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Proposed roading bylaw open for consultation

Southland District Council's proposed Roding Bylaw 2008 is out for public consultation.

Roding Manager Michael Voss said the present Roding Bylaw was adopted in 2001 and under legislation has to be reviewed.

"The purpose of the bylaw is to give Council legal means to control activities that are a nuisance to the general public using Southland roads," Mr Voss said.

The existing bylaw focuses on stock droving, speed limits, parking restrictions, one-way roads, vehicular accessways and heavy traffic prohibitions. However, when reviewing it, a number of issues were identified, including the section on speed limits, which now has its own bylaw, he said.

The bylaw was also examined to see what improvements could be made to remedy any issues within the roading environment.

"We looked at stock on the road as a whole rather than limiting it to simply stock droving and created a stock management section. This brings in other activities of grazing within the road margin, gates across the road, debris on the road along with stock droving," he said.

The proposed bylaw, if accepted, will link into the proposed Roding Policy and Procedures.

The closing date for submissions on the bylaw is March 31.

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