.5

Other 0.5

No reply 11.1

26. The District Plan currently places restriction on lot sizes (300m<sup>2</sup> urban serviced - minimum), housing density (1 per 300m<sup>2</sup> urban serviced and 1 per certificate of title elsewhere) and a maximum height of 10 metres. Urban serviced is defined as the urban area of Castlepoint and density averages increase with the number of houses and lots created. Further restrictions or codes would require a change to the District Plan, which would be subject to consultation with the community.

Do you support or oppose the following types of development? (please tick one box on each line)

	<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Neither support nor oppose</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>
a) All roads kerbed and channelled	<b>11.6</b>	<b>25.8</b>	28.9	18.9	3.7
b) Street lighting throughout resort	<b>8.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	30	11.6	5.8
c) Sealed footpaths in all streets	8.9	14.2	33.7	<b>24.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>
d) Street trees	<b>16.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	23.2	14.2	3.2
e) Restrictions on lot/section sizes and density	<b>30</b>	<b>32.1</b>	16.8	9.5	1.6
f) Restrictions on density of housing	<b>36.8</b>	<b>30.5</b>	12.1	7.9	2.1
g) Restrictions on building height	<b>37.9</b>	<b>30.5</b>	13.2	5.8	2.1
h) Development codes eg permitted colours and design styles for buildings	6.8	12.1	22.6	<b>29.5</b>	<b>18.4</b>
i) Development guidelines – which are suggestions for design style that are not enforceable	<b>7.4</b>	<b>25.8</b>	30.5	16.8	8.9
j) All signage of certain agreed style eg at entrance, beach access, warnings	<b>17.9</b>	<b>39.5</b>	27.4	3.2	2.1
k) Other (please specify)	6.8		0.5		

One Mataikona Road respondent supported the sealing in front of houses to prevent dust problem and easier walking, as there are no footpaths.

In addition to the items listed above Castlepoint respondents specified - reduce the amount of signage, looks like a car sales yard; beachfront to include good grassed picnic area; houses should be built to a standard, not old ones re-sited; minimum lot sizes must be large enough for boat, two cars, trailer, lawn, in addition to house area; a clear plan which protects the character of Castlepoint which is currently being seriously damaged by Council actions and lack of effective controls; please do not lose the ambience of the resort by urban standards, see Piha in Auckland, completely unspoilt; keep the skyline free of development; amenity planting i.e. Norfolk Pines or Pohutukawa or native planting indigenous to the area to give Castlepoint its own identity; commercial boats on trailers in the Basin are a unique and intrinsic feature of Castlepoint, they should be allowed to stay.

And the one response from the camping ground was - drainage around humps on Jetty Road is very poor, water does not drain away.

27. Do you have any other comment on the style of presentation or development?

The responses from Mataikona Road included - I do consider that within these developments there should be adequate facilities for recreational and personal use by the public, particularly day-trippers and campers. I strongly support this. Removal of old caravans and shacks. As long as all dwellings are built to the specified building code, design, colour of style must remain the choice of the individual as we do live in a democratic society and must continue to do so. We strongly advocate the preservation of the natural environment, especially the native vegetation and natural features. Our area is a traditional beach property; any changes to existing standards will detract from its special character. Further developments or subdivision be only of semi rural lifestyle blocks of no less than 1.5 hectares outside of existing settlement areas. I believe it is important to retain and preserve the "character" that has evolved in the beach communities. This character is unique and is rapidly being lost throughout New Zealand. Baches are part of our history; removal such as at Ocean Beach destroys what little history is here. There is no requirement for any additional constraints on development of Mataikona. 300 square metres is too small for hillside development, will lead to off the property parking (in beach resort areas boat parking becomes a problem with too small sections (also water collection tanks, etc.). More street trees, preferably native. Keep it the way it is. Buildings should comply with building code for permanent dwellings. Sandy Bay/Okau road sealed with kerb, channelling and footpath. Sandy Bay/Okau sea wall has been damaged from recent S.E. sea conditions and needs immediate survey/repair.

At Whakataki they said three hundred square metre sections minimum, too small. Where do you park cars, boats, family and friends cars plus a house and shed, stupid size. Buyers of any property should have the right (within reason) to do whatever they like with that property, but not i.e. diversion of water onto adjoining property or planting trees in unsafe areas, etc.

Those people responding at Castlepoint said - building height should suit the site, a three-storey building lying up a slope should be permissible but a three storey building on its own on a flat site would be out of keeping with the area. I see a subdivision slipping down the hill before houses are on it. The engineering standards and safeguards for hillside development should be of the highest standard. The developers have done everything my Engineer said not to do (remove cover, cut into hillside without retention work). No move on houses should be allowed. Castlepoint is a traditional beach community which is very much part of its charm, such places are becoming rare as developers move in when District Plans (and loopholes) make their abominations possible. Trees, of concern is trees on Council reserve areas through active growth inhibiting views of existing houses. A "must" to attend to. Also blocking sunlight to existing dwellings. All new dwellings on skyline "Deliverance Cove" single storey only. These questions are nonsense questions; the station will open up no more land so that's it! Old houses being moved onto sites should not be permitted on any future new subdivisions. Must remain natural with hardly any sign of "mans" imprinting. The current minimum lot size of 300 sq.metres is ridiculously small. It may be suitable for a normal urban area such as Masterton but is totally inappropriate for a semi-rural open space environment like Castlepoint. A more reasonable minimum would be 600 sq.metres. Certainly no smaller than 500 sq.metres as per Riversdale. Restrictions on the height of pine plantations planted in the area so as not to obstruct the views for homeowners, etc., as part of the attraction of Castlepoint is the wonderful views. Things like no turning area on Guthrie Crescent extension annoy me a whole lot. It is a very nice natural beach resort; let's keep it that way with the minimum of bureaucratic regulations. We believe that a seawall with a footpath along the top would be a priority. Castlepoint must retain its unique New Zealand beach type settlement. Because of building codes we could not re-site an existing house at Castlepoint and had to build to a higher than standard code which we did. Now it seems permission is freely given to re-site any old building there, some of which have been damaged by the wind. To keep to a village theme. On skylines houses should be low and as unobtrusive as possible. Water tanks should be underground. Castlepoint should retain its "beach cottage" character distinctive from "planned urban development" such as Riversdale. This questionnaire was supposed to be about the development style for the area (as agreed at the 2000/2001 meetings) and this questionnaire has distorted the whole purpose of the agreed process. In addition, it is an exceptionally poorly designed questionnaire, which will produce misleading responses. Retain the ambience of the existing beach resort. The Council has guidelines and restrictions in place now and we find no reason to change these. Any development should not detract from its "fishing village" atmosphere. Height restrictions important. I lost my view when No.6 Guthrie Crescent built a two-storey house. Narrow frontages of sections in Guthrie Road extension have impinged on positioning of recycled houses spoiling the whole area. Balfour subdivision may yet prove to be similar. The natural features of Castlepoint are so spectacular that any manmade structures should not be in competition, building should recess rather than "stand out" and be in harmony with the landscape. I strongly believe that the present District Plan is perfectly adequate and covers all eventualities. The cost of a scheme change is unnecessary. Yes, one subdivision spoilt by most dwellings being ugly, re-located houses, stricter controls needed on these. Castlepoint has a character, which should be preserved. Riversdale is bland and suggestive of urban development anywhere, it lacks a beach feeling.

Castlepoint is unique. Visitors are amazed and delighted that such a type of beach community still exists. It must not become an Oriental Parade (Wellington) or Gold or Sunshine Coast (Queensland, Australia). Castlepoint is a traditional beach community and should stay that way. Changes to District Plan could allow developers to buy up property facing the beach and produce monstrosities, ruining the uniqueness of the place. The attractions of Castlepoint are the simplicity, minimal bureaucracy, escaping suburbia, access to relatively unspoiled and undeveloped coastline (the new subdivision overlooking the Basin was a mistake on the edge of a reserve). Each to their own.

The respondents from the camp said - the camping ground should remain a camping ground; it should not be turned into some exclusive development for the wealthy to the exclusion of people who wish to spend their weekends or holidays in this interesting area. We value the natural beauty of the area, any essential man made structures should harmonise with the natural environment as much as possible. Extensive tree planting needed for shade and to balance the increasing number of buildings.

There should be building covenants on new developments. Important to retain "camping ground" image, relaxed holiday area for families without too many restrictions. It's a beach area, odd but lovely in its own right, keep it that way. Camping ground to consist of caravans and cabins and not become a "chalet" housing area. Not enough land to develop, it all appears to be in the hands of one family. Very strongly believe that a traditional beach style, such as currently enjoyed, be maintained. Do not want a "resort" style development.

## **PART IV. AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Masterton District Council is interested to know if there are any other areas which need to be addressed to enhance Castlepoint and other coastal areas to provide an excellent residential or holiday area.**

28. Can you please indicate if any of the following areas are a cause for concern or complaint or if there are other issues that we have not thought of that you would like to bring to Council's attention (*please tick one box on each line under Q.28 below*)
29. Please comment further eg give reasons for your response or suggestions for improvements.

<b>Q.28 Are the following areas a cause for concern or complaint?</b>	<b>Q.28 (please tick)</b>		<b>Q.29</b>
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Reasons/Suggestions for Improvements</b>
a) Dogs roaming without supervision	38.4	52.1	
<b><u>MATAIKONA RD</u></b>			
Danger to livestock, motorists, themselves and wildlife as indicated prior. Dogs fouling neighbouring properties and digging up gardens and lawns. Suggest dog owners should fence their properties. Unleashed dogs attacking leashed dogs. Fine owners of vicious dogs. A bit of a problem as some long term residents have dogs that roam at their leisure. Dogs used to be banned on Castlepoint Beach in the high season, Labour weekend to Easter, where are the signs now? Every dog is owner's responsibility. Dogs should be on leads to ensure control. Sometimes people feel that because the area is relaxed in atmosphere they can let their dogs relax and wander too.			
<b><u>WHAKATAKI</u></b>			
Need to be leashed. Dogs should be controlled everywhere at all times to prevent sheep worrying, spread of animal diseases, i.e. sheep measles.			
<b><u>WHAKATAKI No/no reply answers</u></b>			
Most dogs know their own patch and do not wander far.			

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN Yes, a concern**

Owners stop while their dogs defecate on the beach. Council will never police these. Dogs kept on leash while on beach. Should not be intimidated by dogs, eg children, etc. More notices need to be erected. Fouling beach areas. Barking at night. Over to owner to be vigilant. Perhaps an instant fine or the dog put into the pound. Too many dogs unrestrained on beach. Most people I know do not feel safe when dogs are around, supervised or not supervised. Problem increases at weekends and busy times eg Summertime. No dogs on the beach. If permitted provide for dog waste bins. Compulsory pooper-scooper. Fear of fighting dogs. At one stage my children couldn't play on the beach because of an unsupervised dog. Not on. Danger to children. Dogs fouling the grassed area between Jetty Road and the sea need more enforcement.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN No/no reply answers**

Not a concern yet but could become concern, dog numbers increasing. It is rare to see an unaccompanied dog on the beach.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND Yes, a concern**

Dogs fouling the grassed area and beach. All dogs should be on a leash. Messing on beach where people walk and play. Same standard required as for any urban area. Dogs roaming out of control of their owners. Should always have supervision. Dogs often on beach unleashed. Dog droppings on areas where people walk and picnic. Stricter policing of the Council's bylaws. Dogs defecating on beach. Safety factor and hygiene.

b) Enforcement of dog control bylaws	Yes 43.7	No 44.2
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**MATAIKONA**

Owners to be fined for not keeping control of their dogs. The dog is often not the concern but the owner is! Make owners responsible for dog's actions. There is no enforcement. In accordance with other Council bylaws, dogs under control. Outsiders cause havoc with uncontrolled town dogs fouling private property.

**WHAKATAKI**

No enforcement at all in our areas. The dog laws are fine as they are; most people look after their dogs on holiday.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

What enforcement? (7). Fouling beach areas (6). Barking at night. Most people I know do not feel safe when dogs are around, supervised or not supervised. Dogs on leads in certain areas. Very good this Christmas 2001/2002. No dogs on the beach. If permitted provide for dog waste bins. Controlled and clean up poo. Keep beach clean. Maybe at peak time, December/January, busy holiday times. It is rare to see an unaccompanied dog on the beach. Doesn't exist to our knowledge except through signage.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

Fouling. Same standard required as for any urban area. As long as they are supervised. Dogs often on beach unleashed. Dog droppings on areas where people walk and picnic. Dog litterbins to be erected at beach to save fouling in recreation area. Stricter policing of the Council's bylaws. Not enough being done. Need to be better controlled.

c) Beach access by vehicles	Yes 48.4	No 40
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**MATAIKONA RD**

Ban vehicles from beach except for the short time needed to launch boats. This is of particular concern at Mataikona. Erosion is a serious problem on this coast and the sooner this is addressed the better. Ninety-nine percent of the people are fine but that one percent is of concern. We are very concerned at the proliferation of vehicles such as quad bikes/4 wheel drives, which are destroying environment of Mataikona River estuary. Only certain areas. Too many hoons on the beach in cars. At the Basin, beach too far. Should be kept to one access (marked) route to avoid damage to sand hills. Motorbikes on the Mataikona beach. Access required for boat launching and other activities, hoons need dealing to for safety. Ignorant drivers that park in access ways and block access for everyone else can be very annoying. Speed sign. The location restricts style of vehicles to acceptable type, have no problem in our location. The beach is made for everyone.

**WHAKATAKI**

Speed! No further restrictions are needed, only commonsense by the riders or drivers. Poor enforcement or no enforcement. Particularly the Basin area, too much speed, more enforcement needed. Signage detailing where vehicles can enter beach.

**McLAUGHLIN DRIVE**

More patrols on Summer weekends.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

Good that vehicles can go down Basin area Don't change the access. Such warnings on a household notice. Basin area, quad bikes on sand dunes. More local wardens with some clout to control the racers around the lagoon and Beach Road. Reckless use of vehicles and speed in the Basin should be controlled (9). Vehicles used for launching, etc. should be the only vehicles on the beach. Good signage each end. Bollards for discouraging access. Vehicle speeds need to be enforced in Basin area. Access is required to Basin area only. More notices and law enforcement. Only for launching and retrieving of boats. Enforce existing designated areas. Area where tarseal meets sand at scenic reserve end, cars tend to speed. This is also a pedestrian area (possible speed humps). Keep vehicles off beach from below Guthrie Crescent to north. Restrict access as much as possible for safety reasons. Main beach should be kept no vehicle access and Basin reserve, speed is not enforced at holiday time (too fast). I have no problem with access but a very low speed limit must be enforced. Vehicles confined to certain areas eg track, not just anywhere. It is a beach resort. Basin, cars need to be controlled. An asset to drive around the reserve but enforcement of speed control. Access to the southern end of the lagoon beach is over soft sand areas, well worth improving for vehicles, as it is a very pleasing picnic area. Slightly concerned about reckless driving of a few in Basin/gap area but I don't think access should be stopped. At the moment some drivers are a concern. Basin only. Leave as it is. Cars only go down to the Basin, I wouldn't like to see them on the Jetty Road beach. Pressure on locals with hoons getting stuck in soft sand.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

Cars driving too fast on beach reserve. Fast moving vehicles are a real danger in Basin Reserve. There should be no vehicles on beach and speed restrictions in the Basin. Needs restricting. Hoons racing over the sand to go surfing are a problem; speed limits on the sand should be enforced. Needs monitoring, okay for vehicles at the Basin. Vehicles being driven too fast and dangerously in the Basin needs to be stopped. Cars driving fast by the lagoon. Enforce keeping them off beachfront, usually pretty good. Hoons on Basin potential safety problem. Vehicles travelling too fast. Four-wheel bikes allowed north of camp to access diving and fishing areas, restricted speed. Only at designated launching areas and not on beach areas. As long as they keep to speed limit. Should be maintained in Basin. Stricter policing of the Council's bylaws.

d) Use of jet skis and personal water craft	Yes <b>53.7</b>	No <b>37.9</b>
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**MATAIKONA RD yes a concern**

Designated jet ski areas. Maritime speed limits to be enforced - 200 metres = 5 knots. The noise of the jet skis can be annoying when relaxing at the beach. Having been a Sounds resident I think this is a major concern for definite areas. I do not think jet skis are a problem at Mataikona, too rugged, but they could be at Castlepoint, ban them. Too much noise and dangerous to surfers in Basin. Speed of jet skis. Speed restrictions need enforcing especially the charter operators and jet skis.

**MATAIKONA RD No/no reply answers**

Quite happy with present level.

**WHAKATAKI Yes, a concern**

Jet skis not using area provided, the Gap area is not an option. Jet ski owners are at fault in which case owners who do not comply with the law around swimmers and surfers should be fined. Only if they disobey designated areas, which they often do, i.e. close to shore.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN Yes, a concern**

Too close to swimmers and surfers, too noisy. Boats going too fast in lagoon. Swimmers and snorkellers at risk (9). Jet skis and watercraft are okay as long as speed close to shore and swimmers are adhered to. Such warnings on a household notice. Jet skis, have a lane and offshore play but how do you keep them there. More local wardens with some clout to control the racers around the lagoon and Beach Road. Must stay in designated area. I think jet skis and personal watercraft should be banned from Basin. Jet skis (mainly) using this area, sometimes at full speed and it is dangerous. Needs watching. WRC bylaws restricting proximity to shore should be policed. Designated areas for jet skis and launching of watercraft. Not obeying the law. Who could enforce stricter control? Observe marine regulations especially distance from beach. Use of these machines needs to be away from main beach swimming and boarding areas. There should be designated areas. More notices and law enforcement. Designated area. A possible set area for their use. Jet skis need ID so they can be identified. Have a "No go" area enforced from toilets north to sand dunes, at least ten waves out. Limit jet skis to a designated area south of Whakataki, they are by far the greatest danger to people and spoil enjoyment of Castlepoint because of their constant noise for up to eight hours (up to fifteen jet skis on the worst occasions). Should not be allowed at Castlepoint Beach but could be given an area at Whakataki Beach. Jet skis noise especially when coming into the surf close to shore. Stricter policing to keep them in their ski lane. Skis should stay out further. Jet ski action must be kept to beyond swimmers everywhere (except launches, etc.) Lagoon for powerboats entering and exiting the sea, not fizzing around, leave it for swimmers, etc. As already mentioned, no enforcement is carried out; they have a free rein, as close as five to ten metres from swimmers. None in the lagoon, small area set-aside at the eastern end of the beach. Discourage use of. Noise pollution and danger if numbers proliferate. Amphitheatre nature of Castlepoint allows high-pitched noise to travel up the hill. Designated area for jet skis. Present bylaws are ignored. Jet skis banned. Clear signage on the beach. Buoys marking allowed areas. Enforcement by Police. This was quite a concern with the jet skis among swimmers and surfers; nothing was done to let them know it wasn't allowed. Jet skis continually in too close and going too fast. The 200-metre rule has never been enforced. This should be enforced periodically. Enforce 5 kmh law. Clearly define where these craft can go. Signs and enforcement required.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND Yes, a concern**

Being used far too close to swimmers and surfies, an accident waiting to happen (6). Jet skis should be restricted to a certain area or be at least 400 metres from the beach. In Summer, areas need restricting. The jet skis are a visual and aural pollution; give them a limited offshore play area. There appears to be no enforcement of the bylaws controlling jet skis. Should be separate area for jet skis, not near swimming area. Jet skis should be north of the camp (there are waves there of considerable size), not in swimming areas or in the gap. Give them an area north of camping ground between sand dunes and Spotty Rock, to get a waved area to use. Restricted area developed for jet/water skiing. Water-skis restricted to Basin, not out in beachfront area where most swimming takes place. Sometimes outside of ski lanes and in breakers near swimmers, potential safety issue. Water users safety from jet skis. No jet skis through Gap into Basin, too dangerous, they don't obey any speed limits. Operating too close to shore and swimmers. The proximity to bathers and shoreline. Should be better policed. A special area set aside for jet skis (not amongst swimmers) and for boat launching.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND No/no reply answers**

Need to observe standard regulations. As long as they use the water safety rules. Do not like jet ski along beachfront as they tend to come in too close and make a very annoying noise, should be limited to Gap use only. Stricter policing of the Council's bylaws.

e) Pedestrian Safety

Yes	No
50.5	38.9

**MATAIKONA RD Yes, a concern**

More pedestrian safety. No footpaths provided. Suggest residential side footpaths be provided. The more development that occurs the greater the concern. Cars driving fast on gravel road through housing. No footpaths so pedestrian beware. This is a concern, wider road/carriageway would help. Road should be sealed and room for a walking track beside the road (not sealed). Currently no speed restrictions or speed humps in area. Cars on beach too fast. Cars speeding along the Mataikona Road, put in 30 kmh restriction signs by housing. Pedestrian signs perhaps erected right at end of housing area. Speed restriction. Not enough control of pedestrians. No footpaths and parking forces pedestrians onto roads. On our unsealed road it can be dangerous to walk down the road and because of unkempt verges we have to walk on road. Ribbon development at Sandy Bay/Okau means pedestrians use main road for access to the beach. Streetlights, as no footpath in front of house, pedestrians walk on road



**MATAIKONA RD No/no reply answers**

Speed restrictions and judder bars especially in Mataikona Roads, Sandy Bay/Okau beachfront road.

**WHAKATAKI Yes, a concern**

Some areas need to be looked at. Only along beachfront. Cars going too fast past houses, judder bar would slow them down.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN Yes, a concern**

No footpath and some places very hard to get off road. Jetty Road gets congested at times. Grass verge needs shape correction. More local wardens with some clout to control the racers around the lagoon and Beach Road. Footpath badly needed on first corner going up Guthrie Crescent. We have zilch of this. Safe, defined footpaths (4), Jetty Road and especially Guthrie Crescent. Requires sea wall to be formed, to increase parking and pedestrian area. No footpaths on Jetty Road. Tractor towing boats with cars etc. coming in opposite direction. Speed restriction lowered. More speed humps and lowering of legal speed limited from 50 kph to 30 kph. Some areas need more defined pedestrian areas. Speed and lack of footpaths on Jetty Road. Put in some more speed humps. Designated vehicle tracks and river boat locations so pedestrians can be free everywhere else. Only in Basin area. More speed humps, those that are there are good. Lighting and footpaths Waterfront. Urgent for footpath especially for children. Being addressed on Guthrie Crescent. Issues still on Jetty Road. Jetty Road is getting more busy each year. A clear separation of pedestrians and traffic must occur. Many families with young children and lack of safe walking along road frontage at beach if cars are parked along. Corner at entrance to old lighthouse keepers house often dangerous and Guthrie Crescent hill can be dangerous for pedestrians. In the Basin hoons are very dangerous. Footpaths are required, say at the top of the sea wall, Jetty Road.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN No/no reply answers**

Such warnings on a household notice. Possible judder bar between camp and bridge. Drive slower. Generally no, but always the odd speeding car to cause concern. This will come with designated footpaths, but cars do move slowly at present. No problem while traffic behaves. Keep maintenance of speed humps done and vehicle speed is no problem. Some beach/street signs and household leaflets could help.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND Yes, a concern**

No footpaths. Speeding cars. Is not too bad, footpaths on Jetty Road would help. I would like to see much better enforcement. But not as long as vehicles are driven carefully and at a reasonable speed limit. Need to slow traffic into resort (more judder bars). Camp entrance and boat paddock entrance are high pedestrian areas. Footpaths. Vehicles travelling too fast on beach roads. Lower speed limit but would help if current limit were enforced more. Construct a sealed footpath on Jetty Road. Hoons (boy racers) mostly in the lagoon area. Pedestrians tend to walk down the middle of the road.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND No/no reply answers**

Provided speed humps keep traffic speed to low levels. Around shop would be handy to have a footpath.

f) Other (*please specify*)

Yes	No
15.3	3.2

**MATAIKONA RD Yes, a concern**

Areas for fuelling and fish bait, because sand full of diesel and smells. Grass vegetation on Mataikona Road - needs to be cut back a minimum of two metres. At present visibility is impeded by grass height, road accident possibility is high. Taking of paua in excess of limit - this is an ongoing concern in the area; a more frequent visit from a Fisheries Inspector would be welcome. Road upgrade north to Mataikona - dust nuisance in settlement areas and solution, seal road along house front. Graders to widen road. Castlepoint Golf Course could be extended to cater for the growing demand for use. There appears to be land that would be suitable subject to owner approval. Toilets at all reserves including at the river mouth (Mataikona). Idiots speeding through Basin - stricter enforcement required. Unsealed road - dangerous for drivers often from urban areas who have no knowledge of how to drive on metal roads.

**WHAKATAKI Yes, a concern**

Reduce the speed limit for the length of Jetty Road to no more than 30 kmh. Rock removal off the special beaches along Mataikona Road - people rapping the beaches of trailer and truckloads of rocks off the beach. It's going on all the time and now limestone rocks have been installed by the Council to protect the shoreline, ruined forever.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN Yes, a concern**

Handrails on steps down to beach are useful, but a sign at each end "please use access steps" would draw attention to need to slow down erosion. Better telephone service. Policing of area on the weekends needs to be a priority. Police presence is only for two to three weeks over the Christmas/New Year break, then no one. Surveillance camera - mounted before first speed hump to record vehicles entering/leaving area to deter crimes. Access to beach for older people - rocks at foot of steps difficult for the elderly to climb over. Life saving/Police - life saving and Police present longer in January. Beach access - beach access difficult due to erosion, ongoing problem. Erection of wall uncertain to prevent erosion and can spoil ambience. Establishment of warden system - lack of enforcement presence at Castlepoint. Beachfront erosion - Although work is planned it appears to be inadequate, the consultant makes wrong assumptions. Erosion on beachfront is a priority. Steps with visible rails is an improvement and deters some from scrambling down the bank. A sign at each set of steps "Please use access steps to beach" could make a difference also. Scenic reserve, walks access.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND Yes, a concern**

Litter on the beach eg Tui beer cans and bottles, plastic bottles, etc. I would like to see much better enforcement of the laws relating to a) jet skis, b) littering public places, c) use of vehicles on the beach, d) vehicle speed on the roads. Ski lane area - poorly located due to lack of waves in that area, shoreline is within 200 metres of the lane along the lighthouse in theory, making it impossible to use, unless northern marker pole is moved to the point below the lighthouse. Sandspit at Gap end - measures taken to keep channel open and deepen as suggested by locals. If rescue required, access may be limited due to build-up of sand especially at low tide.

30. Are the following adequately provided for at Castlepoint Beach? (please tick one box on each line under Q.30 below)

31. Please comment further eg. give reasons for your response or suggestions for improvements.

Q.30 Are the following adequately provided for?	Q.30 (please tick)		Q.31 Reasons/Suggestions for Improvements
	Yes	No	
a) Road safety within the resort	55.3	31.1	

**MATAIKONA RD**

Footpath on Jetty Road, pedestrians off roadway. Road is too narrow. Vehicle speed too high. Outside shop and crossing for ice creams, etc. Grass too long. People roam all over the road, they have done for years. People forced to walk on roads, therefore at risk. They are but this is constantly changing as the area grows both in popularity and property development.

**WHAKATAKI**

Need speed humps to reduce speed to beach car park. Lower the speed limit to 30 kmh along Jetty Road. No Give Way signs.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

Need footpaths (4). Footpaths not adequate near end of Jetty Road. Jetty Road along waterfront needs pedestrian walkway. Footpaths along Jetty Road very dangerous with children running out of gateways onto road. Less speed, Jetty Road. Pedestrians should make more effort to keep to the side, off the road. Provide footpath along Jetty Road from the store and the Basin. Only bad on corner, Guthrie Crescent. Cars too fast, too fast up Guthrie Crescent. Defined footpaths for pedestrians, Jetty Road and Guthrie Crescent. Keep road narrow but increase off road parking. Guthrie Crescent to beach, not much room for pedestrians and opposing traffic. Lower speed limit. Footpath on Jetty Road after sea wall is fixed. Basin vehicle traffic needs watching. Better separation of vehicles and pedestrians on Jetty Road. More speed humps. Just beach area needs speed control. Mostly okay, but need more patrols at busy times. Narrow road from Guthrie Crescent to beach. Speed a major problem. Issues of pedestrians safety/roading. Jetty Road not wide enough. Basin area is very unsafe. Pedestrians (visitors and day trippers) need warning, normal parental care with children. Speed humps seem to keep traffic slow along beachfront end. Waterfront, footpath for pedestrians. Parental care of children needs stressing, beach or roads. Pedestrians and "day trippers" need reminders of normal parental care. Except for perhaps Basin area. Once again people don't read signs. Needs pedestrian crossing from beach to shop. Speeding cars, young kids on motorbikes, unregistered vehicles. Pedestrians safety. Footpath by shop and frontage. Generally well behaved.

b) Road markings	Yes	No
	72.6	10.0

**MATAIKONA RD**

Nowhere to walk except on road.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

Marked Give Ways at intersections. Yellow lines to indicate "no parking" areas. There should be signs for people not to walk on the Jetty Road, keep to the side. None. No, but doesn't seem to cause problems. Need more frequent painting at speed humps (2). Must be maintained regularly. Tell hoons that the Basin is a public road.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

Pedestrians safety. Signs warning to walk on correct side of road. Adequate.

c) Speed humps	Yes	No
	74.7	12.6

**MATAIKONA**

Cause problems for trailered boats.

**WHAKATAKI**

Need speed humps to reduce speed to beach car park.

**WHAKATAKI**

Existing humps okay but too high. Paint them.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

One more required. Need a few more (3). Needs to be more i.e. scenic reserve end going onto sand and up to church. Higher or more. Speed hump design should be like the ones in Cairns. Need some speed humps on Guthrie and Balfour Crescents (urgent). One more required near intersection with Deliverance Cove estate. One additional at entrance to Castlepoint, before residences. Definitely need more all along Jetty Road, every 100 metres. Speed bump at bottom of Guthrie Crescent and then one by corner of old lighthouse keepers house. Also must be maintained and re-profiled after tarsealing is done. They're good. Use on Guthrie Crescent. No need for further footpaths. Place speed hump at 50 kpm sign before coming into Castlepoint, not having first hump outside Holiday Park. More humps at northern end of Castlepoint.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

More needed at entrance to resort. Need more along Jetty Road. Need painting. Adequate. Pedestrians safety.

d) Other (please specify)	Yes	No
	2.6	1.6

**MATAIKONA RD**

Drinking water - needing to drink. Trees - trees for shade. Tables - tables for picnics.

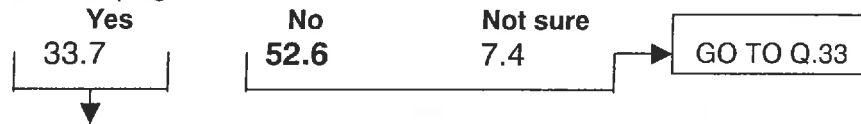
**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

Jet skis are used very dangerously and a child will be killed by one if no measures are taken. Boat parking - in time more bigger boats are evident, tractor drawn, storage facilities. Road drainage and road surface - road has not enough gravel on it, melts tar onto people's feet in Summer, pools of water in Winter.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

Speed limits should be enforced when cars drive on sand in Basin area.

32a. The District's Bylaws prohibit itinerant camping. Do you think there should be areas set aside for 'freedom camping'?



32b. Where do you think freedom camping should be allowed? You may suggest an area outside of your immediate locality.

**MATAIKONA RD**

Sandy Bay/Okau and Whakataki and between Mt. Percy and Okau in designated areas. An area of flat land below Foreman's home on the side of the Mataikona River, ex site, I believe is occasionally used as such. Anywhere so long as the campers respects the environment and remove rubbish, etc. Sandy Bay. Whakataki - Mataikona River. Where they camp at present. From Castlepoint to Mataikona (2). Mataikona. Between Okau and Mataikona. Public land only, not in front of baches. It should not be encouraged. Along the beach away from housing. At bottom of Okau Hill to Suicide Rock by One Tree beach and Mataikona triangle. Over second hill and south of Mount Percy, wide flat sand dune area. As long as it is enforced some of the areas already used such as between Sandy Bay/Okau hill and Mount Percy hill dunes. Specified, monitored areas.

**WHAKATAKI**

Along Mataikona beach line. Unsure. Along Mataikona Road away from housing but must leave site squeaky clean when vacating. Some parts of the Basin area, Whakataki beach area.

**McLAUGHLIN DRIVE**

Anywhere along the coastline.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

Whakataki/Mataikona. The minimum requirements are toilet facilities, water and rubbish disposal. Okau to Mataikona, away from existing baches. Not in vicinity of Castlepoint township or any other development area. Specified spots along Mataikona Road, pretty much as now but not to be encouraged by the development of facilities, not at Castlepoint. Don't know, however, those campers who have dogs, have nowhere to legally camp at present, this needs to be addressed. In front of dunes in the Basin. Scenic Reserve, Endeavour Inlet. Over the second hill towards Mataikona. Not in urban area. Anywhere along Mataikona Road. Masterton side of camping ground. Basin for one night. Between Sandy Bay and Mataikona from the road to the high water mark. Mataikona beach/dunes. Where they are now, DOC land next to Basin, but provide for rubbish bins, etc. Not specified. Mataikona or Whakataki. Mataikona Reserve. Don't know(2).

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

Lagoon trees. Not sure. Mataikona Coast, sleeping in cars in Basin okay. Part of Scenic Reserve could be used. Mataikona. Make use of Reserve A.

**AREA UNKNOWN**

Everywhere.

33. Do you believe the following, as they exist at present, are adequate?  
(please tick one box on each line under Q.33 below)

34. Please comment further eg. Give reasons for your response or suggestions for improvements.

Q.33 Are these adequate?	Q.33 (please tick) Yes No		Q.34 Reasons/Suggestions For Improvements
a) Summer holiday period – organised events and activities	64.7	23.2	<p>Responses from Mataikona were - There are none. Holiday programmes for kids in the country and/or at the beach as they do in town eg YMCA, etc. People should come to Castlepoint not being expected to be entertained and they should enjoy Castlepoint for what it is. Are there any? Residents at Mataikona River organise their own activities at this time, no interference by Council is needed. I think more will happen as the population grows.</p> <p>One Whakataki respondent said, 'No Christian camp anymore, this was well supported'.</p> <p>The responses from Castlepoint were - I would like to see more things for young people. Was there any apart from the fishing contest? Are there any organised activities? Organised walks through the lighthouse. New and other types provided. New Year family organised event eg bands, dancing, etc. Sandcastles, running races. Most major attractions such as beach volleyball, motorbike racing, etc. What events or activities? Could do with more during school summer holidays. Need more for children. Leave to locals. Some room for activities for children, DOC walks/talks. But groups and sports clubs could be encouraged to put events on. New Years Day activities could be improved for children.</p> <p>At the Camping ground responses were - Nothing organised. DOC used to have a caravan in the campground and used to run tours to various local sites, this could be resurrected to good effect. Summer holiday Christian camp is greatly missed (2). For children (2). More for children, used to be excellent programme for children based at camp (Christmas, New Year). Organisation no longer given use of sites as base for activities by new owners of camp. More activities for younger children, teens need to be looked at eg surfing competition. Enjoyed "Operation Jerusalem" programmes two to three years ago (in camping ground). Big tent in previous years at camping ground provided entertainment for children and quizzes at night. More on for the kids and adults. Escorted cave tours during Summer. Four by four drive tours. We don't want to have too much organised activity.</p>
b) Summer holiday period – policing	77.9	14.2	<p>Issues raised by Mataikona respondents included - too many children and adults on bikes, 4 wheels without helmets. Police should be checking on itinerant camping along the beach by houses. More enforcement of roads, beaches and fishing required. Need more fishing inspectors to ensure quotas are not exceeded.</p> <p>The two responses from Whakataki were that the policing should be for a longer time.</p> <p>Respondents from Castlepoint said Boxing Day, 2002, re the jet skis amongst the swimmers at the Basin. Policing throughout the school holiday period would be better as it seems as soon as Police leave, there are a lot more unlawful activity in reserve. Need visible policing through peak use periods. Increased time into January, say until Wellington Anniversary weekend. Extended if possible. Ensure that the Police presence is visible, i.e. uniform and patrols. Police on duty should be in uniform, not go fishing and spend more time on the street, beach. This is a waste of time, you only see the Police at New Year or when they are fishing. Speed control on beach. Could be there to Anniversary weekend. To control abuse eg alcohol, fire, hygiene. Sufficient, not necessary for full time officer during Summer.</p> <p>And from the camping ground - In relation to littering by young people, jet skis, dangerous driving on beach. Speeding vehicles. Too much broken glass. Need to start earlier and go for a longer period of time.</p>

c) New Year's Eve activities	Yes	No
	<b>70.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>

The two respondents from Mataikona said nowhere for people to gather especially the young ones and residents of Mataikona River organise their own activities at this time, no interference by Council is needed.

At Whakataki respondents said an outdoor band would be great and or a bonfire on the beach. Summer holiday period policing should go on longer, this may help control the extra population at the time. What New Year's Eve activities?

The respondents at Castlepoint said - Perhaps some live band or disco type entertainment for young people, definite Police presence, and no alcohol. More community activities for all age groups, i.e. beach party. Use old Castlepoint woolshed. None. Organised beach party. Organised and supervised gathering for the community. Family concert and/or fireworks. Music/entertainment as at Riversdale. What activities? An organised bonfire with Police presence. Leave to locals. Usually organised as private functions and should stay that way. More properly organised family activities. But not usually at beach. Very quiet, house parties able to be enjoyed. Liquor bylaws a big improvement (2).

The responses from the camping ground were - No activities at all. Area should be marketed for families with controlled alcohol allowances. Speeding vehicles. Too much broken glass. There doesn't seem to be any. Nothing organised, eg bonfire or band to stop wandering up and down beach, teenagers no longer want to come out with parents as there is nothing for them to do. Perhaps a marquee at Fishing club or Basin with music to ring in New Year to encourage family atmosphere instead of being dictated to which causes sly drinking. Not much organised, just seems to be a drinking scheme. A lack of organised events. Something else would be nice, bonfire by camp, fireworks, bearing in mind the fire rating.

d) Commercial area/activities	Yes	No
	<b>67.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>

Suggestions from Mataikona included - Fuel, need area for commercial boats. Congestion through poor traffic control. There are none at present and this should continue.

Comments from Castlepoint included What activities? Sea craft hireage. Leave to locals. As long as petrol services remain. Commercial, i.e. farming/fishing very important to Castlepoint. Commercial boats to remain in the Basin area.

e) Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	Yes	No
	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Comments made from Mataikona were - Fisheries patrol - needs more control of Mataikona paua grounds.

Whakataki respondents said the lighthouse should be open one day a year to the public (even for a small charge). I had the privilege about 20 years ago, no one else has since. Shellfish inspection.

Comments from Castlepoint respondents covered - Reef safety watch and advice - through major holiday periods permanent safety person on reef, fishing and safety advice, etc Lifeguards during peak holiday season. Telephone call box and cell phone facilities (2).

The camping ground responses included - School swimming pool - open for public use.

**Council would be interested in any other comments you might wish to make to guide the drafting of a resort management plan for Castlepoint Beach and/or the coastal area north of Castlepoint.**

35a. What is special about Castlepoint that needs to be preserved?

Mataikona Road respondents said - The historical significance of Rangiwihakaumu. The Castlepoint daisy. The moth unique to the area. The dunes. The lagoon (which is being damaged by the vehicle use). The beach and the scenic reserve. The uniqueness that makes Castlepoint what it is. Coastal areas. The coastal area north of Castlepoint is relatively untouched and this is its appeal. Development is inappropriate in this area. Sea birds, beaches, sand dunes, rock formation and bush need protection. The lighthouse and various walks and access to

reef and Castlepoint Rock. The scenic reserve (2). Unpolluted foreshore and beach. Race meeting, increase to two per year. Unique blend, commercial and charter fishing, blending and complementing recreational usage and adding safety net for water users. Larger boats providing Sea Rescue capabilities. Its natural beauty and safe swimming beaches. Castlepoint is a very unique beach and all effort should be made to keep it properly and carefully developed, maintaining its uniqueness. Not let it get too large. The reef as is. I would very strongly oppose adding safety fences; the existing natural exposure is unique and must be retained. Isolation, tranquillity, scenic beauty, wildlife, not commercialised, not too many people, racing on beach, lighthouse. Its size and lack of water pollution, this alone should be preserved. Castlepoint needs to retain its natural beauty. The Mataikona River settlement needs no change to its plan provisions. It has developed as a traditional NZ beach holiday spot and is under no pressure to be otherwise under the current plan. Don't fix what ain't broke! Quality and quantity of fishing. Harbour facilities for both recreation and commercial. Small town, traditional holiday town. Beachline. Lighthouse as tourist feature. Boat launching through lagoon needs to be enlarged. Limited charter operators and strictly enforce them. The fact that it is a beachside community and not a tourist resort. The casual rugged feel to the coast along the Mataikona Road should be protected from over development. Doesn't need to become another Kapiti Coast. The Castlepoint School property and amenities should be reserved as an outdoors educational resource centre for Wellington/Wairarapa schools as there is no comparable facility along the entire coastline. Interest in this proposal should be a priority lest a lack of publicity/interest see the site permanently lost/disposed of. Such would be an incredible lack of community, regional, national foresight! It is a unique place. The natural beauty needs to be kept but allowed to be appreciated.

The responses from Whakataki were - No more foreign ownership. The boats are unique. Keep the Basin as it is and cut down on extra vehicle traffic. No swimming in the Basin where boats go in and out. Lighthouse, ease of access to the beach right along coastline. Castlepoint/Whakataki/Okau Mataikona. The reef leading to the lighthouse. Its unspoilt environment. Its natural ruggedness. Lighthouse and reserve (including reef and Castle Rock). Swimming beach and the lagoon. Natural landscape, rocks, beach, sand hills, cave. Castlepoint to stay undeveloped. Our family likes the area, the fishing, just as it is. We like the remoteness and ruggedness of the area. Landscape, i.e. beach and rock formations. Natural reserves. Its scenic beauty and rugged coastline view. Its Maori history and settler history, i.e. old cemetery.

One response received from McLaughlin Drive said the lighthouse and reef.

At Castlepoint the respondents listed Lighthouse (4). Scenic reserve. Laid back feel, not too many rules. Free boat launching. The beach and lagoon. The walkways around rocks, hills, to Christmas Bay, etc. Traditional and relaxed beach area. Predominantly fishing village presentation. Lighthouse and walkway across Basin and pathway, maintenance up to lighthouse, scenic walking tracks. Its uniqueness. Freedom to walk, fish, swim without too many restrictions and without too many people. Rustic charm/fishing village/family atmosphere. Recreational fishing and enforcement of limits for future generations to enjoy. Access to lighthouse/lighthouse, reef/Castle Rock plus access. Lighthouse and walkways. The fence up to the lighthouse, which has been allowed to fall into disrepair. I have been holidaying at Castlepoint since 1940 and it was always part of track up to the lighthouse. The major rock formation. Lighthouse and freedom for all holidaymakers and fishermen. Sand hills, Basin area and rocks. The reserves and beach areas. Recreational fishing access, land and boat. This beach is to be kept as the unique place it is now, not to become like another Waikanae, another town. A village type atmosphere is to be kept. Everything. The beach/sea wall interface. The preservation of the reserve in a natural state. Constraints on any wider area of subdivision without full development plans. Natural, unique, environment, largely undeveloped and unspoilt. The lighthouse, reef and surrounding area. The whole thing we have now, especially lack of hoons. It is a natural beach resort with a simple infrastructure, let's keep it that way. Natural beaches, love the grass areas in front of road. The environment first and foremost. The safety of all who use Castlepoint. The simplicity of enjoying a natural environment. The natural unspoiled features of a great New Zealand beach holiday place, with the minimal commercialisation. Lighthouse, reef area, Basin and Castle Rock, grass area along foreshore. Retain it as a beach resort. Its casual New Zealand beach resort with original beaches, etc. Its natural beauty. Its safe swimming and two beaches. Everything. Its heritage. The lighthouse and walkway. Sand dunes and tracks. Lighthouse, reef area, dunes, and its originality. The way it is special. A village style beach resort. The grassed area on the beach side of the main beach frontage. The northern sand dunes. Castle Rock, the track up. Leave it alone as it is. Its natural look and the lighthouse, the most photographed in New Zealand. The lighthouse and the track up to the top. The reef, Basin and sand hills. Its "beach cottage" low profile residential with itinerant overnight beach users (fishermen/surfies). A peaceful and spectacularly beautiful place of world standard, the character of which should be preserved. Always things of interest to do. The way it is, uncommercialised. Everything as it is now, preserved from commercialisation e.g. tourist resort. Whakataki has potential for more sporting or entertainment, recreation etc. It has a natural and scenic charm that should not be disturbed by over development in a "resort" style. Lighthouse and access pathways. Public access to beach/rock fishing. The visual features, sand dunes, road frontage. Track up to lighthouse. Bridge. Beach atmosphere, holiday place, rural surrounds, Castle Rock of the lagoon. Castlepoint has a simple rural aspect unspoilt by commercial development and should remain so. The fishing village type of

settlement and the reserves. The quiet family atmosphere should be preserved. We do not need a high commercial beach resort where controls are restricting people's ability to have a great holiday with family, friends. Natural landscape, lighthouse. The fact that it looks like a beach. It would be ruined if it was made to look like an "urban resort". The natural beauty of the environment and to retain the authentic beach style appearance. The Sleepy Hollow feeling. Respect from some visitors for our area and rubbish bins. A highly scenic coastline, which needs sensitive handling to retain its quality, not lose it. It is in danger of losing it now with further residential subdivisions, increasing boating, overfishing. Enhance the natural nature of the resort. Everything. Natural beauty. Sense of expanse of coastline. Buildings in harmony rather than in competition with the landscape. The character, it is a bach type area as opposed to a 'resort'. Walk into any house and need not to worry if you have sand between your toes. Present District Plan is satisfactory. Its historical significance should be preserved in some particular way such as a shelter building with such data included. To remember it is a holiday beach resort, keep it simple. Unspoiled beach vistas. Leave alone. The beauty of the Point, a jetty would disfigure this asset. A safe, sandy beach, keep vehicles off and ban jet skis. Non-commercial, family enjoyment of beach and unique geographical features. The natural environment. Informal nature of previous development resulting in a wide cross-section of housing and house owners. The beach and coastal area. Fantastic view, unspoilt. Wildlife and fish reserves. Naturalness. Free and relaxed lifestyle. The scenery, the wildness of the reef, the expanse of the bay, the fascination of the "Basin" and the gap. People come for holidays year after year, never tiring of the magic, which it bestows. The simplicity, minimal bureaucracy, escaping suburbia, access to relatively unspoiled and undeveloped coastline (the new subdivision overlooking the Basin was a mistake on the edge of a reserve). The lighthouse, boats in the Basin, the Basin, the camping ground, Castle rock. The natural beauty, and freedom to use the sea, beaches, reserves in their natural state. Pine trees, church area. Lighthouse and environs. Tracks along high top made safer. The lighthouse. Walking tracks, through reserve. Beachfront parking. The flat safe swimming beach and Basin. The views and vistas of the natural landscape. The lighthouse, walkway track and viewing platform above the lighthouse.

The respondents from the camping ground said - The lighthouse and the light it provides to shipping and boaties. Its naturalness, lovely vista. I would not like to see it too commercialised. The lighthouse and access to. The sand dunes and access to the lighthouse and reef. Beach and sand dunes. Lighthouse and reserves. Beach/bach style housing. Beachfront. The ruggedness of its rocks/coastline. The simplicity of the area. Retain the naturalness and ready and open access to the coast for the public. Camping ground needs to be preserved and upgraded for families to continue to enjoy beach holidays. Beach access needs to be preserved in front of camping ground. The natural environmental features. The reserves. The camping ground where it is. Freedom from theme park activities, fast food outlets and other such commercial activities. To be kept as a relaxed beach resort, not a commercial or upmarket resort. The lighthouse and it works. The fishing. The sand dunes. Natural beauty of the environment. Traditional beach for NZ families and recreational fishermen to enjoy. Baches and campers add character. Reasonably affordable for New Zealand holidaymakers. The grassed area between road and beach, provides a nice picnic area and gives Castlepoint a unique relaxing feeling which attracts people, also keeps Castlepoint looking more like a holiday area rather than a residential area like Oriental Parade, Wellington. The balanced and unique character. Scenery. Clean beaches. Castlepoint has a natural uniqueness in that there is a sheltered Basin, good boat launching, good fishing from the rocks and an excellent main beach. Thankfully there isn't anything that can be done to enhance or destroy/downgrade this beautiful place. The non-commercial environment. It provides a traditional "kiwi" holiday environment in its current state. History of Castlepoint, the reef, etc. needs preservation, and sand dunes. Lighthouse, bird and plant and fish habitat. Keeping it as a holiday place. Relatively unspoilt by development. The size of Castlepoint, no more subdivisions, keep it as a family area. The fact that it has not been over commercialised. The way it has evolved, it's odd, it's quirky, it's lovely. Little baches on funny little sections, no footpaths, tractors and boats rolling down the road, it's New Zealand, wonderful, it should be kept. It is accessible to the everyday person and allowing foreign ownership is taking away the rights of them to enjoy it. The dunes need protecting. The lighthouse and access to it and Castle Rock. The lighthouse. Continued free access to the resort for everybody. Sand dunes and scenic reserve. The traditional beach style of current development. The magnificent scenery. The ability for recreational fishermen to catch fish from the shore and small boats. The scenic reserve area.

### 35b. What else is needed?

Mataikona Road respondents suggested a well-constructed wharf or jetty; also boat ramp to make things safe and tidy (but would have to kill the octopus). Care to ensure pollution is stopped, keeping runoffs to a minimum to preserve seafood from pollution. Mataikona Road experiences slips in wet weather, more planting and culverts to increase stability of hillside and road. Castlepoint is special because of what it is and we should not be wanting to change things just for the sake of change. Rubbish receptacles at beach access points and regular clearance of same. Cell phone coverage. An additional road to service Guthrie Crescent, Deliverance Cove subdivision and any additional subdivisions. More education on Tsunami please. Provision for access to high country for Okau/Mataikona residents. How will we know when to evacuate? Lifebuoys at the reef and at other dangerous spots. It would be nice to have a native planting programme around the tidal area near the Mataikona



River outlet, this would help keep weed species out and provide a better habitat for native fauna, especially birds. If the Council provided trees I am sure the locals would organise to plant them. I would be happy to co-ordinate this. This would preserve the land, which is fast falling into the sea. Also footpath could be incorporated. Up keeping of road. Accessible launching facilities at other sites. We like it as it is. To stop too much control by one particular group or persons.

And at Whakataki they said fresh drinking water. Consideration for the environment by not letting it become an urban jungle. Cell phone coverage. One public phone box. Pretty good as is. No activity, eg fish farm/commercial venture, should be allowed that will restrict the public's right to use the beach, foreshore or marine esplanade. More play space for children. Better toilet facilities; shower (user pay) ones. No, if it gets too big people would feel less involved and they would then become less likely to be involved in local issues and initiatives, eg dune restoration and serving on R&R and hopefully future scenic reserve projects. Less wind. Nothing, keep it as it is except perhaps another public phone box and better reception for TV and cell phones. The grassed area levelled off with sealed parking bays interspersed along the front. Better facilities for pleasure fishermen, boaties. Possibly better launching facilities for small recreational boats. Simplicity, not upmarket. Nothing, any development should be low key and unobtrusive and aimed at preserving the unspoilt natural environment. A jetty (3). Reef closure when conditions considered dangerous. A restricted area for the use of jet skis away from swimmers and surfers. Lifeguards during peak holiday season. Camping ground that makes people feel welcome. Mooring buoys for boats to tie up to in bay, big buoys for forty to sixty foot type boats, yachts. A few more picnic tables. The foreshore tidied up. Better access on a few steps down to the beach. Bigger sealed area beside the church road going south into the reserve area, which would give more parking in the Basin area. Jetty, toilet block in middle. Need to study movement of sand along beachfront. Adequate parking along beachfront, i.e. Jetty Road. Not too populated. Education, don't litter. A weekend bus service for day-trippers from Masterton. "Compound" for fishing fleet in sand hills. School facilities to be made part of motor camp (classrooms/swimming pool/play, sport areas). Much better protection against unwise development, through a change to the District Plan and enforcement of non-intrusive urban development. Perhaps one or two social activities like outdoor bowls and tennis. Improved security (video camera of only road access). Maintenance and preservation of the lighthouse. Local person to keep an official eye on especially the lighthouse and its general location. Also any chance of a guide with access to taking tourists through the lighthouse? Jetty, safe launching retrieval area for boaties. Develop main beach in front of shop, more trees, picnic table, improve breakwater and access from road to beach. More checks and controls by fisheries officers. Possibly more warnings about dangers of reef in adverse weather. Rentals for parking commercial boats on the scenic reserve, restrict this area, limit any expansion. A booklet setting out the importance of the area, history back to Kupe, geology, native vegetation including endemic species. Promote the resort for these values. Just continue to cater for the ordinary "Joe Bloggs" who wishes to camp either in camping ground or designated area. Families have been camping at Castlepoint for up to five generations. Nothing, leave Plan as is. Nothing. Reduce traffic on Jetty Road. Provide car parking at the Council entrance together with a boat-launching ramp by the northern toilet block. Make beachfront protection a priority. Nil, more sunshine! Nothing major. More about the history, imagine ships (pioneer) navigating the gap below Castle Rock, unbelieving at the haven before their eyes. Surf lifesaving. Coastguard. Fresh water supply. Rubbish, eg plastic bags, bottles, etc. need to be cleaned up regularly or more rubbish facilities provided. The area between the northern toilets and the beach where Jetty Road leaves the beach needs adequate footpaths, car parks, kerb and channelling and landscaping.

The responses from the camping ground included - Safety railings around viewing platform above lighthouse. The Council needs to ensure that the camping ground cannot be closed down or shifted. Ordinary families who cannot afford to buy baches need to be able to continue to stay at Castlepoint in a camping ground next to beach. Nothing that we can think of immediately. More monitoring of fishing/shellfish, etc., quotas and legal catches to prevent over fishing. Many more shade trees. More comforts for people eg seating, picnic tables, improved play area for children. Nil. Development of a larger picnic area for day visitors. Perhaps a jetty. Cell phone coverage. More trees, disappointed to see house owner on beachfront remove a Norfolk Pine that has obviously been there for many years and has left a large gap in the line of trees on beachfront Nothing. More tree planting can only improve any area. Protection along the foreshore to stop further erosion of grassed area, which is used as parking in the summer. Improvements or maintaining safety only. A jetty. Craft shop.

36a. Would you like to see the Castlepoint Beach residential area grow in size?

Yes	No	Other	No reply
13.7	53.2	12.1	21.1

Those at Mataikona that said yes also said: no objection to this; a little controlled growth would be good, but only a little; if it is in a semi-rural beach resort manner. Create some space for extra people pressure (vehicles, boats, etc.).

Those that said no also said: no, because the amenities are not designed to cope with more houses; not particularly (3); no, its special character is now under threat; no, not until the beachfront and Jetty Road are improved to cope with the extra traffic of day trippers; no (7); I would not like to see it grow anymore; I would not like to see Mataikona River settlement grow; no, it is now big enough; no, too big now; no, I feel it is large enough already and would lose its village feel if it was much bigger; a lack of a reliable water supply is critical for future development particularly from the sewerage viewpoint.

Other comments from Mataikona included - The immediate Castlepoint area would not be able to cope with growth unless certain areas were upgraded; not to the detriment of local infrastructure or flora and fauna. Skyline building should not be allowed.

The two responses from Whakataki both said yes they would like to see it grow.

The no answers (3) also said No more subdivision to be allowed to be opened; Not really; and No thank you. We don't want any rate increases. We are happy the way the Coast is.

Others said - Well that's a foregone conclusion, it is happening; not too quickly; not necessarily so.

The two responses from McLaughlin Drive said not really and No.

The yes responses from Castlepoint said Yes, quite definitely but in a controlled way, sound town planning; Yes, provided proper consultation between Council and existing property owners takes place, to arrive at a universal agreement of how we can protect our environment as it is today. Yes as long as adequate facilities were available, water, etc. Yes (2). Yes, if it makes it a more viable size for maintaining a community and services. Yes, in a controlled way (2). . Yes, within clearly specified guidelines. Yes, up to a maximum limit, say no more than 200 properties. Yes, in a controlled manner that does not impact on the natural environment, i.e. beach, reef, Castle Rock, sand hills.

Those that said no also responded with no (43) No, how would you do this? No, should be retained as a small, informal, old-style Kiwi holiday area and not developed as a tourist resort. No, but we are resigned to the fact that it will. No, not much. Not really, it would put strain on amenities (sewerage, road traffic, beach access, etc.). No, feel adequate, opened up new sections. No, I consider development has gone too far already. Not particularly, believe growth encourages commercialism, urban sprawl. Not really. No, it would lose its quaint village feel, which is why we went there in the first place. Deliverance Cove should be the last subdivision. No, but it has and no doubt it will, it must be managed properly to cater for ordinary people, not high apartments for tourists, etc No! Not new residential areas, only subdivision of existing residential properties.

Others at Castlepoint said - Only at a rate that the community and its facilities can stand. Not a lot more than it is now with two new subdivisions being filled, perhaps re-assess in three to five years. If there was room. Don't have an opinion. Not a lot. Not without consultation. No more land obtainable anyway. Not much bigger than at present. Not much bigger or traffic will be a problem. Further growth should be tightly controlled and managed much more soundly than has been the case in recent years. The Balfour subdivision is a disgrace to the Council, which approved a District Plan, which was quite inappropriate in its provision for Castlepoint. Very, very limited growth in size. Perhaps the "permanent" camping at the camping ground could be restricted to allow more "resort/visitor" accommodation. Its already expanding to the higher income bracket, I would like to see it can be for everyone and not forget it's a holiday place for families in the Wairarapa area. Only as far as present development and sale of sections allows. Not too much.

The yes responses from the camping ground said - We see no problem in the residential area growing in size if a high standard of houses are built. Yes (2). Yes, but not too much, just enough to provide a bit more life throughout the year. Yes, but in keeping with supporting services, sewerage, etc. I believe there is room for a limited amount of growth. Yes, in a controlled manner. Yes, as long as development is totally safe from future subsidence and without foreign ownership. Yes, so long as it's properly organised.

Those at the camp that said no (12) also said No; we find it has developed enough. Not really (2) Fancy houses

on the hills?...No. The skyline should be protected.

Others said not much more. It will anyway. Only if adequate sewerage facilities, etc. Would not like to see a resort develop.

36b. How would you like to see Castlepoint Beach develop?

Mataikona Road responses included No more development, leave it as "The jewel in the Wairarapa crown". Gradually, with emphasis on conservation and environment protection. The beach will continue to develop as it chooses; we cannot develop the beach, that is up to the sea and the wind. No, existing properties tidied up. Jetty in the bay. Castlepoint Beach well serves children and adults alike. Maybe disguise the toilet block with a grass mound and plantings. Slowly. I wouldn't. I suggest that a fishing wharf constructed straight out from the beach in front of the shop ending in a tree shape would be very popular for "safe" fishing for kids. Left in natural state. I wouldn't, it should stay the size it is now. No further than what it is. No, I would not. Do not develop anymore. I would like to see the main street character preserved, no high-rise apartments/hotels, etc. Upgrade old baches/buildings. Future subdivision should be carefully monitored considering water supply situation. Slowly, enough so that it is still accessible by the average Kiwi.

At Whakataki they said we don't want much more development. A few shade trees along the foreshore. Keep the same as at present. We need a boat parking area for both commercial and pleasure. Everyone who has the choice to live or holiday at a beach will do so if able to. To develop as "naturally" as possible within the restraints of physical environment. Water hire sports area, kayak.

Responses from Castlepoint included as a beach resort that families enjoy and can afford. I wouldn't. Would like the area to remain a fishing and recreational village. Castlepoint scenery rugged and unspoiled is fascinating in itself, even the wild weather and ferocious winds. Visitors are totally captivated and wonder how they never knew it existed. Slowly (4). Leave as it is. It's doing okay, let's pay the sewerage off and before any more expense! No more rates. With more support from the District Council why should the ratepayers pay for every additional service provided (what about all the visitors that visit). Clean, no polluted bay. With adequate amenities for increasing number of visitors. A beach for families, especially young children, to be a safe place to be. Very slowly (3). With the current involvement on the beachfront and with structured redevelopment in any future subdivisions. Facilities should be improved/developed so as to maintain the current semi-rural, old-fashioned Kiwi holiday/bach area. It should not be developed as a formal, posh beach resort or tourist area. In a more orderly fashion than it has in the past, too many bad decisions made by Council in the past. Left as is. Status quo. Baches, natural beach fishing village, no objection to new land developments, as no more land is obtainable at Castlepoint anyway. The creek area cleaned up and more parking provided there. This area is a disgrace and an eyesore. Not a lot else needs to be done. Mostly left in its natural state. No, keep its style and character. Not too fast (naturally). As it is now (2). Low key village style. The beach is good enough as it is. Steady as she goes but cabins in motor camp and motel used in conjunction with charter boats, golf course for seminars, etc. especially during non-Summer months, based on school facilities. Slowly in a way which is fully compatible with the exceptional character of the area. Impose proper controls on those, which operate in Masterton. As a quiet fishing village for active retirees and a family holiday place. I wouldn't any further. With respect for its natural beauty and not too big. To keep the status quo. Jetty, safe harbouring for boats. As above. Castlepoint has a simple rural aspect unspoiled by commercial development and should remain so. To see it stay as it is, a low key place to relax at. The special character of Castlepoint needs to be preserved, it is unique so let's keep it this way. Only development needed is adequate upgrading of existing services. To complement the natural, dramatic landscape, no theme parks please. Waterfront erosion is ongoing problem. In the 1960's the foreshore was sand dunes. What will eliminate changes, earthquakes do? Access to the beach is important, I now find it difficult. Carefully. Slowly and in very close consultation with all users, not just property owners or main stakeholders of the area. In a controlled way. No. Avoid high-rise buildings at all costs. (Eastbourne and Paraparaumu each have one eyesore). As a holiday facility. Preserved as is. Castlepoint scenery should never be obscured or spoiled by "trendy" development. It is unique. Visitors are "gob smacked" by its wild beauty and its natural holiday attributes. It needs nothing more. It is a joy to have first time visitors to the area so delighted and amazed and waiting to come back, and back, and back. Generally I would like to see the status quo maintained with the exception of extra sewerage capacity to cater for subdivision of existing residential properties. Lazy, sleepy holiday area, not a tourist Mecca. Jetty Road with suitable car parking. Reserve areas retained and developed. All right as is. More safe and convenient amenities for day-trippers.

Responses from the camping ground said more areas for day visitors. As a family holiday area. I would prefer to see it remain as it is. Try to retain traditional beach style but not at the expense of sophistication. Slowly, in keeping with its present style i.e. not too sophisticated. The camping ground must be kept where it is and caravans with permanent awnings must be able to remain as they are. Very slowly and carefully with the utmost

respect for the natural environment and special scenic beauty of the area. Personal safety of people must be considered with increasing number of vehicles, jet skis, etc. Kept maintained at a standard that it is now. Keep as is. Castlepoint Beach does not need any other development. Limited development needed. Development should be environmentally friendly, allowing for the current unique characteristics. Main priority is stopping erosion on beachfront. As a safe, friendly beach, the prices of houses sold are beyond the average New Zealander who wants a bach or beach haven from home. Prices of property are higher than in Masterton, which is ridiculous considering the lack of facilities. Stay as is. Remain a safe beach. We are not boat owners but the addition of a jetty and Telecom cell site would be nice. As little as possible, except for the jetty, which would help with safety, picking up passengers, kids fishing. Slowly. Fine as it is. More fish. Only development should be to ensure safety of fishermen, swimmers, boaties, etc. We like it as it is. Yes.

37. In 2001 there were liquor bans at the Beach that ran from 9.00pm on 30 December to 6am on 31st December; from 6pm on 31st December to 6.00am on 1st January, 2002. Do you support or oppose these arrangements? *(please tick one box)*

Support	<b>81.6</b>	1
Oppose	6.8	2
Not sure	5.3	3

## PART V. CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS

To help classify your answers, we would like to ask you a few questions about yourself and your household. Remember that all responses remain **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**.

38. How would you best describe the ownership of the property indicated on page 2 of the survey? *(please tick the box which best applies to you and your household.)*

Owner – main residence	16.8	} →	GO TO Q.39
Owner – holiday /bach for own use	<b>46.8</b>		
Shared ownership of holiday house/ bach used by more than one household for own use	13.2		
Lease site at camping ground	19.5		
Other <i>(please specify)</i> _____	0.5	→	GO TO Q.40

### CASTLEPOINT URBAN

Section, no house.

No house as yet, just a section.

Owner of section, holiday home to be built.

Castlepoint Church Trust

Section only 2.1

39. For how long have you had an ownership interest in this area? *(please tick one box)*

Less than one year	2.6
One year or more but less than five years	17.9
Five years or more but less than fifteen years	<b>33.7</b>
Fifteen years or more	<b>42.1</b>

40. How many people, including yourself, live in your immediate household?  
\_\_\_\_\_ people

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight	Nine	Ten	No reply
6.8	35.8	12.6	19.5	5.3	6.3	1.1	0.5		0.5	11.6

- 41a. Including yourself, how many adults?

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight	Nine	Ten	No reply
8.4	53.7	11.6	8.9	2.1	2.6		2			11.6

41b. And how many children (less than 16 years old)?

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	None	No reply
10.0	13.2	3.7	1.1	0.5	60.0	11.6

42. Where is your main residence located (where do you live most or more than half the time) (tick the box that best describes the location of your main residence)

I live at the property indicated on page 2 of the survey

14.2 → Please skip Q.43

Masterton – urban area

32.1

Masterton – rural area

13.2

Carterton District/ South Wairarapa District

6.8

Greater Wellington region

14.7 → Please answer Q.43

Tararua District

5.3

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10.0

**MATAIKONA RD**

Feilding, Wanganui. Makara, Wellington. Manawatu (2).

**WHAKATAKI**

Northland. Palmerston North. Auckland.

**McLAUGHLIN DRIVE**

Palmerston North. Auckland.

**CASTLEPOINT URBAN**

Waipukurau, Hawkes Bay. Taranaki. Palmerston North. Buderim, Queensland, Australia. Motueka.

**CASTLEPOINT CAMPING GROUND**

Manawatu (Palmerston North).

43. As your main residence is not located at the property you have indicated on page 2 of the survey, can you estimate the pattern of time spent there over the last 12 months by your household (excluding visitors)? (The average number of days and the average number of people per day.)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Days	137	124	127	117	99	105	102	98	110	122	110	131
Average No of days	15.3	7.4	6.0	6.7	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.4	5.1	5.4	6.1	9.0

