Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
There are limited areas where you can have free and safe off leash exercise with your dog, please don’t make it harder for us, all we will do instead is break the rules

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Please don’t take away the minimal off leash and dog areas that we already don’t have

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Apologies first, I haven't read the policy yet but wish to give general advise as a dog owner who fequently walks our dog in parks and other public places:

2 at a maximum - excluding restricted breeds or nuisance animals. If restricted breeds, they must only be one at any time.

A pack of dogs are easily triggered by one, even if they are well behaved dogs. If you have 6 x 6 x 6 dogs in a situation with only 3 people to control - this isn't an ideal situation for anyone

One dog if restricted breed muzzzled per person.
And max of 2 for companion animals per owner

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Tell us why

And every other dog should be, there is a stray dog problem in Auckland. Also, better compliance on breeders

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Support

Tell us why

Better and clearer compliance requirements on those Behavioral Assessors

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There is a huge issue re- responsible ownership of companion animals - and abuse in Auckland! It is unsafe generally to walk in public places with our small animals - given the number of stray animals ec.
There doesn't seem to be a positive shift in this area, rather a much more negative shift given the cost of living. Are you taking this seriously in these changes or further changes to come? This is much needed!!

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Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)
Tell us why
It would be difficult for dog walkers to grab a coffee or drink without their dogs - not clear on the visitor / cafe access.

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Companion animals should not be limited, given they are part of the family - access to many families will be limited.

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I don't feel safe walking my dog anywhere with the amount of roaming dogs so pay a dog walker to do it for me . He does however go to empty subdivisions or open spaces where there is nobody around. All the dog's are under control at all times

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As long as it's just not certain breeds because of their track records. All dogs "can be menacing" depending on the situation they are in

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Tell us why

All areas should require a license to keep multiple dogs which should put a stop to people just continuously breeding the dogs

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Tell us why

The amount of times I have been to the Botanical Gardens and dogs everywhere including the outdoor restaurant. Also some owners are ignorant on how well their dog's are under control

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I strongly believe a license for people working as a dog walker should be compulsory. Regardless of if they are walking one or ten. A license would allow accountability if poor handling or management results in an issue with a member of public.

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Would need to ensure that all methods of training is considered when someone is deciding on if a dog should be classed as menacing or if simply they have had improper training and handling.

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Support

Tell us why

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Limiting dog walkers to 6 or less will not see the change that public and council are seeking. Majority of dog walking companies who already only walk smaller numbers, are usually the problematic companies as they are typically franchise/multi staff and van companies to afford to run smaller packs. By forcing better skilled walkers to cut packs in half you are increasing the use of public local parks, as walkers now do not have the time to drive multiple packs out of the city like they did when they only had one pack to travel with. You are also either going to force walkers to dramatically increase the cost of the adventure which is harmful to clients who need the service OR you will see skilled walkers leave the industry and only the “cowboys” remain. If you force the company to make minimum wage, you will only receive minimum wage skills in what should be a highly skilled industry.
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Tell us why
The new rules threatens to eventually remove any off leash area. This is a very busy and enjoyed park by many locals. There are not any alternative off leash areas in south Auckland for them to go to.

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

ALL DOGS should be UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIME in public spaces.
You may know your dog very well and yes it is friendly enough to let go off-leash but when it approached someone else's dogs who is on leash and ain't too keen around other dogs??? It's common sense, just like human, not everybody is friendly and approachable, same goes to dogs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

make rules & wording more clearer, in many language as possible with simple picture/sign included so that people can understand.
I recomend add penalty fine below it too so people can be more considered while occupying public space with their dogs

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Red nose pitbulls, or any pitbull related mixed dogs needs to be neutered.
Too many strays of above breed freely roaming around my street (Manurewa)all the time & most of them aint friendly.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Have wording in many language as possible,
With simple picture/sign with it to help people understand better

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don’t know
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

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Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Dogs should be under control at all time, due to safety of others regardless.

NOT everyone likes dogs or comfortable around dogs.

NOT everydogs is friendly

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#222

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
There are no other suitable areas for me to take my dog off leash.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Considering the distance to long bay it's impractical to only allow access to dogs in the morning and evening. Day access on leash should be allowed.

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Mahurangi East
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Have more dog access not less. Responsible dog owners already have few areas to exercise their dogs. Dogs need the freedom to run which cannot be achieved on leash.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#396

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why
Keep the larger off-leash area as it gives dog walkers with timid dogs more room to train and exercise their dogs. Plus be realistic about stream edge - as a local I have been walking my dog in totara park and the Gardens for 20+ years and it is pretty much a given that some dogs will jump in the stream. I agree with the riparian planting down by the Rimu tree but, as long as people do not congregate in 1 area I think some compromise should actually be in favour of dog owners. I love Totara park and the Puhiruru stream and am a biologist so well aware of erosion issues, but this is a multi use urban area and the Puhiruru is in good condition through the length of the park so seems to mostly handle a few dog swimmers.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?
I don’t know
Tell us why
No map so hard to envisage the impact of the changes.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Seems silly to have on leash on the main part of the beach in the middle of winter. I've been out there many times during jun= aug and am often the only person there.

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#446

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

a limit of 12 dogs on lead and 5 max off lead in public areas. As I do believe people shouldn't be allowed 10+ off lead dogs off in public places, something is bound to happen

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Tell us why

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#628

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I PARTIALLY support this rule change. I agree with limiting one dog walker to a maximum of 6 dogs, but I'm not entirely convinced about only having 3 off leash at any one time. I'm not sure this will address the issue of dogs not under control. I think this requires more input from those in the industry.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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I don't know
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don't know
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why
I believe dogs should be allowed on leash under control on the watercare coastal walkway.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

I strongly oppose the changes at the botanic gardens. This is one of the best walking areas for dogs. The main park which is currently on leash is a great safe space to walk dogs. I am there almost daily and most dog walkers are very considerate of park users.
I do not agree with amending the off leash area. The smaller you make the area, the more problems you will have with dog fights. Having the large space means people can have their own space. With the amount of dog owners in South Auckland having the current off leash area is the least we deserve. Also, I oppose banning dogs from the waterways and streams. This provides much needed relief from the summer heat and fantastic enrichment for dogs. It's only a very small area in reality and there is no other water area nearby for dogs to enjoy.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support reducing access for dogs in the Hunua Ranges. Auckland has a very large dog ownership population. Reducing spaces for dogs to walk and gain valuable enrichment will cause more problems, not solve them.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I do not support reducing dog access and off leash areas in waitawa RP. Reducing dog access and off leash areas will condense dogs into smaller areas and cause more problems. Provided dogs are under control, we should have far more spaces to walk them.

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

As auckland has a very high population of dog ownership, reducing areas we can walk our dogs and give much needed enrichment does not make it "safer". Condensing these dogs into a smaller number and size of areas will create more problems.

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#938

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Limiting numbers isn't going to stop the number of dog attacks, the data recorded by your own doesn't even display the attacks being that they were professionals or a person with just a group of dogs. I absolutely believe that there needs to be a license in place, this would also need to be reviewed at least annually, and of course if a business was to acquire a new staff member. Businesses need to demonstrate their capability individually. Everybody offers their skills at different levels. Please look and target the businesses that have had things happen in their history of operation, ask them how they've improved or what processes they have in place, health and safety etc.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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#1053

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I believe this is a reasonable number, anymore and I feel it would be very difficult to control in a pack situation. It can be very intimidating when you encounter a single walker with a larger number of dogs. I believe it is a safety concern for the public and other dogs for a single person to manage any more than 6 dogs at a time.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I think it is important to have large areas for urban dogs to be off lead and for dogs to be socialised which is often more successful when not on lead. It promotes more responsible dog ownership and education

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#1058

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
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Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

If responsible dog owners cannot exercise their dogs off lead and let the dogs learn to socialise it is unfair and discriminatory. If it is dog owners who don’t obey current rules you are targeting then a penal system targeting them needs to be applied. I

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#1223

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Private dog walkers in my experience cannot control this number of dogs they are trying to control not do they pick up after them. Six is pretty generous in my opinion.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

What changes will be made and how can Aucklanders see them?

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
None

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I don't know
Tell us why
This park needs a map but I generally support the rules as I understand them here.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1342

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Our dog loves his weekly pack walks - his pack is soo well behaved and respectful when they approach other distractions such as people riding horses or other animals.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

It does not make sense to ask Joe public to comment on limiting the amount of dogs in PACK WALKS for the dogs and their PROFESSIONAL dog walkers. We know that he is being cared for and controlled in his pack, which can sometimes be up to 14 dogs. Joe public has no clue how beneficial this service is to all the whānau and their dogs that use it.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
I don’t know
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Do not support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Professional Dog Walkers make a POSITIVE difference and I fully support pack life - if the changes go through, our dog walker will have to close down - because her business would no longer be feasible. They walk multiple dogs to help us humans. We need them to stay in business. We love them.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Too restrictive - how many WILD ROAMING dogs are going to read this signage. Humans are they problem - not the animals. Humans shouldn't get pets if they can't keep them SAFE at home.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Thanks for keeping our Regional parks well maintained. We love our outtings.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1424

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

This is a joke! The focus should be on roaming dogs and people who are owning dogs without being registered. I'm a parent of a child who was bitten by a dog. And not one at a park or off leash area ... an unregistered dog.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Do not support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
This is a joke! The focus should be on roaming dogs and people who are owning dogs without being registered. I'm a parent of a child who was bitten by a dog. And not one at a park or off leash area ... an unregistered dog. We frequently walk at the Auckland botanical gardens and never had an issue with off leash dogs. I'm confused at where the focus is. My daughter used to do the paper run and we would not go unless her dad came with us. One time a roaming dog walked up behind him and tried to bite his leg and he had to hit it with a newspaper. On another occasion while delivering papers we had to go into someone's property, behind their fence to get away from another roaming dog. Appalling that this is the focus for changes to dog laws. Targeting responsible owners!

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Responsible dog owners shouldn't be targeted! Auckland botanical gardens is a beautiful place and you can see that dogs love it there, even waiting while their owners enjoy their coffee.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I do not support!

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1443

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2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
Leave dogs alone. Enforce the current rules and fine people who do not comply. Simple

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

My dog goes with a Walking Pack of Dogs. Every Wednesday. He has been with this group for two years and he has learnt great mannerism and patience. I would love this walk pack to continue with the x amount of dogs everyday!

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
With off leash area becoming much smaller than existing off leash area, many people will find it difficult to play fetch with their dogs specially on weekends when the proposed off leash area is overcrowded. I have a mid size active dog breed. It needs a larger area to play fetch and socialize with other dogs. In a congested area, this will lead to fighting and danger to people passing by.

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Currently there are only small spaces in South Auckland for off leash areas. If you want to take that away too, people will be tempted to let go their dogs off leash near their residences - a trend I have been observing already. If you spend some time in

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Support

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Tell us why

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Tell us why
This off leash area has been working well for me and our dogs over many years and is a way for us to interact with other dog owners and for the dogs to socialise free from their leashes. It has been a place that is well frequented by people and their dogs - no matter the weather, there is always someone in the off leash area exercising their dog (and themselves). I feel that the Botanic Gardens is something that we as local rate/tax payers should get to enjoy as much as overseas/other visitors to Auckland as we are often there every day! From my perspective, dog owners that use the off leash area do not have anti-social dogs and follow rules to muzzle any dog that needs it (although I have only seen this twice over many years). I do know that the Gardens staff have issues trying to keep dogs out of the waterways to encourage growth along stream banks - my suggestion for this would be to create a 'man made' pond that the dogs can access if they would like (I would be fully supportive of our council rates being used for something like this even though my two little dogs often do not swim). With these proposed changes across Auckland, it feels like responsible dog owners are being penalised (and not for the first time) for those that are not - roaming/unregistered dogs are a huge problem in South Auckland, perhaps

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Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Totara park/botanical gardens off leash dog area

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

More area for the dogs to be off leash

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

More space for off leash areas for the dogs the better

Could duders regional park allow dogs?

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Support

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Tell us why

Botanical gardens and Totara park (which flows in from the gardens) has a large number of walkers and runners. Dogs are not controlled, a friend was bitten and I've been scared by dogs who are not in eyesight of owner and owners have no recall. This will clarify expectations and help keep dog owners responsible and also provide greater trust and confidence for all users that council is listening to concerns.

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don't know

Tell us why

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Support
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Tell us why
Because dog owners get aggressive when reminded they're letting their dogs off in areas that are not off leash. It makes it better for me as a walker and runner to know where I should be safe from out of control or unexpected dogs. If I'm running over a rise I'm always worried I'll startle a dog and it'll get aggressive. I'm sick of having to worry about dogs

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why
Reflects commitment to preserving our Maunga, clarifies rules for everyone, shows commitment to the environment and te Tiriti O Waitangi

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
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Tell us why

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Tell us why

This seems safer for other dogs and owners alike, plus it makes management of dogs easier for walkers

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Do not support

Tell us why

This policy limits dog owners from enjoying public spaces unfairly. A responsible dog owner would know to keep their dog contained and safe around others. Changing the rules means people have to adjust the routines already established in those listed areas. Expecting a dog owner to responsibly exercise their dog, but taking away access to this is counterintuitive.

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

how are these decided if the local community isn't consulted, nor is there a census on the amount of dogs and dog owners proposed changes would affect.

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
this area is a safe place for owners and dogs to enjoy, it is perfectly spaced and designed to allow for off leash access at all times. It's unfair to limit dog access to waterways because it's an enriching activity and encourages use of natural spaces.

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I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

This is unfair and you'll be making spaces deserted and barren without the dogs and dog owners. We should encourage more responsible dog ownership, not limit people to hot pavements and congested streets.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1802

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Support

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Tell us why

Dogs like to go in a pack, having some on leashes and close will mean the others not on a leash will remain close to the pack and thus also close to the dog walker.

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Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I use the services of Wild Kuri, a dog walking service and they do an excellent job. My recommendation is that a registration system is created for dog walkers, so they don't have a restrictive number of 6 dogs, but may be limited to specific locations - parks etc but not beaches. The registered dog walkers would have to comply with certain regulation set down by the Auckland Council, and registration is annually. They must have proof of license available for anyone who requests it - incl the public.

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I don't know

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Tell us why

While the proposal to limit the number of dogs a person can walk in a council-controlled public place aims to enhance safety and control, it risks disproportionately impacting responsible dog owners and professional dog walkers. Additionally, this proposal does not directly address the issue of roaming dogs, which stems from inadequate containment, negligence, or lack of accountability among owners rather than the act of walking multiple dogs.

Concerns with the Proposal

Impact on Responsible Dog Owners:

Many responsible owners walk multiple well-behaved dogs without incident. Imposing limits may unfairly penalize them and restrict their ability to exercise their pets.

Professional dog walkers, who provide valuable services, may face significant challenges in adhering to these limits, particularly if they already have systems in place to manage larger groups of dogs safely.

Disconnect from the Root Issue:

Roaming dogs are typically the result of owners failing to contain or supervise their pets at home, not from a lack of control during public walks. Addressing roaming requires stricter penalties and enforcement targeting owners who neglect their responsibilities.

Alternative Measures to Address Roaming Dogs

To ensure that the actual issue of roaming dogs is effectively targeted, I propose the following measures:

Enhanced Enforcement for Roaming Dogs:

Impose higher fines for dogs found roaming and require owners to implement containment measures (e.g., secure fencing).

Mandate microchipping for all dogs to identify negligent owners quickly.

Accountability for Repeat Offenders:

Establish progressive penalties, such as increased fines, mandatory education sessions, or impoundment, for owners whose dogs are repeatedly caught roaming.

Public Education and Engagement:

Focus on educating dog owners about their responsibilities, the importance of proper containment, and the risks roaming dogs pose to public safety and wildlife.

Targeted Exceptions for Multiple Dog Walking:
If limits are to be imposed, create exemptions for professional dog walkers and responsible owners who can demonstrate their ability to control multiple dogs effectively.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Support
Tell us why

Simplifying and clarifying the policy will make it more accessible and easier for dog owners, the public, and enforcement officers to understand and follow.

However, the effectiveness of this restructuring depends on ensuring that the revised policy addresses critical issues like owner accountability, enforcement, and public education.

Key Benefits of Restructuring

Improved Accessibility:

Clearer organization will help dog owners understand their responsibilities, reducing instances of unintentional non-compliance.

Simplified language and layout can encourage more community engagement with the policy.

Enhanced Focus on Key Issues:

A restructured policy can better highlight priority areas like roaming dogs, responsible ownership, and containment.

Transparency in Council Actions:

Outlining council responsibilities and enforcement mechanisms will provide the public with confidence in the policy's implementation.

Suggestions for Restructuring

To maximize the effectiveness of this change, the following elements should be emphasized:

Goals and Objectives:

Clearly articulate the primary goal of dog management, such as reducing roaming incidents, promoting public safety, and protecting wildlife.

Owner Responsibility:

Highlight specific rules and expectations for owners, such as containment, registration, and microchipping.

Provide practical examples or case studies to illustrate these responsibilities.

Progressive Penalties:

Include a clear breakdown of penalties for violations, with progressive consequences for repeat offenses.

Council Actions:

Define how the council will support compliance, such as education campaigns, community reporting tools, and regular patrols in high-risk areas.

Enforcement and Accountability:

Detail enforcement procedures to ensure transparency, including how violations are investigated and resolved.

Simplified Rules and Processes:

Ensure that key rules, such as leash requirements, access to public spaces, and prohibited areas, are presented in a way that is easy to reference and understand.

Recommendations

While restructuring is a positive step, it is essential that the new policy goes beyond presentation to address substantive issues like:

Holding negligent owners accountable for roaming dogs.

Strengthening enforcement mechanisms.

Supporting responsible owners with clear guidance and accessible resources.
By reorganizing and clarifying the policy with a focus on practical solutions, Auckland Council can better manage dog-related issues while ensuring fairness and community engagement.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
I don’t know
Tell us why

While clarifying the areas in Auckland where a license is required to keep multiple dogs on a property could help improve dog management, it's important to ensure that this change does not unfairly burden responsible dog owners. The primary focus should remain on addressing the real issue: roaming dogs caused by negligent owners, rather than targeting good owners who comply with regulations and responsibly manage their dogs.

Key Considerations:

Focus on Accountability for Roaming Dogs:

The licensing requirement should explicitly target properties where roaming dogs have been an issue or where there is a history of complaints.

Responsible dog owners with secure properties and no history of non-compliance should not face unnecessary restrictions.

Clear and Transparent Guidelines:

Clearly define which areas require licenses, the criteria for needing one, and the application process. This will help avoid confusion and ensure owners understand their obligations.

Highlight the importance of secure fencing, containment measures, and supervision in the licensing criteria to directly address roaming concerns.

Avoid Blanket Regulations:

A one-size-fits-all rule for multiple dog ownership could penalize responsible owners who maintain proper containment and care for their dogs.

Consider a targeted approach where licenses are required only in high-risk areas or for properties with a history of violations.

Recommendations for Effective Policy Implementation

Tie Licensing to Responsible Ownership:

Require a license only for properties where owners wish to keep more than three dogs and include checks for:

Secure fencing and containment measures.

Compliance with registration and microchipping requirements.

A history of responsible ownership (e.g., no previous roaming incidents).

Introduce Progressive Measures for Negligent Owners:

For properties with a history of roaming incidents, mandate licensing as a corrective measure. This places the responsibility on negligent owners without penalizing those who manage their dogs well.

Community Education and Awareness:

Launch an education campaign to help dog owners understand the proposed rules, the reasons behind them, and how they can comply.

Provide guidance on securing properties and preventing roaming.

Streamlined Application Process:

Ensure the licensing process is straightforward, affordable, and not overly burdensome for responsible owners.
Clarifying the areas requiring a license to keep multiple dogs can contribute to better dog management, but it must be carefully implemented to avoid targeting responsible owners. By focusing on properties with a history of roaming incidents, tying licensing to responsible ownership, and ensuring transparency, the council can address the real issue of roaming dogs while supporting good dog owners.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
I don't know
Tell us why
Clarifying how dog access rules are set is a valuable step toward fostering better understanding and compliance among dog owners and the public. However, it is essential that this process prioritizes transparency, considers the root issue of roaming dogs caused by negligent owners, and ensures that responsible dog owners are not unduly restricted.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
I don't know
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
I don't know
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
I believe these proposed changes fail to address the key issue of roaming dogs caused by negligent owners and instead unfairly target responsible, compliant dog owners. By imposing

broad rules, such as limits on dog walking or licensing for multiple dogs, the focus shifts away from holding negligent owners accountable for their actions. The real priority should be stronger enforcement against roaming dogs, progressive penalties for repeat offenders, and education about responsible dog ownership, rather than creating unnecessary restrictions for those who already follow the rules.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
While I understand the intention to balance public enjoyment of the Auckland Botanic Gardens with safety and environmental protection, the proposed changes may unnecessarily penalize responsible dog owners who already adhere to leash and control rules. The main concern should be addressing the actions of negligent owners who fail to supervise or control their dogs, rather than imposing broad restrictions that limit access for compliant dog owners.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

While protecting our regional parks and their ecosystems is crucial, it's important that dog access rules are fair and do not unduly penalize responsible owners. Responsible dog owners should be able to access designated areas with their pets, especially

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2063

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Manurewa

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Nobody can properly control more than three free-running dogs at the same time.
Even six on-leash can be difficult to handle in some situations.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Menacing dogs should be confined to a fully fenced property at all times.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2076

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Organisation (if applicable):

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I feel that the number of dogs walked by one person should be limited regardless if they are or not. Menacing dog . That many off lead even 3 is intimidating for any dog and their owner. I feel all.6 dogs should be on lead.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

All dogs menacing should be neutered if this is a key reason to why they menance. There are too many strays and dogs having litters.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

I believe this is not clear for dog owners at all.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don't know
Tell us why
So that people know before arriving there if they can or cannot walk their dog off leash

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
I support the majority of the proposed changes I just don't know if 3. F exclusion from Waterbodies because many of the dogs love bathing in the water area in the off leash area.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Local Board: Manurewa

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I think in general owners and walkers should be mindful of each other's dogs and packs. If your dog is an aggressive dog which is being out in a area with other dogs around. That's definitely not mindfulness. As well as a walker being able to maintain a pack under control at all times.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2166

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Our group walkers are well trained and no issues in many years. Just arseholes with a tiny dog that freak out complaining. They have spent time getting the dogs to understand who, why & what etc will there dogs. Excellent team & I trust there competency

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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#2189

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Support
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Why should dogs be entirely excluded from cultivated garden areas? These make up almost the entirety of the botanic gardens except for the off leash dog area northwest of the rose garden. The botanic gardens is a destination for dog walkers because we know there is a large off leash dog area here. The proposed changes cut the off leash dog area almost in half. Dog owners should not be unnecessarily penalised

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

The number of incidents that occurred due to a walker with many dogs is very very low.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support
Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2295

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

One person walking multiple dogs with a couple off leash is just dumb and unsafe.

Nz has very little to none on properly trained dog walk framework.

You can't release dogs that are not trained with no way to verify any form of basic training and recall along with the socialisation.

And then somehow think the dog walker is a qualified and responsible person to be able to control the unleashed mutts when things go pear shaped.

I've seen it so many times in the street and even at Auckland botanical gardens.

Personal review. If a person is walking multiple dogs. That's fine. As long as all how ttetehered to each other for the duration of the walk. NO off leash they must be under control.
We have enough unwanted pack behaviour issues in nz please.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

You guys cannot even enforce the rules you have at present.

I'm so confused how nz is the only country where officers cannot arrest owners for bad behaviour and sieze dogs on the first instance.
Roaming dogs especially in south Auckland is absolutely disgraceful. It's beyond third world.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

All dogs should be neutered.

South Auckland has far too unwanted litters.

Owners should be prosecuted.
Every domestic dog should be neutered and spayed. This will curb behaviour drastically..

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Support
Tell us why

Spca needs more power.

Animal management should not be outsourced. That's the reason they half hearted attend call outs.

Their liability is minimal.

That's the reason they can say things such as "oh those are difficult people or household. We can't do anything".
That is utter nonsense. Closed on public holidays as well. What a joke.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Support
Tell us why

Again. South Auckland has numerous homes with multiple roaming dogs.

It's not rocket science.

Whether one or many. Keep the dogs trained and contained.

All dogs should have basic obedience as requirement and prerequisite for dog ownership.
This is nz. Show some class and basic common sense.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Simple. People should be able to enjoy the country with their family pets. But under control.
And clean up accordingly.
Risky now it's a free for all and blatant disregard for others safety and cleanliness.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Enforce rules you already have.

Basic obedience should be law to own a pet.

A dog licence is not enough.

Nz is in many ways third world.

Because any human here can breed. Should not extend to animals in nz.
There has to be rules and law officers in the spca like other countries to Enforce them.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

If you have an untrained, unneutered mutt or dog. It not never be off leash.

I have had to intervene on far too many occasions.

I have no issues with dogs coming to socialise.

But it's south Auckland.

Some one somewhere in council. Should have the basic education and common sense to understand what I'm stating.

It's a big park with alot of visitors especially from overseas.

If you bring your dog. Keep it under your control.

Unleashed areas need to be gated. If you guys don't understand. Look how Australia or Europe or America do it.

So an owner understands the rules and risks when they go off leash but in a secured environment.

Nz is way to dumb as it is.

You simply cannot expect the typical Auckland resident to do the right thing especially if they are ignoring current known basic legislation as is.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2332

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I think 6 dogs are far too many to be controlled adequately by one person, I think 3 in total would be better

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

I support the proposed change in principle however I would like to see maximum number of dogs limited to 4. It is way too hard for an average single person to be able to safely handle more dogs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

I would like all the Botanical Gardens park (except indoors in the visitor centre and the cafe) be accessible for dogs which are under control on a leash. There is no reason to impose any new restrictions on abiding dog owners.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I would like to see the Council to implement better enforcement on the existing rules rather then impose any more restrictions. Majority of problems with dogs in Auckland are to do with bad irresponsible owners who let their dogs to roam free, don't neute

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#2393

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I believe the dog walking industry should be licenced with set standards and enforced practices. My dog is currently walked with a pack on leash. They don't just allow any dog to join them. They train the dogs to walk as part of a pack. My dog is better behaved for them on a walk than he is for me. There are some dog walkers out there spoiling it for others. So reglulate the industry.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2501

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

It is not safe to have numerous dogs that is not under control. Even trained dogs can get startled or triggered and the owner must be able to control them when things go wrong.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
The wording makes the access rules clearer

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
As a relatively new dog owner (8 months of having my first dog) who has been frequenting this park for the past 7 months with my dog and for years prior to owning a dog I have found this park to be a safe and pleasant walking experience at various times of the day. The streets around my

home are unsafe for me and my dog due to roaming dogs and I have found the Botanic Gardens to be a wonderful place to socialise my dog in an environment where all the dogs we have met have been well controlled (on or off leash) and the owners have been very responsible. My dog loves children and they love her and our walks are always extended (particularly in on leash areas) by families without dogs stopping us and wanting to interact.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I don't know
Tell us why
I couldn't find a map comparison but the new plan doesn't appear to leave many track options at all.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I think "dangerous" and uncontrollable dogs should be restricted from Parks where the general public are enjoying the outdoors. Dogs have an important part to play in many peoples lives and they also need space to be able to socialise and exercise in ord

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

only one dog per person on leash should be allowed because people have aggressive dogs. Off leash dog can attack anyone or if anyone walking on leash, off leash dog can attack him. Animal management doesn't do anything about it. I don't know why do we have animal management in Auckland.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
I don't know
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Do not support
Tell us why
No one should be limited to have multiple dogs or charged for it especially when dogs need housing to begin with.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Do not support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Do not support
Tell us why

Council shouldn't regulate this in Auckland it's hard enough living here now you want to regulate how we keep companionship and how we exercise them

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
I don't know
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

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I don't know
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Council should not make any changes it's hard walking and keeping dogs happy and healthy as it is. Responsible dog owners who care about animals should not be punished with rules and regulations and blocks

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support
Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

The proposal to limit the number of dogs walked at one time could have significant negative effects on both dog owners and professional dog walkers. Many dog walking businesses rely on walking multiple dogs simultaneously to maximize efficiency and profitability. By reducing the permissible group size, the regulation would likely increase costs for dog owners, and reduce the number of clients walkers can serve in a given time frame. This could limit the accessibility of affordable dog walking services, particularly in urban areas with high demand.

Moreover, group walks provide important socialization opportunities for dogs, which can help improve behavior and reduce anxiety. Limiting the number of dogs per walk could reduce these opportunities, especially for dogs that benefit from interacting with others. Experienced dog walkers are generally well-equipped to handle larger groups, and restricting group size could lead to inefficiencies, and reduced service availability. From an environmental perspective, limiting the group size would also likely increase the number of trips walkers need to make to serve the same number of dogs, resulting in higher carbon emissions and greater congestion in urban areas.

Additionally, the regulation could lead to increased foot traffic in local parks and public spaces, as walkers are forced to take multiple trips throughout the day rather than completing one efficient walk. This could result in more congestion in these spaces, which may also impact the experience for other park-goers and the general public. Dog walkers would have to navigate tighter areas with more people, potentially leading to conflicts or safety concerns. In light of these factors, it is important to consider alternative approaches that balance safety concerns with the practical needs of both dogs and service providers.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Still seems alot of dogs especially if they are big.
Maybe 4

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
I dont agree with the changing of excluding dogs from the banks and Puhinui stream. During summer this is a great way to cool the dogs down and keep them out of the sun.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I agree not on the mountain bike tracks, but all other tracks should be available

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

No

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

The reasoning behind this proposal is unclear.

1) Are there lots of people walking heaps of dogs?

2) Are these dogs causing problems?

3) Is there an evidence from other cities/regions that it's a growing/possible problem?
Without concrete evidence this proposal looks like 'moral panic' and could even take attention away from other urgent issues.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Please include maps when explaining what areas are of-leash/on-leash/no dogs allowed. Current descriptions using words are impossible to understand.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

All dogs should be neutered by default and people should apply for exclusions (e.g., breeders).

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why
Maps. Please include maps in the clarifications.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don’t know
Tell us why
When you say "Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga " you do not explain what this update is going to be. Are dogs going to be prohibited or allowed?

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why
Why are you asking public support for correcting outdated or duplicated content? This should be done routinely.

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
This feedback form could have been better.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

The reasons behind this proposed reduction of the off-leash area are unclear.
Section 2.b. "until the area is further developed when at the discretion of council..." is very vague and could be misused.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

The wording of the rules is getting longer and more difficult to understand. The more complicated the rules are, the harder it is to follow them.

Could you just have a map?
Who knows when is the lambing season? The reference to 'lambing season' is ridicu

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Maraetai beach

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Other - please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Allow dogs on the beach all year around.

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

1). Maraetai beach is always full of people who disturb wildlife. Therefore dogs are NOT an additional threat.

2). Dogs are important for people wellbeing. Dog owners need more opportunities to be outside with their pets.
3). People who do not have dogs

Overall, the rules wording is very long and convoluted. For example, it uses references like 'lambing season' that make no sense to most people who are younger than 50 y.o. and/or were not raised in NZ. Also, there is a feeling that all proposed changes a

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Tell us why

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Auckland Council's proposed changes to dog access rules, particularly those affecting the Botanic Gardens and waterway access.

As a responsible dog owner and ratepayer who annually registers my dogs with the Council, I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on waterway access, reduction of off-leash areas, and the introduction of time constraints for dog walking. These changes would significantly impact both the physical well-being and enrichment opportunities for our dogs.

The proposed time restrictions for dog walking are particularly impractical. Dog owners have varying work schedules and family commitments that necessitate flexible walking times. Limiting access to specific hours would create unnecessary hardship and potentially lead to overcrowding during permitted times, which could increase rather than decrease potential incidents.

The proposal to ban dogs from waterways, including the Puhinui Stream, is equally concerning. Access to water during summer months is not merely recreational—it is essential for dogs' safety

and welfare, helping prevent heat-related health issues. Rather than implementing blanket bans, I suggest the Council consider more constructive alternatives, such as:

Improving signage to clearly designate dog exercise areas

Installing guided fencing and proper access points to protect sensitive areas while maintaining safe water access

Creating designated pathways that allow both environmental protection and responsible dog access

The proposed reduction in off-leash areas is also problematic. Concentrating more dogs into smaller spaces may actually increase the likelihood of incidents rather than prevent them. As residents who contribute to council funding through annual dog registration fees, we should reasonably expect adequate facilities for our pets' exercise and enrichment needs.

I acknowledge the challenges posed by roaming dogs and varying levels of dog behavior. However, I believe the solution lies in strengthening existing programs rather than restricting access. The Council should focus on:

Enforcing mandatory desexing requirements

Enhancing dog owner education and training programs

Developing clear guidelines for responsible waterway and park use

The Puhinui Stream holds particular significance for my family, as it's where both my dogs learned to swim. These spaces create valuable connections between residents and our natural environment. While protecting native flora and fauna is crucial, this should be balanced with maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog owners.

I urge the Council to reconsider these proposed changes and instead work collaboratively with the dog-owning community to develop solutions that serve all stakeholders while preserving our access to these vital public spaces.
Thank you for considering my submission.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
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We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3329

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Strongly support this as usually walk my dog on leash and she is harassed by groups of off leash dogs supposedly under control of a dog walker. I live in south Auckland and use regional/local parks frequently.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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I support the proposed change
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Tell us why
Too much damage to the stream banks in the Puhinui Stream. Signs are confusing is you approach from different entrances and it needs to be very clear where the off lead and on lead areas are

(start and finish). Clarity around the connection to Totara P{ark would be appreciated as many off leash dogs move from Totara Park into the regional park and stay off leash.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Maximum 4 dogs on leash and 1 off leash. Most owners are unable to control one dog effectively two off leash dogs means there is no way they are going to control it, and worse yet if both decide to attack another dog there is no way the owner will be able to intervene effectively.

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

There should be mandatory provisions when these dogs present at the vet even as young as a puppy or as old as an aged dog.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don't know
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3449

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Would prefer no limit as there are businesses and individuals whom own or support more than 6 dogs. Would an option be that if there are more than 8 dogs on or off lead it is recommended but not manadatory for a secondary support person.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

A restructure for sure but it needs to reflect the needs of responsible dog owners who utilise the facalities and not the individuals who have decided they do not want dogs in the area after years of dogs being allowed to.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why
This is another area where responsible dog owners are potentially being penalised in favor of individuals who have decided an area is thiers an so dogs are no longer welcome. Sometimes set hours do work, but in some areas it would be nice to go to a park or beach with the family pet and be able to enjoy the day.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why
Support the clarification, but where there are errors it should be clear and discussed before errors are fixed. Again the potential there for responsible owners to be penalised.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

The draw of the botancials for many owners is the off leash excersise area. This helps the businesses by having people go for food and snacks, if you remove the offleash area there will not be thoes customers. Auckland has built up plenty of areas which you can no longer have dogs or have dogs off leash as a result people no longer use them. It is also very far to travel for the next off leash area and many people cant afford it.

The dogs themselves will also suffer at the loss of an off leash area in which they can explore and run and play.

Part of the draw of the botanicals is the waterways the dogs can play in. I understand the banks have erroded in some areas, but could we have an area where it is allowed down by the off leash area. Or move the allowable aread around so the areas can recover?
The case of looking after the waterways, does this mean that the pond in the middle will be cleaned up and cared for also?

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

I believe dogs should be allowed on leash and under control on all of the tracks as many peole tramp/walk/hike these paths and their companion is their dog. For some women this is a much protection as a hiking buddy. (on hikes my dog has made me feel safer, it is a consequence of todays society that we can be more vunrable walking by ourselves).
Could their be awareness training instead, like the kiwi training that must be attended by dog an owner

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

The only area i have concerns is in regards to the camping areas. Dogs under control should be allowed. Many older folk have a small dog in the campervans with them.

It is getting harder to find apots for camping that also allow.pets. i dont think we shou

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why
To help curve erosion on the river banks and ensure dogs are under control at all times (regardless of off or on leash) in areas that ensure the safety of other visitors to the park and other dogs

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Issues arise as a result of dogs that are raised poorly. This is not a solution to the problem, but a solution for issues that come as a result of a bigger problem.

It is far too easy for people to own dogs in NZ/Auckland. We need a license system so we know a household is a suitable environment for a dog. As a result, people will raise better dogs.
Don't punish the good dogs and their owners who love to socialise with other dogs because a select few can't control theirs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

This will have a big run on effect for family's who need animal care during the work day. At least in my area of Manurewa, dogs with minders or owners are NEVER the problem. It's poor fencing and dogs that escape that cause the issues.
This bill feels like someone wrote it who has no genuine grasp of the current situation

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times
Tell us why

The new proposal excludes the Puhinui Stream area from dogs but dog owners won't be able to stop their dogs from running into the water and causing considerable damage to the stream banks as has happened. Many owners seem to think it is the dogs right to play in the water and don't understand that the ecological damage is irreversible.

My other concern about over exuberant offleash dogs is the risk to elderly walkers and children. I have known of walkers being knocked over by large dogs thus sustaining injuries which impact a person's quality of life long term.

Surely people's safety comes before dogs exercise needs in the Botanic Gardens where over 1 million people visit each year.
YES to dogs on leash, NO to offleash!

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I think the Botanic Gardens is quite a different case to other regional parks. Where the impact of dogs is damaging the environment as is the case of the Puhinui Stream banks and surrounds, strict ON LEASH only rules should apply.

Considerable effort h

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi East
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Mahurangi Scott Point
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
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Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Botanical gardens is one of the few (if not the only) off leash area where dogs all size can exercise to their heart content. By reducing the area where they can be, and with the number of dogs on the area, this may lead to an more dense ration of dogs/area which would be detrimental for the current users of the area.

The usage of the waterways is another sore point. Puhunui stream is the only please at that area where dogs can refresh on hot days and get a rinse if they happen to go into one of the unfenced muddy ponds that are in the current off leash area. By restricting the access to the stream, and not providing an alternative for dogs to get a rinse, drink fresh water or just be able to play on a shaded area, this policy is making the place less desirable and useful for dog owners.
Also enforcement of the access to the stream, while the area remains unfenced, is not easy to do. Even with almost perfect recall, if a dog is too hot or thirsty, it will go for it.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Instead on focusing on dog access rules, I think the council should focus on actually enforce the current rules. Not only for dogs, but also for others. As an example, the off leash area on the Botanical Gardens is supposed to be a 'no biking' area, but e

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I have dogs, but agree more than 6 is too many.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Not all dogs classed as 'menacing' are bad dogs. We should have the option to have a litter through a professional breeder.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Support, but unsure how effective it would be. Assuming there would be a cost to a multiple dog license on a property. Where I live in South Auckland, the irresponsible dog owners would just ignore the requirement, or would possibly not be able to afford to pay for the license.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don’t know
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
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Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I would like to suggest a maximum of 2 dogs and on leash most times. I regularly take a stroll through the botanical trails and I have come across several occasions of off-leash dogs running up and trying to get my kids. My kids are under 3. I also had a very scary encounter with 4 off-,leash pitbull dogs that approached us. The family was casually walking from the very back, they could hardly see where their dogs were and if it could've attacked someone.
I think in order for us to be safe and also other animals, we need to ensure off-leash dog areas are limited or confined to a space where they are easily watched and taken care of, not just roaming a big space because most times I blame careless owners who want to catch a break by letting their dogs roam but what if the unthinkable happens? so its better safe than sorry.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
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Support
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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
I don't have any comments besides a suggestion - maybe a great tool for dog parks could be maybe a scanner that enables owners to put in the registration number of their dogs so we can keep track of the animals that have visited and further keep tabs on ensuring these dogs are licensed.

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

A lot of families with little children visit Ambury Regional Park to see the farm animals so I am 100% for this proposal, for the safety of our animals and kids.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
I will always be for any options to limit off-leash dogs from roaming and gaining access to spaces only meant for the public.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I regularly use Totara park and the botanic gardens. There are often dog walkers with multiple dogs off leash that use paddocks and tracks that are not under control. It feels very unsafe with children waking and also on mountain bike tracks with a bike.

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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
I think the dog control in the gardens is poor currently. There are off leash dogs all over including in the areas they should be on leash. There are increasing numbers of dogs that are poorly controlled even on a leash. The dog access seems to dominate many areas of the gardens , over riding walkers and families wanting to utilise the facilities.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

Responsible owners would have a licence to walk more than multiple dogs

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
This is very popular area to walk dogs off leash , by making the area smaller and prohibiting the use of the waterways will result in more overcrowding of dogs in smaller area and therefore more risk to people and and dogs

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

No

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

Most people struggle with two especially when off leash. You cannot have control and keep an eye on 4 dogs even as a professional.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
Its a lot easier to understand.

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why
I go to the gardens often an dogs have never been an issue so I don't understand why it needs to be altered.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Changing the politics to make it complicated and unnecessary.
Who is going to police these changes when every time ive walked this track idiots have their dogs off leash with no control or knowledge of its whereabouts.

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Unless someone is going to police these policies I feel they're a waste of time. The amount of dog owners who don't follow the rules as excessive as it is. Maybe the focus should be more on owners who can't control their dog, stray dogs and no registratio

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
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Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

hello - I have questions around the proposed changes to dog access in the Botanical Gardens. i am a daily user of this area and would challenge any changes proposed. i also question the map provided in this document as it also does not represent the current signage in the gardens for on leash areas.

the use of the puhinui stream for dogs to cool off in should remain however if the current pond in the off leash area was restored to a suitable standard this could be then used by the dogs - currently it is extremely smelly and very poor condition.

Dogs on leash should also remain as available for outside the cafe for those wishing to have a meal and coffee after walking their dog - NZ is archaic in trying to stop this - i have recently returned from Europe where dogs are welcome even inside establishments . all cities visited were tidy and clean. The Botanical gardens are a large park with plenty of planted zones for non animal lovers to enjoy. i feel the problems come from non animal people walking through the off leash area and feeling uncomfortable - if they dont link dogs they should maybe limit the zones they

walk -especially given the dog off leash area is not a planted zone - theres no real need to them to amble that way.
please let the dogs keep some space to run and enjoy.

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

None off leash as control of off leash dogs here seems nonexistent

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I don’t know

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Please take the safety of people more seriously than has been necessary in the past when there were fewer dogs and fewer people in public places.

Many people, including us, have had bites from strangers' dogs, when walking along the walkway where dogs frequently come running up to people unasked.

Even in public campgrounds the safety and health of children and adults is becoming more concerning. Here is yet another child bitten on the face by a stranger's dog.

https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360573164/boy-8-scarred-life-after-campground-dog-attack

This is such a sad state of affairs for all concerned.

If all dogs in public spaces were muzzled, except for authorised dogs of appropriate service providers, or with special permits, such traumatic incidents would be minimised.

Public reserves, campgrounds, beaches included. This would also be a great benefit to shore birds which are frequent targets for dogs. Our wildlife deserves better protection.
Please make safety a priority over individuals desires. Muzzles are a compromise when I would much prefer dogs banned totally from public spaces except for dog parks.

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
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Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
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Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Wattle Downs

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

All these issues. There are more residents now and far more dogs than in the past. Few seem under control. I no longer feel safe on the walkway due to uncontrolled dogs.

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
Safety of people and wildlife

Please take into account the great increase in the number of dogs in public spaces these days. Maybe it's time that all dogs are required to be on leash in all public areas, including beaches over all holidays. Far too many uncontrolled dogs have been pre

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#3982

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Local Board: Manurewa

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I would say they are the upper limit of any one person's ability to maintain control.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
We must support the local ecology best we can and controlling domestic animals is of utmost importance in allowing this.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

I am a volunteer at the gardens and I regularly see people making no attempt to control their dogs, particularly around small children and elderly visitors. This is often a threat and we are repeatedly ignored when asking dog owners to put their animals on a leash. If there were more posted notices on what is allowed it might make it easier for us to protect others.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

The off-leash area has been slowly increased by numbers of people with sociable dogs over the years we have been using this area. People meet and make friends they otherwise would not have met.

Please leave this as is.
Thanks

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4063

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Apart from designated dog reserves like at Auckland Botanic Gardens, all dogs to be walked on leash.

Maximum of 4 dogs.

All dog walkers in business to be registered, pay a small fee to cover registration costs.
Animal Management to receive more funding so can be more responsive and more educational

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

More education is needed to promote cultural shift so that owners actually control dogs in public areas including beaches.

I hate seeing dogs chase birds resting by the Shoreline.

I don't like seeing dogs running up to strangers on the beach.
I would prefer all dogs be on a leash, even a long one on the beach.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
I don’t know
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Thank you for this work you all do on our behalf.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why
I would much prefer not having dogs around us when we go to this beach, especially dogs off leash.. Perhaps dogs could be on leash from carpark , along the beach until they get to a designated dog off leash area some distance from where most people recrea

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

St Anne's beach Wattle Downs Manurewa

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Birds rest here before and after long flights to Northern hemisphere.

Careless owners let dogs rush along the beach and chase off these flocks of migratory birds. This is a breach of our duty of care to other creatures in our environment.

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Birds rest here before and after long flights to Northern hemisphere.
Careless owners let dogs rush along the beach and chase off these flocks of migratory birds. This is a breach of our duty of care to other creatures in our environment.

Rules need to be supported by much more education and by enforcement. I am happy to pay a little more rates and charges to support this.

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#4137

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens,Waitawa Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

It's absurd to think that the council is trying to put a limit on this. The council has no right to try and impose such strict measures on the people of Auckland.

There is no need to bring in restrictions on the number of dogs that a person can walk, this will only negatively impact people directly affected and provide no positive effects whatsoever.
This level of control suggested by the council is unnecessary, and quite simply wrong. I strongly hope that the council will come to their senses, stop trying to control every single aspect of our lives, stop wasting money on such ridiculous ideas, and scrap this proposal before it goes any further.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Stop wasting taxpayers money on such trivial matters

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

There is no justifiable reason for this, dogs of any breed can be menacing. The problem clearly lies with the owners, not the breed of dog.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Do not support
Tell us why

Any property, in any area of Auckland should be able to keep as many dogs as they want to.

These blanket rules hurt more people than they help.
The council needs to put more money and effort into helping pets and people that are actually in harms way, rather than trying to police every single household with an abundance of controlling policies.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why
There should always be clarity on such matters. Just as much as there should always be a clear ability for the people living here to question and change the rules if they are not suitable to the situation.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Do not support
Tell us why
Stop wasting so much taxpayers money re-writing laws and regulations. It shouldn't take so much time and effort to clarify things, it's quite simply wasting taxpayers money.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

There shouldn't be errors in the policy in the first place. The amount of money spent by this council on trivial pursuits is astounding.
If the council is making mistakes, the taxpayers shouldn't be the ones fronting the bill to fix them. Do better and ensure council members take responsibility.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Do not support
Tell us why
Stop wasting taxpayers money. If the landmark is gone, then clearly the information is mute and therefore doesn't require the council to spend thousands of tax dollars just to re-write it.

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

This is not for to the council to dictate, give the control and the responsibility to local Iwi to decide as they believe necessary. Council should only be there to support the local Iwi in such decisions

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why
This is just general housekeeping, it shouldn't take so much time and money to sort out.

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Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Stop wasting so much taxpayers money. Plain and simple.

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
There are too few areas in Auckland that allow dogs off lead. The botanic gardens is a huge area and there is plenty of separation between people and the off lead area, there is no need to change it.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Based on the fact that all the walls are already on lead only, there is no need to ban dogs completely.
People that don't want to interact with dogs already have choices and areas they can be in to avoid dogs.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Saint Anne's Foreshore

What local board area is this location in?

Papakura

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:All except the playground

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

It's the only clear area on the peninsula with water access for dogs to enjoy

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
To make it a nicer place for people to walk their dogs

I think it's important to keep dogs restricted (on lead and under control - not banned) at our National parks where native birds are located. After doing some recent travel overseas, the distinct lack of bird song was deafening.

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

There should be limits on the number of dogs people can walk - both professionally and personally. I believe the new proposal doesn't go far enough and I'd like to see it reduced to 2 at most. People cannot control more than this in a safe way - for example if a dog was attacking something or someone how would they handle the remaining 5 dogs while dealing with that emergency?

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Make it a condition of registration or similar.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

The area is frequented by children and elderly, and there's too many dogs at times which becomes a stress point for those.
Also myself as a walker and hiker I find it stressful to be surrounded by dogs in remote areas especially so many who are "controlled" by owners nowhere to be seen.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

Dogs should be banned from these areas. How can they be cleaned properly to ensure they don't spread disease in and around the forest.
People also don't keep their dogs on leashes in the tracks - and has been the case for years. People won't listen to this, they need a ban because they cannot be trusted to control their animals in a safe way.

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Please think of the safety of the public and consider how few dog owners actually follow the current rules before you further relax them. These dogs are out there attacking people and their owners can’t stop them - let us enjoy the parks without these thi

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Tell us why

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To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
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Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Other (please explain below)
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My main point I am not happy is point f "exclusion areas and banks around and in all waterbodies, including the Puhinui Stream, lakes, dams, ponds and other streams and waterways". I totally think and am passionate that dogs absolutely enjoy their swims and there are a lot of dog owners who do not have any pools or watering holes that dogs can have a soak in. Especially in the summer months and dogs that have thick coats need that refreshment to help them get through the day especially when it is so hot. It rejuvenates them and also socialises them with other dogs and makes their day, especially if they are at home all day whilst their owners are at work. Speaking from experience and having a Golden Retriever (who has recently passed away) his last few days of having a "spa" in the water was so comforting for him. Why take this away from dogs? Really, its like saying that you can go to the beach but you can only look at the water and not swim in it! Its there to be enjoyed. Maybe an option would be to open certain waterholes and rotate them to give them a chance to rejuvenate, but please DON'T take away the option for a dog to go for a swim. Its a must for their wellbeing.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
I have never experienced problems associated with walking my dog in these off-leash areas because the area is a good size. With the number of dogs currently being walked in the park, if this area is less than half its current size, dogs will be in closer proximity to each other resulting in higher stress especially for older dogs

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4444

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Manurewa

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why

1) I oppose Clause 2b which allows council to remove the off leash altogether at their "discretion".

2) I oppose reducing the size of the off-leash area. Particularly the area between the proposed off-leash area and Totara Park entrance. I remember walking my dog off-leash decades earlier before the signs were put there (that are contrary to the by-law). It is a massive reduction.

3) I oppose Clause 3e prohibiting dogs in cultivated garden areas. This leaves the by-law open for further restrictions as council deems more areas to be "cultivated". What is the problem with someone walking their dog under, on a lead, through the African Garden or similar?
4) I support prohibiting dogs around the cafe where there are often young children (young children, food and dogs is not a good mix).

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

No.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4451

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Local Board: Manurewa

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
I am a responsible dog owner and have walked my dog both on and off leash in the designated areas for over 9 years. I do not see the need for a change if people abide by the rules.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I think it’s a real shame to limit dog access, especially if it impacts on a family’s ability to spend time outdoors in a safe environment with their beloved pet.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4503

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)
Tell us why
This is currently a high use area for off leash dog exercise. If you change the rules you are only punishing good dog owners. Bad dog owners with no control over the dogs will still visit the park and cause harm.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4505

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

It's mostly professional dog walkers who have more than 4 dogs and they usually have then in areas where dogs can run free and are in control. This will just push the price up if they are restricted to taking less dogs at any one time. Dogs need to run and chase not just be 'walked'.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

All dogs who are not registered as breeding dogs must be de-sexed. People who want to breed should have a permit. If all dogs were well looked after and de-sexed, there would not be such a thing as a menacing dog.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

I think the number of dogs should be increased to four

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Please consider adding to legislation for it to be illegal for dogs to be kept on chains

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Dog walking areas across Auckland are being reduced at an alarming rate. People walk dogs at different times of the day for example very early in summer while it's cool or before work or late in evening when it's cool and after walk as well as during the day, so restricted times won't work. Dogs need to be able to run, play, and swim. I would support dogs having to be on leash in Huakaiwaka Visitor centre, Café areas, designated food concessionaire areas, Potter Children's Garden, cultivated garden areas, and when there are events on. May be there could be a designated swimming area that's enhanced to protect the river bank.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Puhinui Reserve

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Currently no dogs allowed. I'd support access during certain seasons to be off leash and other times on leash. My dogs love that area but have since been stopped.

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Currently no dogs allowed at all. I'd support access during certain seasons to be off leash and other times/seasons on leash. My dogs love that area but have since been stopped.

Location 2:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Duder Regional Park

What local board area is this location in?

Papakura

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Entire location

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Entire location

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Currently unable to access at all

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

I'd support seasonal access for both on leash and off leash

Location 3:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Error

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

Please explain your issue in more detail:

More areas neededNo

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4792

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Support
Tell us why

I noticed in your subscribed email from my Auckland, and also this review that you do not mention guide dogs, and where & when they are allowed to go.

I am sick of telling AT Metro bus drivers that guide dogs DO NOT NEED TO WEAR MUZZLES.

Can you please ensure that all Auckland bus drivers are made aware of this.
My friend gets upset that I always get frustrated & having to hold up other passengers so my friend & I can use your public transport.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
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Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

Put some signage up to say guide dogs are permitted in shops and everywhere that their owners go. There appears to be no communication between councils, public bus transport and business shops. Not being racist, most of these issues appear to be non NZ people related.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
I don’t know
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don’t know
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
As long as Auckland Council & Auckland Transport have the same rules & regulations to allow Guide dogs or Service dogs to use your services. It's taken some 3-4 years to finally get all Security guards on your train stations, and wherever they are being employed by local businesses, to know all these regulations.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
Please ensure you include Guide Dogs in all signage & rules

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
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Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I believe the change is not strict enough. The maximum number of off-leash dogs should be ONE dog in all cases, whether in combination with on-leash dogs or alone.
Please think how the owner/dog walker will be able to control more than one off-leash dog?

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Council should give more emphasis to safety and conduct more random checks to proactively identify wondering dogs and restrain/destroy them.
Another area that council must improve is by applying higher fines to dog owners who are in breach of dog owner rules/regulations. E.g. changing the rules for people who want to have a dangerous/menacing dog. Such people must prove first that they can handle dogs like this (e.g. complete a special practical training course) before they are allowed to become an owner of a dangerous dog.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

All menacing dogs must be neutered at owner's expense at the earliest possible age.
Failure to comply must result if hefty fine and dog seize, putting ex-owner on probation for minimum of 5 years, or (for repeated offences) imprisonment.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Support
Tell us why

Rules must be stricter.
All areas in Auckland must have stricter rules, and a multiple dog-license must be required for all areas in Auckland.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Every dog must have a registered owner.

Council must think about public safety first. It became too dangerous to walk in Auckland parks, where sometimes multiple wandering dogs can be seen.

Make rules stricter. Dangerous and menacing dogs must be an exception for responsible and experienced owners. Neutering and microchipping must become a default approach for every dog.

Exceptions can be granted only on sufficient grounds. Uncontrolled/accidental breading of dogs must be prohibited and punished with fines and mandatory dog destructions.
Council must conduct proactive measures to seize, neuter and destroy wandering dogs at owner's expense.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
Enforcement for breaching these rules must be ready and quick.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
Council must be prepared to enforce these rules at all times.

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Auckland botanical garden

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Too many irresponsible owners: dog faeces are left of walkways.

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Prohibit or significantly restrict dogs (e.g. no off-leash zones) from Botanic gardens.

Very often owners just do not care and dogs are chasing birds in the garden, fight with other dogs, or poo is left on walkways for others to step in.
Council must thin

I believe you are on a good track to make Auckland safer. Thank you for introducing more dog restrictions and enforcing the rules.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4861

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To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

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Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
Too many dogs off leash and causing trouble. Would like to see dog park closed and just used for unleash only at the botanical gardens

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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I support the proposed change
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Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
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Katie Jenkins Martin

What local board area is this location in?

Papakura

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
It's fine as is. There is no reason to take away off leash areas.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

There should be more off leash parks. We seem to be regressing when it comes to dog friendliness compared to the rest of the world

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5383

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Manurewa

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5448

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Local Board: Manurewa

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Dogs are out of control

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

A great idea for Manurewa but it needs to be policed.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Any change that controls the owners of the dogs.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
Control of dogs and owners.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I don’t know
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why
People do not take any notice currently of the on leash and off leash signs at The Gardens or Totara PRk

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
Too many uncontrolled dogs.

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
Dog owners not complying so stop them in full.

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I support.

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5503

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Local Board: Manurewa

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Not many nice beaches allow dogs on the beach, our pups are our family and not being able to have them with us will mean very less to no beach trips for us. We have had an instance where we weren't aware of the dogs on beach rules and had to leave making a 1.5 hours drive there and another 1.5 hr hour drive home a waste of time.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5620

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Organisation (if applicable): Beautification Trust

Local Board: Manurewa

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

The Beautification Trust supports the proposal to set a limit on the number of dogs a person can walk at one time in council-controlled public places. Stronger enforcement of responsible dog management is urgently needed to address safety risks and environmental damage in Auckland's parks and open spaces.

Recent reports indicate that:

- 826 bylaw breaches of dog access rules have occurred,
- 200 reports of dogs in regional parks were filed,
- 12,737 complaints of dogs roaming have been received, and
- multiple dog walkers have been disproportionately involved in conflicts.

These figures highlight a significant and growing issue. Without clear limits, individuals handling multiple dogs at once often struggle to maintain control, leading to increased incidents of dog aggression, interference with other park users, and damage to natural environments.

Auckland Council must set a reasonable limit to ensure public safety while enabling responsible dog ownership. This will allow enforcement teams to better manage compliance and reduce the negative impact of uncontrolled dogs in shared spaces.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

The Beautification Trust fully supports the proposal to restructure the Dog Management Policy to more clearly outline its goals, focus areas, council actions, and rules. A well-structured and easily

understood policy is essential for ensuring compliance, supporting enforcement efforts, and protecting both people and the environment.

Currently, vague or unclear rules have contributed to widespread non-compliance, as seen in the 826 bylaw breaches, 12,737 complaints of roaming dogs, and 200 reports of dogs in regional parks. Without clear structure and enforcement mechanisms, these issues will continue to negatively impact public safety, shared spaces, and sensitive ecosystems.

By improving the policy's structure, Auckland Council will provide much-needed clarity for dog owners, enforcement officers, and the wider community. A stronger policy will also help ensure effective protection of areas like the Puhinui Stream, where ongoing dog activity has caused erosion and ecosystem damage despite existing rules prohibiting access.
We encourage Auckland Council to prioritise plain language, clear signage, and strong enforcement mechanisms as part of this restructuring, ensuring that all Aucklanders understand their responsibilities and the consequences of non-compliance.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
I don't know
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Support
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
I don't know
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Support
Tell us why

The Beautification Trust supports clarifying how dog access rules are set to ensure transparency, consistency, and stronger enforcement. Clear, well-structured rules will help prevent ongoing issues such as uncontrolled dogs in sensitive areas, including the Puhinui Stream, where continued environmental degradation threatens local ecosystems despite existing restrictions.

It is also essential that dog access rules reflect the needs of all park users. Community participation in setting these rules ensures a balanced approach—one that considers public safety, environmental protection, and the social and wellbeing benefits of dog-friendly spaces. By providing clear guidelines on how decisions are made, Auckland Council can foster greater public trust, encourage responsible dog ownership, and create parks that are safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don’t know
Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

The Beautification Trust fully supports updating dog access rules for the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and extending this approach to Te Puhinui, ensuring alignment with mana whenua aspirations and Auckland Council’s partnership commitments to protect and restore this vital waterway.

Under the Te Whakaoranga o te Puhinui Charter, Auckland Council has a duty as a Treaty partner to uphold mana whenua’s vision for a thriving, healthy awa. However, ongoing dog activity in and around the Puhinui Stream has caused significant damage, including soil erosion, destabilised banks, and ecosystem disruption. Despite existing restrictions, dogs continue to enter the water, undermining restoration efforts and threatening long-term ecological recovery.

Stronger enforcement of dog access rules is critical to safeguarding the progress made through Council-led and community-driven regeneration projects. By formalising protections and ensuring clear, enforceable regulations, Auckland Council can demonstrate its commitment to honouring mana whenua aspirations, supporting ecological restoration, and upholding its role as a responsible kaitiaki of Te Puhinui.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
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Tell us why

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Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

The Beautification Trust fully supports the proposed updates to dog access rules at Auckland Botanic Gardens. These changes strike an essential balance between maintaining a welcoming space for dog owners while protecting the environment, public safety, and the integrity of key community and educational events.

Auckland Botanic Gardens plays a significant role in environmental education, including hosting our flagship event, Eye on Nature, which brings thousands of students and whānau together to learn about sustainability. However, dogs in key event areas have created ongoing challenges, including disruptions to events, safety concerns, and environmental degradation. Strengthening enforcement of these rules will ensure that the gardens remain an inclusive and safe space for school children.

The Puhinui Stream Restoration Project is another critical reason why these changes are necessary. As a major partner in the restoration of Te Puhinui, Auckland Council has an obligation under the Te Whakaoranga o te Puhinui Charter to protect and restore the health of this significant waterway. Despite previous efforts to limit dog access, damage continues—dogs entering the stream have stripped away soil and vegetation, leading to severe erosion, collapsing banks, and disrupted ecosystems. These rule changes will provide stronger protections for the stream, ensuring restoration work is not undermined by continued dog activity.

We support:

- Allowing dogs on-leash throughout most of the gardens, ensuring they remain under control in shared spaces.
- Designating the northwestern area for off-leash activity, with clear signage and flexibility for adjustments as the space develops.
- Prohibiting dogs in high-use areas, particularly the visitor centre, café, children's garden, cultivated areas, and all water bodies—including the Puhinui Stream.

For these rules to be effective, clear signage, public education, and strong enforcement must accompany their implementation. The Beautification Trust encourages Auckland Council to

actively monitor compliance and engage with the community to ensure these protections are upheld.

These updates are a vital step in protecting Auckland Botanic Gardens as both a community hub and an ecological treasure. We commend the Council's commitment to balancing accessibility with environmental and cultural responsibilities and look forward to seeing these rules actively enforced for the benefit of all visitors.

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Tell us why

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

1) All walkers or joggers are well aware that the park is for off leash dogs at all times when they venture past the Botanical Garden gates . I realise public safety is paramount but presently the walkers are always considered when seen by the dog owners .

2)City dogs need space to exercise and socialise with the increase in apartment living

It is also apparent there is no graffiti and most dog faeces are removed and deposited in the bins provided . There is only THREE !

Also other dog owners are always watching that this is practiced by others within the park .

3) The responsibility is with the dog owners therefore one should consider reporting any danger to others with the outcome being more than a social call by the Animal Control with no action as this frequently happens.

4) The Puhinui stream is a haven for the dogs in the summer and it would be sad to have this area removed .
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Do not support

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

My dog goes for walks with a fantastic dog walking company and this would negatively impact their business. I feel it would be better to do more to regulate who can dog walking as a business instead.

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Tell us why
The majority of dog owners who use the off least areas use it responsibly and have well behaved dogs. And are pro active at keeping the peace if any issues arise. I use the tracks along the stream often in the summer for my dog as it’s cooler so I would hate for this area to become out of bounds.

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Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Wattle downs beach areas

What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:St Anneâ€™s crescent reserve area

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

It’s a great place to take dogs in the area to cool off during the summer

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
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#6093

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Tell us why

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Do not support
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
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Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

Six dog with three off leash is too many for one person to control. The incident of Barbara Wright dog been mauled on the Whitford track early 2024 could still have happened if the dog walker of "Stimulated K9" was walking six large dogs. The ability of one person to stop three off leash dogs from attacking another person or animal whilst trying to control three on leash dogs is limited.

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Policy/Bylaw should require owners of off leash dogs to control their dogs, so their dogs don't go closer than two metres of a person not associated with the dog owner. if there are so many people in an area, or the dog owner doesn't have enough control over their dog or dogs to stop them approaching other people closer than two metres they are creating a nuisance to those people. In such situations the dog owners should by law be required to put their dogs on a leash.

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B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

Tell us why

1. There should not be an off-leash area across major pedestrian routes. The North of the Botanic Gardens goes across three major pedestrian routes.

1.1. Visitors using the North entrance of the Botanic Gardens to walk through the gardens path from Everglade Drive entrance to the main part of the Botanic Gardens.

1.2. People walking along the Te Arora Trail which enters/exits the Northwest of the Botanic Gardens from the path which goes under the Southern Motorway.

1.3. People walking from or to either the North entrance of the Botanic Gardens or the Te Arora trial. Then walk along the trials at the north of the Botanic Gardens to get to Totara Park, the swimming pool at Totora Park, the mountain bike park in Totara Park, or to get to the Gardens suburb.

2. The many other uses of the proposed off leash area who are not walking dogs should not be put at risk of dog bites, or infection from dog droppings. As the proposed number of off leash dogs one person can have is three there will continue to be dog droppings which aren't picked up and dog attacks on people and other dogs.

3. The proposed off-leash area has no physical boundaries round it, except for small areas fencing round parts of Puhinui Creek. A significant minority of dog owners can't control their off-leash dogs or actively encourage their off-leash dogs to go into areas where the dogs are supposed to be on leash. There are areas close to the proposed off-leash area of high ecological valve, such as the bush area and Puhinui creek at the north of the Botanic Gardens, and the main Botanic Gardens to the south of the proposed off leash dog area.

3.1. Owners of dogs continue to take their dogs into Puhinui Stream. The banks of Puhinui Stream are muddy in places from dogs been in the stream. Particularly by the first foot bridge across Puhinui creek to the west of the Road (Timber Trial) which runs from Everglade Drive though the Botanic Gardens.

3.2. Owners of dogs continue to allow their dogs to roam off leash through the bush area at the North of Totara Park including areas showing Auckland Botanic Gardens Visitor map as been outside the current off-leash area (dotted lines).

4. Site lines in the proposed off leash dog area are poor, there are trees and other vegetation and rolling terrain which makes it easy for dog owners to lose sight hence control of their dogs.

5. Dog owners in the off-leash area allow big dogs to run at full speed when there are numerous other people in the area. This is an accident waiting to happen. If a dog or dogs or thirty or more metres away from their owner the owner has little or no control over them.

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Tell us why

Access to Access for all people to regional parks and the enjoyment of people should be prioritized. Dog owners should not be prioritized over other people. The areas of regional parks having access to off leash dogs should be in proportion to the people

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

People are walking dogs when they cannot control or recall them properly.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

There needs to be far stricter rules on dog management

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

There is a significant irresponsible dog owner problem in auckland where their dogs are roaming or not under any control

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

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Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Please eliminate the prevalent dog roaming issue as well as dogs not controlling their dogs. I've been attacked by dogs multiple times due to owner neglecting to adequately train their dogs

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
It would provide more safer areas for me to walk my dog. I was attacked by a dog in the on leash area as it had come from the off leash area so reducing it would prevent dogs not under control by their owners from attacking me again

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Control

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Hate dangerous dogs and roaming pack dogs

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Dog Professional needed

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don’t know
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don’t know
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)
Tell us why

Overseas dogs are a lot more welcome in cafes shops etc. do you want people to bring and exercise dogs and then put them in the car so they can eat and drink. Not very responsible

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Work on controlling dangerous dogs and not penalising good well behaved pet dogs

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

I'm an experienced dog handler, very few have the ability to control more than 2 dogs

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Having walked and ridden mountain bikes in the park with
a dog for more than a decade, I strongly disagree with the change. Mtb trail dogs are usually in "work mode" on a ride and are totally focused on their owners. They are not a threat to other users in general. Also regularly walk my dog on a leash on various Hunua trails and to take this away would be a shame and a disservice. Only the lambing time clause should apply.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Please keep it accessible, one of the great pleasures in life is riding with or walking a dog in a forest track

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6354

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
I don't know
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I feel there needs to be regulations on who can do pack walks. There are a number of reputable dog walkers who are experienced. Our dog goes out twice a week on pack walks and I trust those that walk her. They take her to areas that are safe and don't have lots of other dogs walking at the same time. We have been using the same company for 4 years now and have never had an issue. They trial dogs before they take them on board, they always walk them on leash until they know their personalities and their recall abilities. Once again you are looking at penalizing the wrong people.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
We use this park regularly and it's the only local place we can exercise our dog offleash. If we reduce the offleash area it will mean a higher concentration of dogs in a smaller area and will cause more issues. This park is used everyday by responsible dog owners trying to exercise their dogs. My dog enjoys swimming in the stream and if we reduce the offleash are this means no swimming for her. This is so hard especially in the summer where we can't go to the beach during the day to let her swim. Please do not reduce the offleash area. It will result in less area for dogs to exercise.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and

clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3
1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:
Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Waitawa Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I don't know
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi East
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6418

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

Safety for all animals and people without dogs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
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Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.
What do you think of the following proposed changes?
Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:
Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:
Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why
Please do not reduce the off leash area. It is a lifeline for our dog walking community. There are so few spaces especially large spaces for dogs to be exercised. I fear all the dogs in a smaller area will lead to more fights and aggression as less room to move away. It will also discourage owners to exercise their dogs and lead to more dogs in need of stimulation. We love and appreciate our dog park do much as is. There's ample room for everyone. Please don't reduce it.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

I would love to walk my dog on a lead at Duder.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6458

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Off leash should be permitted and consultation should be required before council changes its rules

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

More information is needed around how dogs damage the streams. A bespoke area should be considered if the stream is off limits but I understand why it needs to be

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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

Four dogs, especially large or powerful dogs is the safest number a single person can reasonably control on leash. Two off leash allows families with a couple of dogs to let them play around their owners or children.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

I think all dogs should be spayed or neutered unless they belong to a certified, registered breeder.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

There should be a two dog maximum per household in all city, urban and suburban areas.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

What I would really like to see is an emphasis on responsible ownership. Dogs should only be purchased from licensed breakers or adopted from shelters. Each owner should have to attend compulsory training sessions to teach dog obedience and ensure that owners can control their dogs.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
I don't know
Tell us why
Does there really need to be clarification? It seems clear enough.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

People should be able to walk their dogs around the gardens, and the off leash area is very important for dogs health and wellbeing. I actually enjoy meeting dogs and their owners whilst walking as I am unable to have a dog of my own. The off leash area has never bothered me as it's a long way from most of the walks.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

With the increasing density of Auckland, regional parks are becoming even more crucial for communities to enjoy the outdoors and open spaces, this applies to their dogs as well. Places where there is native wildlife need good dog control measures and dogs

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Pack dogs are dangerous

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Botanic Gardens are used by all dog owners who want to have socialization, for themselves and their dogs. Also the area proposed for off lesh is grass, not good for the elderly. It's also very close to the motorway.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Leave the Botanic Gardens as it is. People have enough 'garden' to walk around and enjoy without having to come to the southern end, which, is signposted as being off-leash. And, it will only be a matter of time before this no dog area is increased to all

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Its impossible to control 6 dogs on leash (unless small dogs) and same rationale for 3 dogs off leash.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why
All dogs in the Botanical Gardens should be on leash. I support the areas being prohibited as noted.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

My dog gets walked by a dog walker weekly. He goes with more than 6 dogs and most of them are off leash as the dog walker takes them to a fenced in area. If the rules are changed my dog walker will not be able to take the dogs together. The dogs would miss out or the prices would increase.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Dogs need an area to exercise in, reducing the areas and times dogs are allowed off leash are not conducive to a dogs well being.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Dogs need an area to exercise in, reducing the areas and times dogs are allowed off leash are not conducive to a dogs well being.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Dogs need an area to exercise in, reducing the areas and times dogs are allowed off leash are not conducive to a dogs well being.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Dogs need an area to exercise in, reducing the areas and times dogs are allowed off leash are not conducive to a dogs well being.

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Do not support

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Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

I think six dogs is too many to handle especially if you are taking them into an off-leash area. They can display pack behaviour and are therefore a danger to other dogs and their owners in the area. 1 person looking after 4 dogs is still high but much more doable than 6 dogs. Two offleash is a good maximum.

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6580

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

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Other (please explain below)
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Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

People who don't follow rules ruin it for others. Penalise them rather than everyone. If the rules change then you need to stop taking money from rates for these parks.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6659

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

Personally I think it should be a maximum of three dogs, none off leash! No dog can be fully trusted and there is a scourge of dogs in the neighbourhood at the moment.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

All dogs that are menacing should be banned, following multiple recent attacks

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
I don't know
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Support
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?
Targeting irresponsible dog owners - repeat wandering dog offenders, people are getting off too easily and without penalty.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

This restriction appears to be targeted towards professional dog walkers who are not the most prevalent problem concerning dogs and dog owners. The limit will not address the issue, which is that there are huge numbers of dogs who roam and who have irresponsible owners who do not care for them. The impact this will have on small business owners around Auckland, who do follow the rules set by Council already will be massive and it will not resolve any of the issues which dog owners face. If you genuinely were concerned about the issue of the number of dogs which can be walked at one time, you would input some sort of licensing for dog walkers to ensure they have been vetted and are safe. This proposed change is not backed by complaints and feels reactionary to a singular incident

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
This is one of the only safe off leash places I can take my dog. These rules will only work to disadvantage and punish people who are responsible dog owners. This will impact people like myself who work hard to ensure their dogs are exercised and enriched every day. It does nothing to address the bigger issue which is owners who do not to walk, secure or adequately care for their

pets. There are already so few places where I am able to walk my dog freely and safely in the city and this seeks to reduce these places even further.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
Mahurangi East
Mahurangi Scott Point
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Forestry beach is loved and enjoyed by so many dogs and dog owners. This change will impact people like myself who work hard to ensure their dogs are exercised and enriched every day. There are so few beaches where I am able to walk my dog (on or off lead

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Work needs to be done educating dog owners. Pack walkers should operate with a licence of some sort to allow then to walk x number of dogs both on and off leash

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Redefine the definition of menacing.
All dogs should be neutered, both large and small, unless they are registered breeders.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Again, menacing dog classifications are so outdated. People stereotype the dogs historically catergorized as menacing and hold an unconscious bias.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

One rule for all.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know
Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
Do not support
Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
I don’t know
Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Support
Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):
Do not support
Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:
I don’t know
Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

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What local board area is this location in?

Manurewa

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

pack walkers are critical for owners who can not get out to exercise their dogs so putting limits rather than a method to weed out bad operators could see them shut down as the cost per walk would have to go up to something most could not pay.

Licencing is a good idea but should be cheap and affordable to maintain as again most pack walkers we have checked out can not be highly profitable with their reasonable pricing
We are lucky that we can mostly walk our dog but know much of his early foster time was spent in an amazing pack walking group that has helped him become a super friendly, confident and well-behaved dog.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):
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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:
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Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

we are a local and love how much of an area we can walk our dog. This summer have been so glad to have found a small stream near the off-leash area we can go regularly to let him swim to cool off but also burn off his HUGE amount of energy. We are there often and notice the area is very

highly used by other dog owner and very few other people and seems a wast to see this area become off limits.
we are so worried that losing this and many of the other areas of the park are going to hugely restrict many of our local dogs from getting out enough to be well exercised, socialised with other dogs and people but also engaged with a range of different areas (both on and off leash) helps keep our intelligent high drive dog well behaved.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

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ill admit to being a cat person most of my life but since the past few years of owning a dog I have seen the need to make sure they are well engaged and exercised often to stop them becoming troublesome and aggressive. Our area has a huge range of dog own

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
Our Golden Retriever went to the off leash area every day to play with the kids and other dogs. This area is crucial for socialising our dogs . This is one of the very best dog parks in Auckland with such an amazing open space to play and run. And the stream where the dogs get to swim and cool down in the summer months.

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

Any number of dogs greater than the proposed number may prove difficult to control, especially if there is a particularly rowdy dog in the group.

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Tell us why
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I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: I strongly request that on ARMY BAY beach and foreshore areas east of the boat ramp that DOGS ARE ALLOWED according to the

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Reason: The cliffs to the east of the boat ramp

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