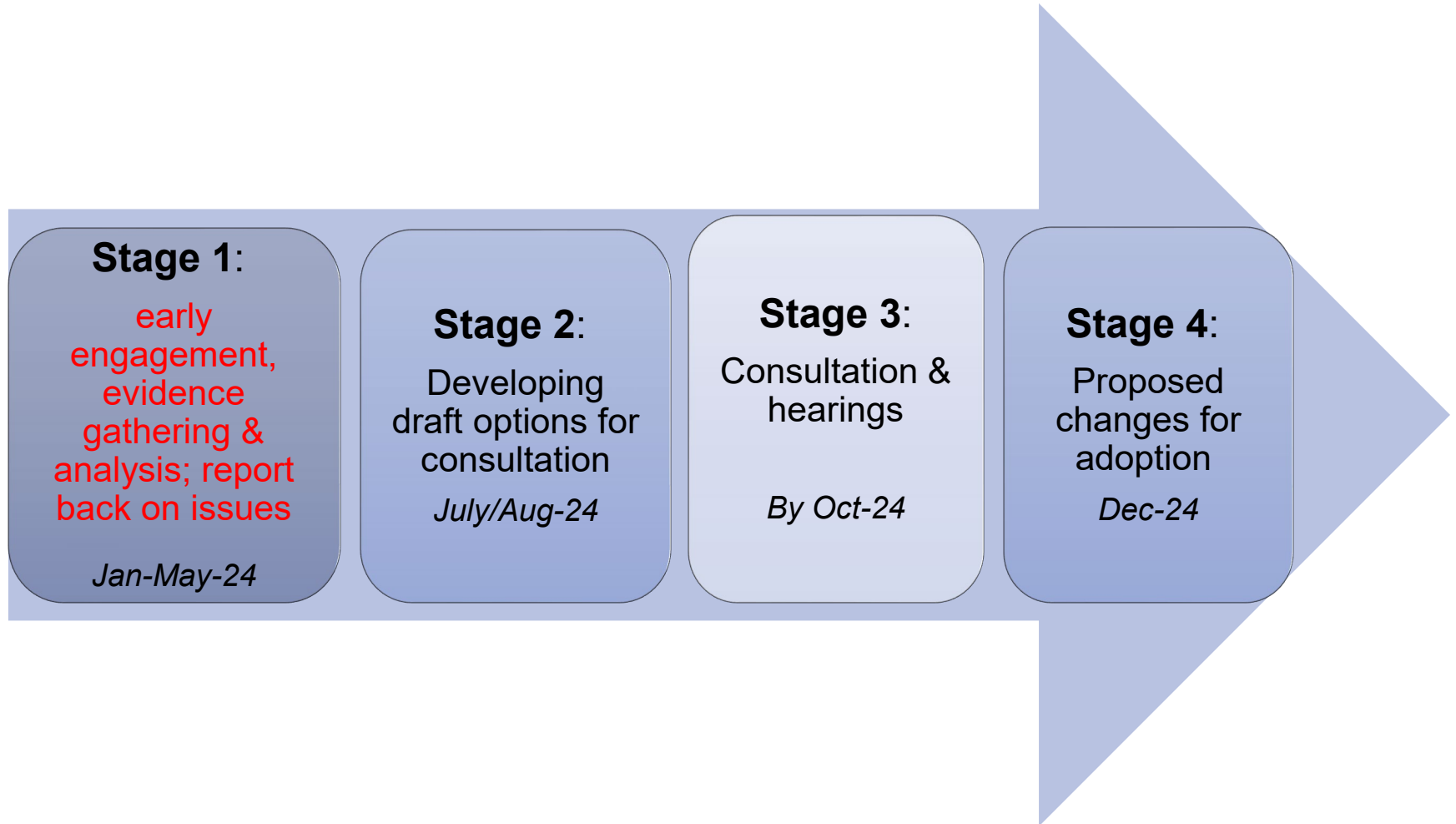


# Freedom Camping Policy 2012 Review

Briefing – 25 June 2024

Identifying and understanding drivers, pressures and issues, and opportunities for freedom camping in Kāpiti

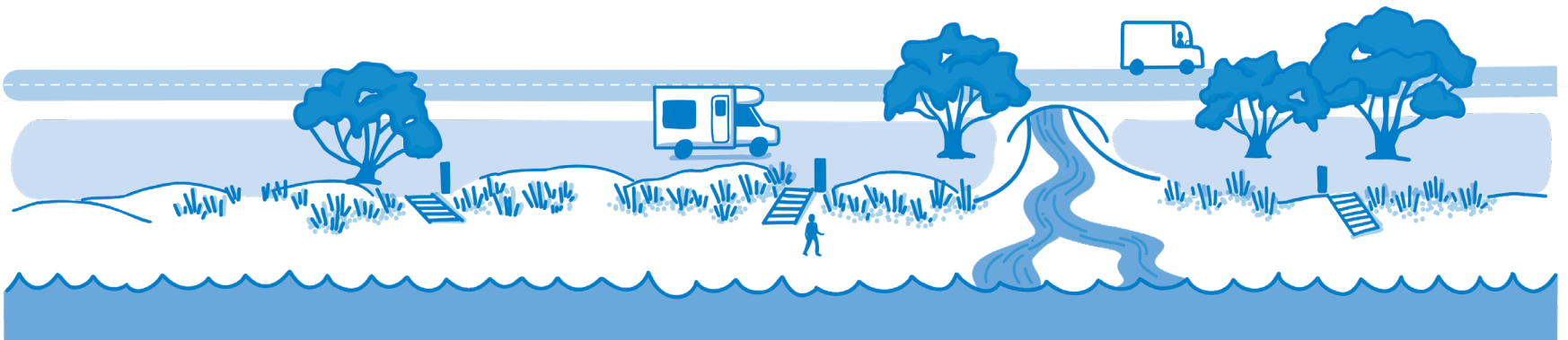
# Today's session



# Our current approach

Our current policy:

- Identifies nine sites for responsible camping
- Restricts the number of vehicles, duration, and allows self-contained vehicles only
- The policy differs to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (FCA)
- Has a strong focus on education to manage freedom camping.



# The need for review

Changing context:

- 2023 legislation has introduced a certified self-contained vehicles requirement – transitioning by mid-2025.
  - Increasing levels of activity
  - Creating pressures and issues, but also opportunities
  - Consideration of bylaw for additional powers
- The FCA has also been amended to ensure people experiencing homelessness aren't unfairly penalised.

# Our evidence gathering

We have reviewed and analysed:

- Changes to the Freedom Camping Act
- Pre- and post-covid tourism data (including camping visitors)
- Freedom camping visitor survey (January-June 2023)
- Service Requests 2018-2024
- Compliance monitoring data 2018-2024
- *Vision Kāpiti* feedback
- Freedom camping fit with our other plans/bylaws
- What other Councils are doing
- Initial stock take of our land with a freedom camping lens

# Our stakeholder early-engagement

- Iwi partners on review and need for stock take
- Council-affected teams i.e. Parks, Roding, Regulatory
- Other land authorities to determine their approaches
- Tourism/economic development associations
- New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) regarding their goals & priorities
- KiwiCamp/KiwiCash re what they can provide
- Other Councils on their issues and management of them
- Camping apps regarding supporting information

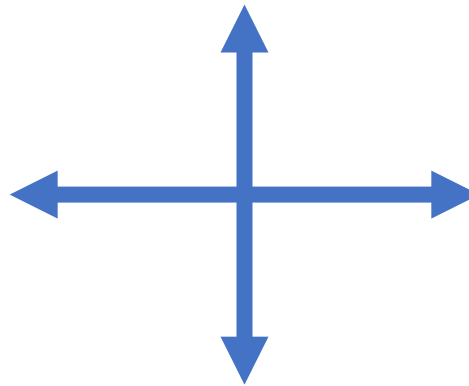
# Workshop themes

**Tourism**

**Compliance &  
enforcement**

**Freedom  
Camping sites**

**Impacts**



# Thoughts

- To what extent do we want to support freedom camping in our district?
- What practical considerations are important for assessing freedom camping sites?
- What opportunities are there to consider?
- What are the benefits of freedom campers visiting our district?
- Would additional bylaw powers help manage freedom camping?