

## **Speech made to Whangarei District Council - 23rd March 2011.**

Mr. Deputy Mayor, Councillors, Staff and Members of the Public.

My name is Brian May. I have owned and operated a tyre business in Whangarei for 20 years, which has existing and established rights.

For the past five years my business has had signage issues with the Compliance team.

Approximately 5 to 6 complaints allegedly, from the public sector. And 7 to 9 in the later stages, from the Compliance Team.

No proof what so ever provided - all under sec 7 - 2A of the Local Government Act.

Section s.14 of the Local Government Act states:

“A Local Authority should conduct its business in an open and transparent, democratically, accountable manner”.

Is this a fair and reasonable situation? Is this a democratic situation?

My vehicles cannot be parked on the roadside or public place and will be towed by the council. In the latest abatement notice none of my vehicles can be parked at my business premises on leased land.

Please refer to Part 3 Motor Vehicles Section 2 of the Fringe Benefit Tax Law. - (Highlighted in pink.)

Does this council claim to be above the IRD's requisites?

I intend to pursue this matter further with the Honourable Peter Dunne.

Last year, February 10th 2010, just for good measure an ex-councillor, with the council contracts blocked off 12 car parks with power poles to deny parking, for approximately 5 months. Is this fair and reasonable?

This confrontational, bully boy, council culture within the Compliance department is totally unacceptable. Is this a case of acting outside their powers? Fair and reasonable?

Nothing changes, if nothing changes.

The PC Bureaucratic gravy train worsens every year with more laws. Are we going to get lip service or leadership?

I would expect a reply from council in 14 days in resolving this issue.

Is this not a reasonable request?

Thank you for your time.