
Local dog access rules 2025

Waiheke local parks

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174	I support the proposed change	Local people able to walk dogs at convenient times and in a location where there is less tourists.
187	I do not support the proposed change	Allowing dogs off the leash at all times at the northern end of Oneroa beach (northwards of the Korora Rd entrance) would be entirely inappropriate for the following reasons: Concentrating all dogs off the leash in such a small and confined area particularly at high tide (given that the proposal is to ban dogs from the rest of Oneroa Beach from 1 December to 1 March) will create a number of hazards. 1. "Barking" dogs on Oneroa beach are already a major problem for local residents and this will become significantly worse for those at the north western end of the beach. There are typically around 20 dogs and can be as many as 40-50 dogs on Oneroa Beach at one time in the summer when local dogs are joined by those staying on the island for holidays and off boats. 2. The north western part of Oneroa beach is a popular family picnic spot as there are many pohutakawa trees at this end of the beach to shade young children and babies. Dogs off the leash pose a hazard to young children either by intimidation with enthusiastic dogs bounding up to them or by direct potential for physical harm. 3. This area of the beach is used regularly to launch boats - in fact the signs state that no cars should be allowed on the beach except to launch boats. There is minimal parking on Korora Rd for a stream of dog owners. 4. The local yacht club and others launch and retrieve their yachts/boats from this end of the beach. Off leash dogs will pose problems for this recreational pursuit. 5. There are already constant issues with dog faeces being left on the beach by inattentive owners who are distracted by socialising with other walkers. This will be much worse if dogs are concentrated in such a small area. This is a significant health hazard particularly to young children building sand castles and collecting shells. 6. The north western end of Oneroa beach is a beautiful calm flat sea area ideally suited for young children to play and swim - the very group most vulnerable to dogs.
300	I do not support the proposed change	because there are plenty of other beaches and parks that dog owners can use. it's a danger to users who are scared of dogs and to wild life - often owners do not control their dogs on this beach.
514	I do not support the proposed change	The northern area of Big Oneroa is often the only sheltered spot, even in mild winds, and the wave and sea conditions are nearly always much safer for small children and the elderly. The existing lack of control already creates stressful and dangerous conditions, with dog owners allowing uncontrolled off-leash roaming during peak holiday times. There is an all-year-round off-leash area at Owahanake Beach, just minutes away that already exists.

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571	I do not support the proposed change	No dogs should be allowed on the pristine northern sandy beaches of Waiheke Island noted as Palm Beach and Onetangi. There needs to be more thought and development of the green areas on the Island for Dogs. And there needs to be more thought and the protection of rights of non dog owners. There seems to be more thought given to the protection of wildlife than to non dog owners. I would assume non dog owners are still a majority ? Let us enjoy our northern beaches without animals. Promote other areas for dog owners please. As a non dog owner I don't want to be bothered by hundreds of roaming off leash dogs at any part of the day on the northern beaches. I should have my rights and freedom protected. Take a look at how Australia controls the dogs laws. You wont see dogs on the main Nossa beach. Why ? Because they shouldn't be allowed and the same should apply to Waiheke on our Northern Beaches. And off leash is a disaster with many never walking with their owners but roaming elsewhere. With the current bylaws I am unable to go down to the beach for a morning swim because I am worried a dog will wee on my towel. Totally unfair to non dog owners. Think about us please.
793	I support the proposed change	It will be great to have an area that the dogs can swim in the day at one end of the beach.
895	I support the proposed change	Means I can take my dog to the beach with me during the day and can enjoy time out with him.
1261	I support the proposed change	This is what already happens now. Sensible dog owners control their dogs in this area.
1274	I support the proposed change	This is a quiet end of the beach and so it makes sense to allow dogs off leash here.
1381	I do not support the proposed change	I recognise that this would offset the closing down of other beaches (eg Onetangi) and would somewhat appease dog owners. On the other hand, the daytime restriction still provides considerable daylight hours for dog walking during that period of the year and it is nice for the non-dog public to be free to enjoy the beach without worry from dogs.
1393	I support the proposed change	Its an area used for boats and cars to access the beach and it is therefore an underused part of the beach by families with children and sunbathers.
1403	I support the proposed change	That end of the beach is less used by people. The key thing will be policing however.
1407	I support the proposed change	The current times cause congestion after 5 with everyone trying to walk their dogs at the same time. With a large community of dog owners on Waiheke this can feel very overwhelming and has potential for more incidents involving dogs that are reactive when they don't have enough space to feel safe.
1435	I support the proposed change	I have a dog and it would be wonderful for there to be a part of the beach where we could take them for a swim during the day
1513	I do not support the proposed change	Too hard and expensive to manage the different areas of the beach. People will not see signage that will need to be put everywhere costing council more and making the beach covered in different signs. Current rules are clear and easy for people to follow.
1521	I support the proposed change	This sounds like a constructive balance for needs of both dog owners and general public.

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1716	I support the proposed change	It will be nice to have access to the sea for a swim in the middle of a hot day for the dogs. Also giving people access to a small beach walk when they couldn't get there before 10.
1897	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be on leash but with open time restrictions
2000	I support the proposed change	there needs to be an all year round area for dogs and owners. better to have a smaller area that is open all year than the present complicated rules.
2002	I do not support the proposed change	Non-dog walking beach goers should not have to share the beach with dogs during the day. Changing the rules for a small part of the beach will create confusion and will not be obeyed. The council should also enforce these rules far more regularly (if they enforce at all)
2487	I do not support the proposed change	Oneroa beach is a popular beach for children to play so it needs to be a safe place. Off leash dogs make it unsafe for children. How are owners going to stop an off leash dog going beyond the proposed new off leash anytime area? I think it would be better if the dogs were on leash or restricted to current dog walking hours. We have already have problems with off leash dogs stealing our dinner while picnicking on this beach. I am also concerned dog owners will access this new anytime free for all dog walking area from the eastern end of Beach Parade, cutting across our property at [REDACTED] to access the beach with their dogs at all hours of the day. We have young children and I don't want them being afraid to go outside. It is not ideal if we have to put up a fence to keep our kids safe from the influx dogs heading to the new anytime off leash area.
2664	I do not support the proposed change	Present rules work well for dogs and people. Easy to understand . Why would you change something that isn't broken
2686	I do not support the proposed change	We use the whole beach every day to walk our dog of leash. The new proposal is very short especially at high tide.
2696	I do not support the proposed change	Dog time on the beaches are already hugely limited - more time is needed - not less.
2731	I support the proposed change	As the area is being used more and more by youngsters learning to sail
2732	I support the proposed change	Provided there is a clear demarcation of where swimmers and kids playing in the water is and where dogs can go I am a responsible dog owner but I am terrified that my dogs one day will pee on a swimmers towel or a kids sandcastle
2747	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules workwell & just need Animal Management to be more pro activeto ensure dogs are registered & micrichipped.
2771	I do not support the proposed change	It should continue to be with limited hours all year and always on a leash. Keep it simple. We don't want more dogs wondering around.
2879	I support the proposed change	Oneroa is a large, flat beach with excellent access along it. Most people use the eastern end because this is where road access and parking are. The steps from the village come down in the middle. The western/Korora Road end is very quiet and mainly used by residents and people using paddle boards and kayaks. Allowing dogs there will cause no problems for beach goers.

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2883	I do not support the proposed change	On 26 December on onetangi beach at approx 11am dogs were playing in the beach. They were big dogs without leashes. One sped past me knocking me over and gashed my leg so badly that I had to keep it up for two days, was given a tetanus injection and antibiotics and had to have it dressed every few days. I like dogs but not dog owners who do not follow the rules . Very few dogs are in leashes and all think their dogs are perfect. With good owners they would be. Since my accident I'm afraid to be on the beach when big dogs are running around. I categorically do not support any changes to the current law and believe all dogs would be on a leash in public places at all times
2935	I support the proposed change	I believe the changes will not affect the general public's use and enjoyment of the beach as they will not be affected by the new areas allowing dogs under control. Most dogs enjoy a summer swim in the heat of the day,
3082	I support the proposed change	As a dog owner on Waiheke, I think the proposed changes are a great idea. Big Oneroa in particular is my local beach and it would be great to be able to enjoy it at any time of day with my dog. My only feedback on this would be to extend the green zone to the toilet blocks and stairs. Allowing better access to the toilets and water tap, without having to leash my dog and walk him down the road. It would also give us access to a slightly better area of the beach for swimming in the day time.
3121	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed on this beach or Palm Beach or Onetangi Beach in the summer at any time. The current rules at Palm Beach are terrible. They force all beach users to leave the beach at 5pm which is crazy in summer when it is light until 9pm. Dogs overrun the beaches and poop on the sand. Some dog owners have total disregard for anyone else and do not pick up after their dog and do not have the dog under any type of control off-leash. I know of people who have had a stranger's dog jump on them, been knocked over and broken their leg. It is completely unacceptable for the majority of beachgoers' enjoyment of the sand to be destroyed by animals in the summer months by dogs when there are so many beaches on the island which are not popular and equally suitable for dogs to use.
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3130	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed on any Northern side beach at any time. They foul the beach and adjoining reserves plus run over people trying to enjoy the sun and sea.
3245	I support the proposed change	I am a resident and feel it common sense to have dogs at the western end as it is used for trailer parking and not the best water depth for public swimming. Great move Auckland city!!
3256	I support the proposed change	Reasonable but will need signage. Compliance should be monitored
3660	I do not support the proposed change	This area is a very very small stretch or beach, maybe 200 meters long. The proposed area starts at the boat ramp and goes just a short way, under ancient pohutukakwas and past the rows of cars and trailers there, and local families picnicking. This end of the beach is the one that locals use much more than tourists, and having a change just means that dogs are off leash here 24/7 365 days. It is also used by kids learning to sail, and gets very busy with locals especially in the summer that you propose to change. There is an off leash area at Owahanake beach which is 1 km away which people can use if they need too. It is just 10-4 pm so people can use this before that and after it, so if they live here that is completely fine. If it is because some people bring their dogs on a boat and want to poo and pee on this stunning busy stretch then this is even worse. They can walk their dogs up the track there to poo and pee, there is a track right there off the beach, and there is a grassy area at the top of the boat ramp. Further to my submission by email and by form on your website I attach photos taken yesterday Saturday 1 February at 11.34 am showing how the beach is totally unsuitable for off leash dogs and should stay the same as it is now from before 10 and after 4 pm. There is always boat and car movements on the beach, there were 3 more there before I went home to get my phone to take this photo. It is not safe or sensible for dogs to be off leash here. What you can't see from these pics are the families sitting under the ancient pohutukawa trees, this end of the beach is sacrosanct, it is so short, and so lovely with the only natural shade on the beach from the trees. PLEASE don't tell me to leave them in a small fenced area that is not safe for them.
3684	I support the proposed change	There are many dogs that cannot run on a leash they need freedom to run & enjoy any time so its great there will be an off leash area.
3863	I do not support the proposed change	The northern area of Big Oneroa is often the only sheltered spot, even in mild winds, and the wave and sea conditions are nearly always much safer for small children and the elderly. The existing lack of control already creates stressful and dangerous situations, with dog owners allowing uncontrolled off-leash roaming during peak holiday times. There is an all-year-round off-leash area at Owahanake Beach, just minutes away that already exists.

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3889	I do not support the proposed change	There is going to be more dog waste on the beaches, potentially spreading diseases. It is unhygienic. Dogs don't belong to beach, many of them are aggressive, even on leash.
4248	I support the proposed change	I do support his idea as the Northern end of Oneroa (as described) is not an area used by swimmers & those wanting to relax on the beach due to the fact it is a bit more tidal & muddy in nature. As long as people know exactly the area they need to stay in I feel it could work well.
4371	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be off lead here
4403	Other (please explain below)	my feedback relates to another waiheke beach - Hekerua Bay. This beach has nesting penguins and the bush fronting the beach has good birdlife including kaka and chicks. the beach has no vehicular access but a pedestrian path. the beach is on a popular walking trail between queens drive little oneroa and enclosure bay. the beach is designated dogs on lead only but no time restriction. there is a sign at each end of the walkway outlining the rules but they are more observed in the breach and the beach most of the time has off leash dogs. The beach is not policed - due to the access issue, to my knowledge the animal control officer has never been to the beach. Residents tire of advising dog owners their dogs are to be leashed. There have been several notified instances of penguins, their chicks and their eggs being killed by dogs and kaka chicks fallen to the ground from their nests also killed. given the difficulty in policing the beach due to the no vehicle access it is submitted this beach be designated a no dog beach to protect the wildlife.
4484	I do not support the proposed change	To confusing as to where rules apply. Unleashed dogs will go out of these areas. Dogs should be on leash at beach. Dog owners rarely pick up their dogs poo pretending they didn't notice. Also boat owners letting their dog off leash to toilet after being contained on boat. Dog owners rarely pick early stop their dogs approach other dog's people or children.
4578	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support this change that would see dogs allowed at the northern end of Big Oneroa Beach at any time because all too often dogs are not under good control of their owners.
4635	I support the proposed change	It's only fair that we have a legal spot to enjoy swims with our dogs on nice beaches in summer. Plenty of areas for people who don't like dogs to enjoy the beach without us. And people won't break the laws as much.
4661	I support the proposed change	The small part of the beach from Korora slip way to the NWestern end of the beach is used largely by locals and not tourists and is perfect for sofa all day in Summer with shade from the trees. The majority of the rest of Big O beach will be for everyone else to enjoy. Let us owners with dogs have some small space to enjoy the beach safely with shade for dogs and well away from the busiest part of Big O beach. I hugely support this move. In all the years I have been walking the beach every day I have never seen a blue penguin down that end of the beach
4667	I do not support the proposed change	Irresponsible dog owners have no control over their dogs. I've seen this every day when I go walking on the beach. Our wildlife birds need to be protected.

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4669	I do not support the proposed change	Waiheke, particularly Big Oneroa beach is absolutely slammed with dogs in summer that are not on leashes and with owners that do not pick up their poo. It's quite next level. Every time I got to the beach I see at least one dog poo there over summer. Unfortunately a lot of dog owners are irresponsible and distracted when on the beach so not looking out for their dogs doing their business. The community page constantly has posts that support this. It is not a very big beach so proposing that one end of the beach is off lead is not practical. It's also the end where the boat ramp is, not practical for that reason either. Laws need to be stricter not looser. I think if you did a survey you'd be astounded at the amount of dogs on this island over summer and realise how much poo that produces left around the place.
4686	I support the proposed change	This would allow dogs to swim in the heat of the day in summer.
4695	I support the proposed change	Dogs are animals that need running for their health and well-being and water swimming is excellent for their bodies. They should be allowed an area where they can be free in an under control way at all times.
4717	I support the proposed change	The northern end does not have any houses on the beach and they don't affect anyone.
4720	I support the proposed change	My doggy loves the ocean and during summer it's so hot and I feel so bad that she can't come to the beach and go swimming with us during the hottest months.
4734	I support the proposed change	As mentioned above
4763	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be able to have access to areas of beaches during summer too instead of being left at home during the hottest parts of the day.
4765	I support the proposed change	I would love to swim with my dog and be able to be more free on the times I walk her
4774	I support the proposed change	Because I have a dog who loves to swim whom and I walk there regularly and btw is very well behaved.
4784	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support extra freedoms. Some Dogs off a leash will invariably want to run outside of this area. As a person who finds dogs stressful, I would not want to go to that area with dogs off leash. There is the matter of sea and bird life in that area.
4797	Other (please explain below)	I want to know how council propose to accommodate the parking for the extra cars. There will be more people driving down onto the beach as there is no parking along Korora Road. Driving on the beach should definitely be discouraged. The small Carpark at the top is quite full a lot of the time. People also park across the access to the walkway along the top, which is prohibited as it is an emergency vehicle access for residents there. Cars parked across the walkway access also get in the way of the bin collection by rubbish truck.
4870	I support the proposed change	Seems slightly more generous for dogs?

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4891	I support the proposed change	The current time and season rule allowing dogs off leash across the entirety of Big Oneroa Beach is highly popular with residents of all ages who walk their dogs the length of the beach as part of their social interactions; particularly so for the retired folk who are often widowed and this time spent with fellow dog walkers is invaluable to their day and social well-being. Therefore, this extent of access must be preserved as it offers a clear easy walk allowing for dog walkers (of all ages and physical ability) to sequence their timing to separate small dogs from larger dogs. This proposal offers the additional benefit of not changing the current access but rather increasing access by opening up the northern end of the beach to all day access for dog walkers. This is beneficial as it allows access to those persons who may not have had the opportunity to do so before 10am (life can get busy in the morning) and also continues to allow the main central part of the beach to become a swimmer/sunbather area during the normal hours of 10am - 5pm without dogs being present. Beach access for dog walking in the hottest part of the day increases dog safety and welfare as the road/paths are simply too hot for safe dog walking (burns their paws) so this increased access would allow for dog exercise to occur whilst kids are at school and outside the busy start/end of day periods. If combined with opening up Owhanake Reserve to all day access to dog walkers, the resultant effect would be a greater uptake of dog walkers using the trails from Owhanake, around the northwestern headland trails that end in Big Oneroa, for a refreshing swim without the hindrance of chasing the 10am curfew.
4908	I support the proposed change	As previously stated this is a great opportunity to use an underused part of the beach that is generally used for boat launching and is not close to swimmers or picnic goers. It provides an opportunity to swim dogs all year around and for dogs to be part of family activities.
4974	I do not support the proposed change	Why change it? once again it is a minority who moan about dogs. i walk the dog there and i have never had an issue. we keep her in view and clean up after her. surely the residents should decide the rules? and the bulk of people we run into on the ferry and on the beaches are dog lovers. why change something when it works perfectly well except for a few loud voices who hate anything that annoys them personally. we live in a world where we all think and behave differently. we are told that diversity is important this day and age. maybe the minority need to be a little more tolerant of dogs. they are amazing creatures and are lot more tolerant than alot of humans.
5465	I support the proposed change	This is a good safe end of the beach for off-leash and gives better access to those who can not go before 10am and after 5pm in the summer. A significant proportion of Whaeke islanders is elderly dog-owners.
5645	I support the proposed change	It's only fair that dog owners should be able to use a part of every beach, provided it's not causing danger to wildlife. There is plenty of space for everyone to share the beach and we believe that every beach should have a section for dogs! Dog owners should be able to take their dog to a section of the beach to swim and play off leash at any time of the day.

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5653	I support the proposed change	This end of the beach is hardly patroned and would make a perfect spot for dog owners to get to enjoy one of waihekes most lovely beaches with their dogs.
5658	I support the proposed change	Because I have a dog and he loves the socialization on the beach.
5660	I support the proposed change	There should be a part of the beach where dogs can go at any time and be off leash.
5805	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dogs the full length of Big Oneroa beach every day and have for many years. They often are in the water swimming like many others . They are under control and all the other dogs are under control. Why take away my enjoyable time with my best friends. They are a working breed and need there freedom for one hour a day
5935	I do not support the proposed change	I do not think it necessary for dogs to have off-leash access at all times in this area.
6282	I do not support the proposed change	People don't comply with the rules as they are. Dogs are on the beach off leashes, and out of control (whatever in control means, as that seems to vary according to the dog owner), at all times at the moment. Loosening the rules will just give those who are predisposed to breaking them extra room to argue. The key is enforcement. The time rules mean nothing if not enforced. There are often dogs on the beach during the day in summer. We have had owners simply remark to us when we say we will call dog control that they will be long gone by the time dog control arrives, so go ahead and call. This just means that the rules do not work, and given the single dog control officer on Waiheke only works 30 hours a week, and doesn't have time to patrol the beaches, they will never work. Unless there is a clear and permanent line in the sand separating the dog off leash area from the dog on leash area, there will only be arguments about where the line is drawn. We have been abused by far too many aggressive dog owners already about what should be clear prohibitions. Due to the lack of effective enforcement, all we can ever do is tell people what the rules are. This has led to too much shouting, abuse, and threatened physical violence than is comfortable. The rules should be tightened until everyone understands them, not loosened which can only lead to more conflict.
6397	I support the proposed change	This is an excellent idea, there is rarely many people in this proposed area. Most swimmers and beach goers are at the other end of the beach. This makes a fair space for dogs to be off leash. As a dog owner who uses this beach to walk a lot feel this is a great proposal.
6653	I do not support the proposed change	We live in Palm Beach Waiheke. Dogs are constantly off leash and on the beach at forbidden times. We have sometimes seen dogs frightening small children. Recently a child was bleeding from scratch marks from a dog jumping on him. The owner did nothing. We also experience dogs jumping over us while sunbathing and jumping on our gear. And the owners leaving dog *****. We think there needs to be tighter restrictions. We believe the beach needs to be primarily for people, not for dogs.

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6675	I do not support the proposed change	I like most dogs but I fear they are starting to dominate much of the beach space on the island. I would like the 'no dogs on the main beaches' hours extended from 9-6 daily from Labour Weekend until after Easter. Small children and those brought up without dogs need to feel safe on the beach for a major part of the day. Many popular beaches have a no dogs ever policy so I feel that we are being pretty generous and I hope that dog owners appreciate that. The current rules are not often adhered to and are not clearly enough signposted - I regularly see dogs on the beach at the times when they are supposedly banned. Though dogs are supposed to be leashed at all times, early morning and late afternoon are an absolute free for all for dogs to tear about unleashed. This requires dog anxious people and small children to stay away because dogs take over Oneroa beach. I do not support the northern end off leash proposal.
6708	I do not support the proposed change	As a mother of small children, northern Oneroa beach is a shaded and quiet part of the beach where the water is shallow and sheltered from waves. It's a place me and friends with small children often gather. If this becomes an off leash area then it will make this space dangerous to small children. There is very little shade at palm beach, little Oneroa or Onetangi making the northern end of Oneroa a rare haven for local and visiting families. I do not support turning this area into an off leash area.
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17	I support the proposed change	Finally an area where the proposed change is in favour of dogs/dog owners 🐕🐕
230	I support the proposed change	It's a separate area and if all the cars got off there would be room for dogs.
304	I support the proposed change	Sensible.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
557	I support the proposed change	Fair and reasonable
694	I support the proposed change	Current summer rules are ignored now with off lead dogs and on lead on the beach. A dedicated area may minimize loose dogs over the whole beach.
778	I support the proposed change	Unlikely to significantly affect other beach users and would like to have more flexible beach access options for dogs in summer, especially as high tides often make current times unusable
926	I support the proposed change	More options for dog Owners
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
1188	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules work well and protect the enjoyment of these areas for all users. Excluding one group is discriminating and the whole community should be able to make use of them and the current rules allow this to happen. In a fair way
1248	I support the proposed change	They have lots of other places on Waiheke to be free - leave this beautiful beach dog free.

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1325	I support the	Dog owners need more designated off leash areas so that they do not need to use
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1404	I support the proposed change	Provides safe exercise area for dogs at all times which is important given some of the roads are not particularly safe for pedestrians and dogs.
1566	I support the proposed change	Fantastic idea as it opens the beach to more users
1755	I support the proposed change	Good balance between dogs and people's right to enjoy the beach without dogs who don't listen to recall
1758	I support the proposed change	Dogs off leash will not pose a problem if access is li tied to certain area
1814	I support the proposed change	It's FANTASTIC to have more areas of the beach that can be used by dogs and their owners especially areas that otherwise don't have many people there.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1929	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs (like cats) are not needed in a pest free Waiheke. Dogs defecate on waiheke beaches and sometimes the poop is put into a plastic bag and then either dropped on the footpath or in the bin. This is not a sustainable thing and we should work to end this. The only good dog is a working dog or a guide dog - simple.
1939	I support the proposed change	good safe area for dogs and owners
2047	I support the proposed change	Just appreciate the opportunity to walk our dogs legally in a place where dog ownership is increasing.
2054	I support the proposed change	good to be able to take dogs to the beach during the day as well.
2085	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should be on leash in summer when people are using the beach, I am also mindful of other wildlife like torea in the breeding season that are chased by dogs and unable to breed when they are around.
2086	I do not support the proposed change	Never had issues before, punishing everyone for a small handful of irresponsible owners isn't fair. The less our dogs are out in society the more harmful to their behavior moving forward
2096	I support the proposed change	It provides more access for dogs to exercise on the beach
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current

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2252	I support the proposed change	It is great that there will be times that we can walk our dog during the day rather than in the evening. It's still busy on the beach after 5/6pm so having the dogs restricted off leash to one area is a good idea. There would have to be good signage so people are more likely to follow the rules.
2561	I support the proposed change	Good idea
2661	I do not support the proposed change	This is a nice family area for swimming. I saw two people being bitten by dogs this summer. So it will ruin it for families.
2692	I support the proposed change	More freedom for dogs
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2823	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be prohibited on all beaches between 10am and 5pm all seasons.
2835	I don't know	How does this work.? Will there be a sign in the middle of beach? Dog walking off leash is about exercise for people as well and we don't want to be putting a leash on and off the dog.
2864	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be no leash at all times.
2867	I support the proposed change	Dogs like to swim during the day too! It gets hot during summer and sometimes the tide is not right for a morning or evening swim, but allowing areas where dogs can go during the day is great- it means I can go for a day time swim and take my dog with me when it is really hot!
2871	Other (please explain below)	New? Off least Northern area appears to have restricted former off Lead area?
3059	Other (please explain below)	I Support the proposed change, but recommend additional change. The suggested North end of Oneroa is secluded, but there are no car parks. The southern side of the beach should also be open to off leash at all times. Our home is at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] often this area is empty as the middle of the beach is used for beach-goers. This provides car parking for dog walkers who need to drive to the beach.

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3468	I do not support the proposed change	Too many dogs in a small space off leash.
3577	I support the proposed change	Would be fantastic to have a dedicated area to bring dogs to the beach during summer hours at any time of day!
3754	I support the proposed change	There are not enough areas like this for exercising dogs on Waiheke Island. I have had nothing but good experience with other like minded and responsible dog owners. These areas are crucial for well exercised, well behaved and socialised dogs.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	Over complicated and limiting exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority.
3824	I support the proposed change	It's hard to find places on Waiheke to exercise your dog so this seems a good option.
4013	I do not support the proposed change	Why spilt the beach area. Just have current time and seasons. We are happy as it stands
4153	I do not support the proposed change	It would be great to have an
4324	I do not support the proposed change	Biodiversity will always be impacted by off leash dogs.

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4412	I support the proposed change	More off leash areas would be great.
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4551	I do not support the proposed change	Providing an off leash area at all times will not provide a safe place for children and those wanting to walk the beach. The current policy works well in this area and there is no need to change it.
4682	I support the proposed change	Dogs are a welcome edition at the beaches and should be able to swim at all times during the year
4744	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support dogs on urban beaches for several reasons. If dogs are not allowed on urban beaches then enforcement is easy. Everyone knows the rule. it is easy. What we have currently is a typical Council fiasco as there are beaches with adequate signs as to the rules that apply (ie Palm Beach on Waiheke has no signs up at all and there are often dogs running every where off leash during the day in summer). Then there is no education and more importantly there is no enforcement of the rules/policy that Council has set. So once again you guys are wasting your time setting the rules of Engagement/Engineering, with no follow up Education and then worst of all, but most important of all there is no subsequent Enforcement. When was the last time that Council succeeded in any enforcement of a breach of its Dog rules !!!! But while you are setting policy are you thinking in terms of next year, or in 10 years time or in terms of 100 years from now ?? Is 1 dog off leash on a beach in summer OK, or 10 dogs , 100 dogs or 1,000 dogs ?? I don't see any of this form of thinking coming from Council. I may be mistaken - but again your education processes may be lacking. As the population of Auckland grows then so will the numbers of dogs needing exercise and the numbers of the public wanting to enjoy the beach with dogs wandering across their towels, but the sizes of the beaches are not expanding commensurately. Do you a Plan B for time when all dogs must be banned from nominated urban beaches ?? Can dogs be walked on Bondi Beach and many other urban beaches in Sydney - NO. Can dogs walk on all beaches in Brisbane, Melbourne, Capetown or Vancouver - NO. Then why are they allowed to run free on major tourist promoted beaches in Auckland like Takapuna Beach and the large Waiheke Beaches. When are we going to grow up and really to become an international city and start putting in place policies and rules, and then fund enforcing them, just like those international examples do already. Why is Palm Beach on Waiheke not on your list. It is an absolute jewel on the island and at times it is washed with waves of full stars and then humans with
4804	I support the proposed change	I support having an off-leash area that is available at all times. I would prefer the existing time rule on the rest of the beach changed to 10am-4pm.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
4950	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
5320	I do not support the proposed change	It's a fairly remote area and one everyone including dogs should be able to enjoy

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5493	I support the proposed change	This is a good proposal that makes sense
5507	I support the proposed change	off leash in big Oneroa beach are great idea.
5642	I support the proposed change	Socialization is a key element of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are vital for this purpose.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5704	I support the proposed change	The proposed change strikes a fair balance
5746	I do not support the proposed change	Have you seen how many happy dogs and people are on this beach.
5752	I support the proposed change	For Waiheke Local Board - Onetangi Beach and Oneroa Beach I SUPPORT the proposed Dog access rule changes on Oneroa Beach to have Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time at the northern end of Big Oneroa Beach (northwards of the Korora Road entrance) (Schedule 2). And to apply the current time and season rule on the rest of the beach (Schedule 2).
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5792	I do not support the proposed change	there is no need for the update
5820	I support the proposed change	keeps owners accountable
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.

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6070	I do not support the proposed change	It doesn't seem fair to target one group. Why? What are the reasons for this change? Sports participants and spectators create a lot more mess with litter than dog owners. Dog owners should have the right to exercise their dogs safely.
6107	I support the proposed change	But also have a place on the beach where dogs are not allowed at any time during any season. Adults and children have the right to be at a beach without dogs.
6122	I do not support the proposed change	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.
6347	I support the proposed change	My parents have a dog on waiheke, some of the places they walk their dog are inappropriate. The dog has too much access to wilder parts of the island where it could find birds. The northern end of oneroa is the part of the beach that they use, they park at the top of the ramp and walk down to the beach, if they can take the dog there, they may not take it on Bush walks.
6447	I support the proposed change	It helps dogs be part of the community
6478	I support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6524	I support the proposed change	-Dog owners do not pick up dog excrement and therefore if our children play on these areas they put their health and the health of others in their family at risk. - - do not want children frightened by dogs when out enjoying valuable time with the family
6940	Other (please explain below)	Having an off-leash dog area north of Korora road is very sensible. However, given the popularity of this beach, and to enable children to use it, dogs should be either prohibited or on-leash on the other areas of the beach at ALL times of the year.
7250	I support the proposed change	Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

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7286	I do not support the proposed change	-Oneroa – good space to swim with your dogs – stay with the current status quo (that end is quiet anyway) Dog number increases here when they are boats on the bay. People are sticking with the current rule. Never heard people complaining.

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571	I do not support the proposed change	You are talking a very small area. Develop the green areas on the Island for dog owners. Why are the beaches the focus. There are alternatives.
861	Other (please explain below)	I support the change as there are heaps of cool birds in that area. However, I would still like to walk my dog on leash round the block on the road in front of the beach. Additionally I think dogs should stay on leash on the eastern end as there are birds everywhere.
895	I do not support the proposed change	I want to be able to walk my dog there when the weather is not good on the other side of the island. I have a well behaved dog and keep him on leash so should not be penalised for wanting to walk him when escaping the winds.
1274	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think this makes sense. If a dog is on a leash then it isn't going to attack or terrorise birds. I live in this area and it is very rare to see a dog off leash. I think the current rules work fine. I would say it will be very hard to enforce as well as it is a popular walking spot for dogs west of Moa St. I doubt this change will make any difference.
1393	I do not support the proposed change	We are lucky at Blackpool to have the other side of the beach but access to walking trails are at the current on leash end (West of Moa Av) and this would block access for dog walkers.
1407	I support the proposed change	Blackpool beach is the perfect spot for encouraging the native birds to breed.
1435	I support the proposed change	While I have a dog, I understand the need to support our wildlife and I think this is a good way to do so, particularly if they will have other off leash areas, such as Oneroa. I love between these two beaches
1513	I do not support the proposed change	Too hard and expensive to manage the different areas of the beach. People will not see signage that will need to be put everywhere costing council more and making the beach covered in different signs. Current rules should be amended so they are uniform and clear so it is easy for people to follow.
1521	I support the proposed change	This sounds like a constructive balance for needs of both dog owners and wildlife.
1782	I do not support the proposed change	Why Should dogs be prohibited on a certain part of the beach when it's such a small beach
1897	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to get on leash because of wild life
2664	I do not support the proposed change	i see no need to change . Dogs are on a leash at all times
2696	I do not support the proposed change	More time is needed - not less
2731	I support the proposed change	For the reasons given ie to protect the kuaka ,dotterels, Korora & oystercatchers whilst still giving access to the remainder of the beach. The migration the kuaka make them well worthy of protection
2771	Other (please explain below)	Keep it simple. Prohibited in all Blackpool beach.

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2879	I support the proposed change	There are plenty of places for dogs to be walked in Blackpool and surrounding areas. Having beach access at any time on the eastern beach area is a significant benefit and should suffice. This new restriction on the western end fairly balances the needs of dog owners with our need to protect seabirds and penguins.
2883	I do not support the proposed change	Stated on previous page. Sane applies
3256	I do not support the proposed change	As usual those that will be affected most are the law abiding people who look after and supervise their dogs. Non compliance has never been penalized.
3684	I do not support the proposed change	if a dog is on a leash why would you prohibit it. I think dogs should be off a leash at all times but owners should have a good recall, like my dogs , will not chase or disturb birds.
3889	I do not support the proposed change	More dog waste on beaches, spreading disease.
4065	I do not support the proposed change	There is no good reason to block that area off to dogs - other than multimillionaires not liking people to walk past their houses. The very western end of the beach is not easily accessible anyway, so there is no point for the changes.
4248	I don't know	Pony Club & Piri Tahi Marae & Hau ora on Western End of Blackpool so quite a bit of human activity. Each of them have 'no dogs allowed' regulations on their actual property. The Eastern end of Blackpool is not a pleasant walk as quite muddy. Just not sure if this proposed would add benefit to dog walking.
4371	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be off lead here
4404	I do not support the proposed change	I don't see an issue with dogs being on leash, as children running around can cause more issues for the birds than a dog on a lead.
4484	I do not support the proposed change	Too confusing. All dogs should be onleash
4661	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think it is practical to completely prohibit dogs even on a leash on the western end of the beach at all times. To walk the Te Ara Hura with dogs on a leash, you need to be able to walk past the Maori cemetery and past the Marae on the footpath next to the beach. I appreciate that the Godwits are down there but if a dog is on a leash to get from Moa to the Te Ara Hura to up the hill towards Mudbrick vineyard that is more practical. Otherwise dogs have to walk from Moa up Mako and then on the road to get to the walks near Mudbrick. That is ridiculous. You need to allow dogs on a leash to walk on the track next to the beach. It is a completely unworkable rule.
4686	I support the proposed change	This would allow dogs to swim in the heat of the day in summer.
4695	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be run. Like any creature they need to expel energy. Prohibiting dogs is cruel, especially in the hotter months.
4717	I do not support the proposed change	On a leash is fine. There would be no access to the walk behind the marae I'd dogs were banned at this end.
4734	I support the proposed change	To protect birdlife

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4784	I support the proposed change	I think that dogs should be on leash in all areas of this beach. With recent algae problems it could be foreseen that shore birds may move to other area of that shore. If dogs are allowed off leash then this poses a risk to other animal life. Not all dogs are manageable and with houses close by, dogs can roam private property.
4891	I do not support the proposed change	The current level of access works well, allowing access with a dog on a lease to Piritahi Marae and the walking trails just past it; the key point being "access from the east is obtained by the coastal trail beside the cemetery which ends at a deep creek at Tui Road, therefore access across is obtained by walking down onto the beach and down the high tide line before rejoining the esplanade between Tui Road and Tahatai Road". Having dogs on a leash provides the protection to the local fauna therefore the additional prohibition of access is not required. If the issue is people not using leashes, then the solution is a greater level of signage and education, not outright banning access.
4974	I do not support the proposed change	for the same reasons i gave in my previous response.
5198	I support the proposed change	West of Moa Ave should be a bird reserve
5465	I support the proposed change	Better dotterel protection and easy to understand
5653	I support the proposed change	The nesting birds are an important part of the ecosystem. I agree that it is important to protect them while still maintaining plenty of space for owners to walk their dogs
5660	I support the proposed change	the western end should be protected for the birds, but the Eastern end should remain off leash at all times.
5935	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be under control at all times on this beach. There are many seabirds regularly here.
6282	I support the proposed change	The change is good, but will only work if it is enforced.
6397	I do not support the proposed change	I feel the current plan works well for all dog owners and beach goers and therefore should not change.
6653	Other (please explain below)	Our experience is that some dog owners do not follow the policy rules.And it's a good idea to give them an area, and no access to other areas.
OUTSIDE WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
17	I do not support the proposed change	How is a dog on lead going to cause more disruption to wildlife than people?
230	I support the proposed change	Ok
304	I do not support the proposed change	Status Quo as is.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless
706	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be prohibited at all times.
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere

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1325	I support the proposed change	These areas should be clearly signposted.
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1404	I do not support the proposed change	Can't understand why the restriction needs to be applied.
1566	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules seem to work fine currently
1755	I support the proposed change	Plenty of other options to exercise a dog - better to look after wildlife.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1929	I do not support the proposed change	How can anyone support dog rights over godwit / dotterel rights? Vanity dogs (non working) are totally unnecessary and kill nz birds & eat eggs etc.
2047	I support the proposed change	If it works for the wildlife and means we can still exercise dogs off-leash - great
2086	I do not support the proposed change	Never had issues before, punishing everyone for a small handful of irresponsible owners isn't fair. The less our dogs are out in society the more harmful to their behavior moving forward
2096	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control of a leash are not a threat to local wildlife.
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2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current
2185	I do not support the proposed change	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2252	I support the proposed change	Protection of dotterel is really important
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
2561	I support the proposed change	Good idea
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Penalises responsible owners
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well

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3263	I do not support the proposed change	Probiting is good, but no off leash area should exist, only on-leash.
3286	I do not support the proposed change	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
3457	I do not support the proposed change	The rules as they are currently up absolutely adequate, no need for change
3754	I support the proposed change	This is a hugely utilised off lead dog walking area, and there are not enough areas like this for exercising dogs. I support the change to keep wildlife safe, as long as there is still an off leash area east of Moa Ave. I have had nothing but good experience with other like minded and responsible dog owners. These areas are crucial for well exercised, well behaved and socialised dogs.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	Over complicated and limiting exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority.

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3824	I do not support the proposed change	It is a very big change from the current rules
4013	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason to change the current rules
4025	I do not support the proposed change	current one works
4412	I support the proposed change	Retaining some access while protecting birds in a different area seems like a good compromise.
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4744	I support the proposed change	I support this change because it will keep dogs off half the beach. But a dog running out of control will not know what is east and west !! And what are Council's plans for enforcing this change ??
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
4950	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
4981	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work, why change them?
5073	I do not support the proposed change	Existing rules are adequate.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5454	I do not support the proposed change	If they are on a leash they can't create any issues
5507	Other (please explain below)	why council do lots of changes, give us a reason why...
5642	I support the proposed change	I fully support the protection of vulnerable wildlife and believe the amended policy is justified, as it aligns with these important conservation goals.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5792	I do not support the proposed change	There is no need for the update
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5906	I support the proposed change	This change still allows dogs to enjoy the beach, while protecting wildlife.
6070	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners make up a big population of Auckland and should have the right to exercise their dogs in their local parks. We are all rate payers and should have access to and share areas. I have noticed an increase in litter on the pitches during winter from sports players and spectators.

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6122	I do not support the proposed change	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.
6347	I support the proposed change	For the birds.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions
6478	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6783	I don't know	Sorry, I don't know this area well enough to comment.
7286	I do not support the proposed change	~~B~~Blackpool – The whole beach should be on leash at all times. Dotterels can be on the whole beach. ~~T~~hey breed mostly near the car park – people and cats are the main problems. High tide water comes right to the top of the beach which limits the space they can nest. ~~5~~0 dotterels there this year. Godwits have reduced. Dotterels also breed on Church Bay Road and Whakanewha Regional Park. ~~C~~urrent off leash area is not (marshy) appealing and not well used by dog owners. ~~C~~ockles in the off leash area where the oystercatchers sometimes forage. Dogs shouldn't be off leash near protected species. ~~S~~hould be no transport (cars) near the dotterels nest.

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571	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I don't think any dog should be allowed on the Onetangi Beach unless on a lead. Protect on the rights and enjoyment of non dog owners on Waiheke Northern Beaches.
807	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules work well. The new rules would be difficult to enforce and there is no point in making a change. The dotterels are no longer around and were attacked by a cat so why prohibit dogs from the more of the beach.
851	I support the proposed change		It reflects a balance between protection of seabirds and the ability of dogs and owners to enjoy the beach
895	I support the proposed change		Means I can take my dog to the beach with me for the day to enjoy time outside
897	I support the proposed change		Dogs prohibited at all times on the western end of the beach (westwards of the rocky outcrop) is currently poorly sign posted and not well understood to protect wildlife. Moving this prohibition to "westwards of Seventh Avenue" will allow for clearer signage and information near parking, bus stop and beach access (both pedestrian and boat ramp) for dog owners. The Onetangi Dune Restoration programme has been highly successful since Cyclone Cook in 2018 - with significant dune re-establishment and the subsequent nesting / reintroduction of endangered dotterels on the western end of the beach. In addition, kororā are known to come ashore on the western end of Onetangi Beach and providing a safe space from dogs that's better sign posted and enforced for our native taonga is important to restore our natural environment. This rule will create circa 350m2 of additional protected beach space, be clearer to communicate to the general public and enforce. However, I believe the rules should remain the the same for the remainder of the beach as further zoning the beach could causing unnecessary confusion and conflict - this would mean essentially keeping the rules the same but extending the current prohibited area only.
973	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Too many rules on one beach. Too hard to police and unfair for those who want to walk 90% of the beach each day with their dogs
1274	I support the proposed change		I agree this is a quiet part of the beach and so good that it can be off leash.
1354	I support the proposed change		As a local resident so I can take my dogs to the beach all year when it suits us not at set times only

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1381	I support the proposed change		This does not go far enough. Dogs should be prohibited at all times on the western end of the beach (westwards of the pohutukawa trees opposite 57 The Strand). The dune system is better established at that end of the beach and this would support shorebirds using the dune system and shore. The pohutukawa trees are more easily identifiable when walking the beach and would provide a suitable marker for dog walkers and beach goers to be able to point to and clearly mark. Note: I am a dog owner living on Waiheke.
1393	I support the proposed change		The rocky outcrop is a good visual divide for dog walkers currently and dog walkers tend to stay on the main end of the beach
1403	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dotterells breed across the extent of Onetangi and dog owners are either oblivious or uncaring of this
1435	I support the proposed change		It's a great compromise for wills life and our four legged friends.
1454	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is a totally unworkable proposal and creating a problem where there is none. Dog walking the length of the beach in early morning and evenings is an integral part of the enjoyment for all dog owners. To corral us to a small portion of the beach will create chaos and severely hamper the enjoyment of that area of the beach for families and beach goers during the day between 10 am and 5pm. Who will police this ridiculous proposal as it will not be adhered to. At present over the busy January/Feb period there are dogs and owners who flout the current rules with no repercussions. Surely enforcing the current rules is preferable to making all dog owners into villains for not adhering to these unworkable regulations. The Dotterels, when they are nesting on the beach (not an ever year occurrence) are protected and dog walkers are very mindful to have their dogs under control. How will boaties (moored down the Western end) walk their dogs??? Magic them to the Eastern end?? Use some common sense and don't ruin a wonderful leisure time for dogs and their owners, connecting with each other while getting some healthy exercise walking the length of the beach.

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1459	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	The current policy of no dogs between 10 am and 5 pm from 1 Dec to 1 March is too long. The beach is only really busy with holiday crowds from Christmas to mid-January when most holidaymakers return home and the long weekends of Auckland's anniversary and Waitangi Day. Otherwise, the beach is sparsely populated on weekdays and weekends. Common sense of most dog owners is that you don't take your dog to the beach in the heat of the day in any case - by default, most would take in the early to mid-morning and late afternoon from 4 pm at the earliest during the hottest months (similar to the current seasonal timing). Let common sense prevail.
1463	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is a much loved beach by dog owners and dogs. We respect the need to protect the penguins but this is not an appropriate place for breeding dotterels as many cats live in the neighbourhood already. Please keep the current rules. I strongly object to the proposed changes.
1506	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dear Council Members, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to allow dogs to be off-leash 24/7 on the eastern end of Onetangi Beach during peak summer hours. This area is a critical shared space for a variety of activities, including family gatherings, recreational use, and boat access, with trailers regularly parking and launching in this vicinity. Allowing unrestricted off-leash access to dogs would significantly disrupt these activities and compromise safety and enjoyment for other beach users. Currently, dogs are permitted on the beach before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. during the summer. Even within these restricted hours, the presence of off-leash dogs can make it challenging for others to use the beach peacefully, as many dogs run freely and occasionally interrupt beachgoers. Extending off-leash hours would only exacerbate these issues, diminishing the experience for families, children, and others who seek a tranquil beach environment. Furthermore, the proximity of boats and trailers poses safety risks for running dogs, and the potential for accidents cannot be ignored. Dog owners already have access to numerous alternatives for exercising their pets, such as the Owhanake off-leash area, which is available at all times and does not attract families or boat users. Other off-leash areas around Waiheke Island further provide ample options for dog walking during the current restricted hours. Additionally, there are ongoing concerns regarding some dog owners failing to clean up after their pets. Expanding off-leash access would likely exacerbate this issue, leading to an increase

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1513	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Too hard and expensive to manage the different areas of the beach. People will not see signage that will need to be put everywhere costing council more and making the beach covered in different signs. Current rules are clear and easy for people to follow. If there is concern about next birds all cats should be banned from the island that kill hundreds of native birds on the island annually.
1515	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The proposed dog restriction for this beach are unrealistic and unnecessary. 1: There has been no call from locals that what we have does not work. 2: restrictions from 7th Avenue to the Western area has no merit. in 39 years of coming; then living in. Onetangi I have never seen a Blue Penguin west of the rocky outcrop. That is the end that is usually the mooring place of visiting boats including a number which bring their dogs ashore. Should dogs be excluded from this area this would require a fence between the road and the beach plus large signs facing the water . 3: All day dogs off leads at the eastern end is completely unrealistic. This is the most populated area of the beach from visitors and like the 7th Avenue proposal would require a fence (dog proof) and would also interfere with launching and retrieving of boats. The whole proposed plan has obviously been thought up by people who have never been to Onetangi. I am against the proposed dog restrictions.
1521	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I don't support the change to allowing dogs off a leash at the eastern end at any time. People already treat the beach in this way and it doesn't feel good for beach goers. This end tends to attract cars parked up on the sand, people drinking, and dogs running around unchecked. It sometimes doesn't feel very safe down that end of the beach during the day as a consequence.
1552	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current dog rules work extremely well and I see no need to change them. There are a lot of people who have dogs and to keep both parties happy and well adjusted they need exercise and not just a small wander.

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1657	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I walk this beach everyday. This idea is just crazy. 50 to 60 boats moor there in the summer. Many of the folk come ashore with their dogs to exercise them. They come exactly to this end of the beach (most sheltered). Last year some Dotterels did try to nest. The locals were very good about avoiding nests BUT a cat got the chicks!! The real issue is cats not dogs!! This year no Dotterels have tried to nest at this end of the beach. Also, many of the owners of the houses at this end of the Strand have dogs. They wander onto the beach. This proposal is unenforceable and ill advised. Just leave it as it is. If you really want to attract Dotterels then focus on cat control!! Let the dog walkers have their space!!
1692	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Appreciate extra care around breeding season but the proposed changes are a complete overreach & far too significant restrictions for dog owners. Maintain current rules
1716	I support the proposed change		Again, good to have a small area of all day access for the dogs. It will be a bit confusing perhaps though for visitors. Clear signage will be needed!
1897	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	Dogs should be allowed on leash at western end
2000	I support the proposed change		we need an all year round area. It is good to keep out of the bird breeding area on Ontetangi. but these demarcated areas will be hard to stipulate and 'police' as many people will not be aware of the more complex situation. Or just ignore it and claim ignorance.
2002	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Non-dog walking beach goers should not have to share the beach with dogs during the day. Having 3 rules for one beach is crazy and will create confusion. These rules will not be obeyed. The council should also enforce these rules far more regularly (if they enforce at all) and I think the summer prohibition hours should be 10am-6pm. This beach is very busy in to the evenings and unless there is a low tide then there is not a lot of space for dogs to run.

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2113	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Leave the current rules alone. They work perfectly fine as they are. Who is going to police the demarcation line between east and west of third Avenue? does your dog know not to run over the invisible line? A free-for-all (24/7 all year) east of Third Ave will effectively rule out that popular part of the beach for family use and there will be a lot of un-attended dog litter and boundary breaches. It is a very popular picnic end of the beach as it is near 1st Ave dead end. it will become overrun with dogs all year round, all day! At the western end, boaties with dogs are going to have life made difficult if Seventh Ave becomes the new prohibition boundary. Also, making the changes with dotterels in mind, is questionable. Onetangi has never been a great breeding ground with very few and irregular nests establishing and the risk to their survival is posed more by feral cats than dogs with the most recent nest invasion committed by cats, i understand.
2206	I support the proposed change		It's sensible and with increasing temperatures due to climate change It's unfair for dogs not to be able to swim at the height of summer during the day.
2328	I support the proposed change		Good idea to have an off-lease area at all times, this is such a popular beach for dog walkers so makes sense to have a clear area designated.
2596	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I believe this change is unenforcable. Boats moor in the sea off this area and many bring their dogs ashore. Also that section of the beach is less busy so is suited to dog walking. Closing that space will only concertrate more dogs into a smaller area.
2622	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Eastern end will have dogs running ragged at all times and our children cannot go to the beach. Very unfair. Present system fine as we don't let's kids on early am and evening.

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2630	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules are easily understood and easy to comply with. Onetangi is a family beach and having any part of the beach being off-leash 24/7 results in completely different owner behaviour. Unless dogs are tied up to their families on the beach , they will wander and disturb other beach users. To demarcate at Third avenue is totally impractical and needs to be discounted. Restricting beach access because of Dotterels is totally unjustified. Onetangi is not a recognised breeding ground for dotterels and the few chicks which are hatched end up victims of feral cats--not dogs. the frequency of dotterel nesting does not warrant the restriction proposed. Onetangi is a wonderful dog walking beach. A procession of walking dogs during doggie time means that dogs are well controlled and supervised. The current rules are universally popular and there is absolutely no reason to change them. I am a dog owner and see the current rules working well and they are conducive to beach users self-policing the rules and indicating to those in breach or those who don't know when they are allowed on the beach. NO CHANGE !!!
2644	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	No change to current policy but in addition that because there are so many dog owners who do not consider other people on the beach and they often do not have control of their one dog let alone multiple dogs, I believe all dogs should be on a leash.
2664	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	the present system works well for both dogs and people and is easy to understand
2696	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are already limited enough - more time and places are needed - not less.
2724	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be allowed in the beach at all off leash until 7pm
2731	I support the proposed change		For the reasons given. I have seen evidence of Korora being hassled and killed by dogs at the western end and up the cliffs at that end. friends of ours have a cottage at the top of the cliff under which Korora, sometimes manage to nest and fledge, however often witness hassling by dogs
2732	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Onetangi is too busy to have dogs and swimmers and kids all mixed in together over summer I would like the timeframe over summer to return to 6pm as the beach is too busy at 5pm

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2740	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I'd like to include the change: Dogs prohibited at all times on the western end of the beach (westwards of Seventh Avenue) (Schedule 2). For the rest of the beach no change o existing dog rules. The eastern end of the beach is the most popular part for swimmers and families. I do not appreciate having to swim with dogs. It is also not advisable to walk dogs during the day in the summer heat. It will be impossible to supervise adherence to the new rule. Dog owner walk their dog now to the very end of the western beach. They won't stick to the very end of the Eastern beach either.
2747	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current rules work well.
2760	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be allowed at all times anywhere on the beach as owners ignoring the rules and not picking up the faeces also ground nesting birds on that beach onetangi is the most popular beach for tourists
2765	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current bylaw is a good arrangement, liked by most, obeyed for the most part It's not broke so no need to fix
2771	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Prohibited in all beach at all times. Build an exercise, enclosed area for dogs nearby. We don't want more dogs wondering around
2793	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The idea to have dogs on part of the beach at any time is a very bad idea. it will rightly upset other users Dogs should be restricted to specific times, as they are now. Dog walkers enforce the rules...they appreciate the privilege and ask visitors to obey the rules. The dotterels are generally killed by cats, as the last one was. Cats, with stoats and rats are the main predators....that is where the council should focus its efforts.
2879	I support the proposed change		I think this is a reasonable approach to balancing the needs of dog owners, beach goers and wildlife. A lot of clear signage will be required to ensure people know and understand these areas but I think the concept is sound.
2881	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	At Onetangi dogs are allowed to be walked on the beach during the summer months until 10 am in the morning and again from 5 pm. This means all dogs are walked at the same time , they are well behaved and owners pick up poos. The beach is then kept free for all beach goers for the bulk of the day. This works perfectly well as it is and does not need to be changed. As regards the dotterels, the locals are well aware of their nesting habits and care to protect them. It was not dogs that killed the baby but feral cats, therefore no point punishing dog owners.

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2883	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be on a leash at all times
2934	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules for Onetangi Beach are clear and easy to understand. At the moment there is a clear geographical site, the rock outcrop on the western end of the beach, that shows how far dogs can go during off leash times. Changing to align with the streets is complicated and harder to manage. Many do not even realize where the streets are when they are on the beach. I cannot see any benefit from the proposed changes. The current rules are as clear and as simple as they have ever been. Why change?
2935	I support the proposed change		I believe that allowing dog access to this area will not adversely affect the general public's enjoyment of the beach, but will allow dogs to swim in the heat of the day,
3054	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I am a local dog owner, who uses this beach regularly to walk my dogs (2). There are a number of reasons why I do not support this change. The consultation document outlines why changes are proposed : • Improve our current approach to dog management in Auckland • Provide a balanced use of public space to respond to changes in how we use public spaces that considers the needs of dog owners and their dogs, other people and animals, the environment and property • Make the rules clearer and easier to understand and comply with. In my opinion, the proposed changes fail the 3rd reason (making rules clearer and easier to comply with) overwhelmingly. Which in turn will negatively affect both the balanced use of public space, and the management of dogs The current rules, having changed a couple of years ago, are by and large complied with. The rocky outcrop to the west of the beach is mostly not used by dog walkers (tides help this as well), and the time limits during summer months are also pretty well adhered to. This means that in the winter, when less people use the beach, dogs are less likely to impact other beach users (e.g. swimmers, young families). During high season the restrictions seem to work well, meaning all beach users get a time they can rely on to access the beach for their needs. The rules are clear, simple, and broadly understood and adhered to.

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3121	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be allowed on this beach or Palm Beach or Onetangi Beach in the summer at any time. The current rules at Palm Beach are terrible. They force all beach users to leave the beach at 5pm which is crazy in summer when it is light until 9pm. Dogs overrun the beaches and poop on the sand. Some dogs owners have total disregard for anyone else and do not pick up after their dog and do not have the dog under any type of control off-leash. I know of people who have had a strangers dog jump on them, been knocked over and broken their leg. It is completely unacceptable for the majority of beach goers enjoyment of the sand be destroyed by animals in the summer months by dogs when there are so many beaches on the island which are not popular and equally suitable for dogs to use.
3127	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be allowed on this beach or Palm Beach or Onetangi Beach in the summer at any time. The current rules at Palm Beach are terrible. They force all beach users to leave the beach at 5pm which is crazy in summer when it is light until 9pm. Dogs overrun the beaches and poop on the sand. Some dogs owners have total disregard for anyone else and do not pick up after their dog and do not have the dog under any type of control off-leash. I know of people who have had a strangers dog jump on them, been knocked over and broken their leg. It is completely unacceptable for the majority of beach goers enjoyment of the sand be destroyed by animals in the summer months by dogs when there are so many beaches on the island which are not popular and equally suitable for dogs to use.
3130	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be prohibited from all north side beaches on waiheke all the time

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3188	I support the proposed change		The current rule prohibiting dogs at all times on the western end of Onetangi Beach (west of the rocky outcrop) is poorly signposted and not widely understood, which undermines its purpose of protecting wildlife. Moving this prohibition boundary to "west of Seventh Avenue" would allow for clearer signage and information at key access points, such as the parking area, bus stop, and pedestrian and boat ramp entrances, making it easier for dog owners to comply. The Onetangi Dune Restoration Programme, initiated after Cyclone Cook in 2018, has been highly successful, resulting in significant dune re-establishment. This restoration has supported the nesting and reintroduction of endangered tūturiwhatu (New Zealand dotterels) on the western end of the beach. Additionally, kororā (little blue penguins) are known to come ashore in this area. Ensuring a well-defined, dog-free zone with better signage and enforcement will provide much-needed protection for these native taonga and help restore the natural environment. Extending the current dog-prohibited area will create approximately 350 square meters of additional protected beach space. This change will make the rules clearer, easier to communicate, and more straightforward to enforce. Importantly, I recommend keeping the existing rules for the remainder of the beach unchanged, as further zoning could introduce unnecessary confusion and conflict. This approach effectively extends the current protected area without complicating the management of Onetangi Beach.
3201	I don't know		I am happy to agree with the 24/7 access allowing dogs at the western end of Oneroa and onetangi
3241	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	There are no nesting dotterels on the western end of the beach
3256	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I walk this beach every day to the rocky outcrop. As per current policy. Most people comply with current rules. There is no supervision or enforcement by council on the island. Changes in rules will provide a loss of enjoyment for those that comply ONLY.
3379	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current plan works well. It would not be good to allow dogs in the eastern end of the beach to be off leash all day as families swim in this area and not all dogs are friendly. Don't believe it is necessary to change western end rules either.
3461	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Existing policy is more than sufficient. Outside of summer / public holidays the beach is unused. We implore council to not punish dog owners due to those few that cannot control animals. Council would be better served to focus attention on escalating reports of breach / out of control animals

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3581	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	A solution could simply be dogs must be on lead as they are in the close vicinity of the dotterills nesting. Last year a cat killed a bird not a dog. The western end of the beach is very busy in summer and although it would be nice for dogs to have full access, the priority is for young families. To feel undisturbed.
3657	I don't know		"off leash under control" assumes responsible owners. My experience on Onetangi beach is owners allow their dogs to run free with little restriction thinking it lovely when their dog runs into you, jump up on you and bark at you. I have personally been bitten twice (and observed children having been attacked) and been accosted and tripped countless times. It is currently not safe to have children on the beach before 10. (Keep in mind there are many many dogs on the beach during this time.) It is totally unacceptable dogs are given preference over people's well being, safety and access to the beach. Many other beaches around NZ have longer time restrictions and these should also be applied to Onetangi beach and then enforced. It is very common to have dogs roaming the beach unleashed all morning. Dogs should without a doubt be leashed on the beach at all times during this peak holiday season to avoid them raining havoc on people trying to walk or play. (I am not exaggerating). There are lots of places to walk a dog but only one beach for the children to swim in safely. Giving access to certain parts of the beach is equally not feasible and in fact would make the situation worse. Please keep in mind many people responding to this will be dog owners (Including those on the Onetangi association.) trying to look after their own interests and not that of the public. In short, of your options extending the no dogs hour and requiring leashes on the beach is the only way to keep people safe while allowing the dogs and owners access to the beach.

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3678	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	Dogs are not supposed to be at the western end of the beach now and nobody (no dog owner) takes any notice of it. It is not controlled, not policed or enforced; so what's the point? If dogs are allowed to be off leash at all times at the eastern end of the beach they will stay off leash all the way, i.e along the whole beach, because nobody will control this and the dog owners all walk along the whole beach every day. Dog should not be off leash on the beach at all! There are too many and they pester or scare walkers, runners, little kids and people who do not want contact with dogs. The owners usually don't care about this and often the dogs are behind them, so they can't see them and don't see them defecating on the beach and don't clean up after them. This is going to be even more of a problem when dogs are off the leash in a specific area because owners are going to stand around in groups and not watch their dogs and see what they are doing. I am strictly against allowing dogs off the leash at the eastern end of the beach - at all times! Mainly because nobody is going to control this and the dog owners are going to see this a carte blanche for letting their dogs run around all over the beach. Please don't make this a new by-law!!
3684	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Im a long time local 50+ years. there is only one nest on the beach & the nest was undisturbed by dogs, birds & chicks grew up & left. Where as there are hundreds of dogs using the beach. they enjoy the beach, always have & should never be prohibited EVER! Its a long beach suitable for proper exercise for both dog & owner. Half a beach will not do. There was a woman spreading assumptions about dogs killing birds on the beach & she was harassing people & dogs. Its a highly used beach where locals & their dogs mix nicely with other non dog owning locals. The only time i've seen issues is when visitors bring their dogs on the beach & their dog doesn't know how to run free or mix with free dogs. My dogs have used onetangi & all the Waiheke beaches & parks, since they were pups & they have hundreds of dog friends to run with. DONT PROHIBIT DOGS!!!
3712	I do not support the proposed change		Dog owners can't control their dogs now so how would banning them from certain parts of the beach work. The dog control officer/s are not very visible particularly at peak times

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3714	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I don't agree that dogs should be permanently prohibited from the western end of Onetangi Beach. This should only be in place only during the breeding season of Dotterels which is Aug to Feb IF indeed there are dotterels nesting on the beach. There were no breeding pairs of Dotterels on Onetangi in the 2024 season so I don't feel it's necessary for dogs to be banned permanently from the western end of the beach.
3717	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I represent an organisation (Onetangi Beach Ratepayers Association ("OBRA") with more than 100 members. At our AGM with 85 people present (with a large number of dog owners) there was unanimous disapproval of ANY change whatsoever to the current rules. OBRA believes that the current rules are simple to understand, simple to apply, theywork well and are in no need of any change or tweaking. When dog walkers are on the beach , they are well controlled . To have a free for all in any area during summer will a) eliminate large sandy area of the beach for family use b) be difficult to police demarcation lines and we do not want more signage or roping off on the beach c) result in unattended or unobserved dogs transgressing boundaries or being a nuisance to those using the restricted area. Under the current rules , dogs are well controlled as the dog procession proceeds up and down the beach Dotterels are not a good reason for more restrictions. They nest sporadically, infrequently and in small numbers and when they do , dog owners are respectful and mindful of them. It is a known fact that any loss of dotterels is attributed to feral cats not dogs OBRA would like to see more dog ranger presence on Onetangi beach and perhaps more public information releases as to when dotterels are present. No change please.
3738	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	For most of the year the beach is relatively empty and offered plenty of space for everyone to enjoy including dogs. We already have seasonal restrictions in place which are widely accepted. Many runners like to run with their dogs along the length of the beach - why change the current rules if they are working?

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3868	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I AM A DOG OWNER and use the Onetangi Beach every day. . There is no need to allow dogs off leash at all times on the eastern end. This area is heavily used by families and having dogs off lead at all times would be a major problem. In fact, i would support amending the current time to after 6 PM as in the summer, 5-6 PM is still peak time. And even then requiring to be on lead. If you have seen the beach, you know that there are many dog owners who let their dogs run uncontrolled. There are many other areas (like the domain near the beach where dogs can be off lead at all times.
3889	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be allowed on beaches.
3893	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The existing policy works fine. Your proposal is overly complex and unnecessary and seems to ignore the fact that the eastern end of the beach is the part of the beach most used by families and swimmers yet that would be the area with the least restrictions. Implementing three distinct zones is unnecessary, will likely lead to confusion and has a highly probability of being ignored or misunderstood. As a dog owner who walks regularly on onetangi the current regulations are clear, unambiguous and are working well. What is the rationale for change? There appears to be no good or reasonable basis. I do not support the proposed change.
3968	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We have been residents for over 10 years & have a dog and the current dog walking roles work perfectly. There is a lot of small children who use the eastern end of the beach, east of third avenue and shelter under the hillside at the end of the beach for shade & play on the rocks & in rich pools. People also bring families down to launch boats & dogs off leash will create a cancerous situation for launching boats & otter water craft. Horses also use this end of the beach to load horse trucks & ride. This is a high use area of the beach as it has one of the only car parks available for people & so families park here & enjoy the day. This is a very unsuitable place for dogs to be off lead during the day.
4000	I support the proposed change		This proposal makes sense for our beach. Everyone can choose which part of the beach they want to go to, based on their preference, plus the wildlife will stay protected :)
4003	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I have already given my feedback in the previous section. Please refer and copy here. The efforts to protect dotterels here are pointless and counter productive as efforts cause public annoyance and frustration and would not stop the cats that abound in the area. Cat control laws are urgently needed.

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4065	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Any time off-leash at the eastern end would be welcome. I am happy with the seasonal rules, they are fair. I do agree with prohibiting dogs from the western rocky outcrop, but I DO NOT agree with prohibiting dogs from the western end onwards from Seventh Avenue. It is a safe access to the beach for many people. Encouraging dotterels to breed is a stupid idea, as there is far too much foot traffic even without dogs and too many cats in the surrounding houses, as has been proven by the death of the last dotterel. In 30 years of living there, I have not seen any penguins in that area, only the very occasional one behind the rocky outcrop. Again - do not punish the responsible dog owners.
4097	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The eastern end of the beach is widely enjoyed by visitors and families of all ages throughout the year. The proposed rule change will make the area where dogs run free all day and night year round, significantly less useable by humans especially those with young children, older people and anyone is in anyway afraid of dogs. It is unlikely to be well patrolled or boundaries adhered to and the reality is the increase in dog excrement will add to the loss of usability in that area. It will change the entire community experience as the beach is well known for its length and draws people from across the island to appreciate the coastal environment on this flat safe beach . By compartmentalising the beach you are stopping people with and without dogs from being able to enjoy the full length of the beach at different times of the day and disadvantaging all parties. If the desire is for a free run of a beach for dogs then better to change this rule to a smaller beach that does not serve this unique purpose. We are strongly opposed to this ammendment and believe it is contradictory to the stated goals of 1. keeping dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders 2. minimising the problems that dogs can cause - and 3. prioritises the welfare of dogs over community or humans.
4126	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy and rules work well. Allowing dogs off the leash at any time would significantly change that area of the beach. The eastern end of the beach as it is today provides a peaceful area for families and individuals and some bird life to enjoy away from the cafes and crowds of the more populated areas of the beach (e.g. in front of the cafe's, bars and restaurants). We have been resident in Waiheke for 15 years and strongly disagree with any change to the existing rules that are working well.

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4159	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As a dog lover I support the opportunity for exercising dogs on beaches at times when families are not present. The Eastern end of Onetangi beach is already the busiest part of Onetangi beach because of the restaurants and boat launching. There is no room and it is unsafe to allow dogs onto the beach during the period when families come to play on the beach i.e. between 9.00am and 5pm. I am a regular user of the beach throughout the year and I maintain that there should be no change to the current rule pertaining to Eastern Onetangi beach -in fact it should be enforced more regularly as we frequently experience dog owners allowing dogs onto the beach, without lead and out of control during the exclusion periods.
4161	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	I much prefer the amendment allowing dogs at all times to walk east of Sixth Avenue. I was strongly opposed to have it from Third Avenue only as we have a lot of dogs walking on the beach and that would be too compressed, potentially dangerous and not nice for families visiting the beach.
4180	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	The proposed change will put undue pressure on the stretch of beach east of Third Ave. This is an area that already has pressure from the number of cars and limited parking, particularly on busy weekends during summer. This area of the beach is often quite busy with families and others using the beach. Combining that with more dog owners and their dogs during the day will exacerbate the traffic/parking problems and potential problems for beach users in that area. Allowing the any time access to extend from Sixth Ave eastwards will spread the vehicles and dog owners and dogs over a much wider area and thereby create less pressure for parking and less concentration of people on the beach.
4248	I support the proposed change		As a dog walker I can see that this would be a benefit HOWEVER I am unsure as to how it would be patrolled/controlled. During the height of the Summer season there are often 100 dogs going walking. Some well controlled some not. I wish the ranger would make a habit of coming and walking the beach between 9-10am from 28th Dec-10th Jan to truly understand the issues.

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4253	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This area is the main point of access for boats and trailers parking and launching - this traffic could be very dangerous to running dogs. The beach is very popular during summer by children, families and boaters making it unsuitable as an all day off leash dog area. I would like to see the current time restrictions stay in place and not interrupt people from enjoying the beach between 10am - 5pm. I am a dog owner and believe what is currently in place is the best way forward.
4371	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be off lead here
4484	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Too confusing
4536	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The proposed rules are ridiculous. Simply adds cost of establishment and compliance for no benefit The current rules work well with public generally compliant. The proposed rules has all dogs off lease concentrated at the busiest end of the beach, which will compromise enjoyment for families and safety for children Onetangi beach is not a doderill nesting site. There has been the odd sporadic nest in the 33 years we have been resident. I can recall one in the past 5 years- the natural predators are seagulls and wild cats, not dogs. Keeping dogs out of the area on the remote chance that a doderill will arrive and nest is ridiculous. There are plentiful dedicated nesting areas for doderills on Waiheke. Ridiculous idea to create one more on Waiheke's busiest beach. Leave the rules as they are
4578	I support the proposed change		I support this change, however we also need to ensure that the rules are respected. At the moment there are dog owners taking their dogs in the prohibited area at the western end of the beach, so please make sure that there are officers regularly enforcing the policy.
4635	I support the proposed change		It's only fair that we have a legal spot to enjoy swims with our dogs on nice beaches in summer. Plenty of areas for people who don't like dogs to enjoy the beach without us. And people won't break the laws as much.
4661	I support the proposed change		I think it makes sense to have dogs allowed on a small part of Onetangi beach in Summer all day away from the busiest part to the beach, so allowing dogs all Summer on the eastern end of the beach makes a lot of sense and is fair. It still leaves the vast majority of the beach for others to enjoy without dogs 10-5 in Summer. I suppose closing the far western end of the beach from Dogs if blue penguins are present. Not sure that extending the closure from Seventh Ave to the rocky outcrop . I think from the rocky outcrop to the end works ok as it is .

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4667	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dog owners are irresponsible! We need to protect our wildlife
4686	I support the proposed change		This would allow dogs to swim in the heat of the day in summer.
4717	I do not support the proposed change		Seem too many options for one beach.
4734	I support the proposed change		My dogs will love it! Few tourists use this part of the beach.
4774	I support the proposed change		I I have a dog and it like the beach.
4784	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Tighter controls are needed, not looser. Given the doterral bird nests already are killed off due to dogs off leash, it seems likely that this endangered bird will not benefit from more dogs off leash. Dogs off leash also empty their bowels where and when their owner cannot see. As a beach goer I don't want even more dog ***** on the beach.
4870	I support the proposed change		Protect the dotterls ;)
4893	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on any part of the beach. Nesting birds move their grounds from year to year, unnecesary expense to change the rules. and set up off limit areas
4908	I support the proposed change		This is a great opportunity for dogs owners and families to enjoy activities with their dogs all year round. Again it is largely a boat launching area and whilst there are some sports activities that use this area such as Waka ama I believe they could've to another part of the beach if It was troublesome such as the proposed part of the beach that is being proposed to be prohibited to dogs year round.
4916	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	TOO CONFUSING - Current rules work well - most people adhere to these rules - Children play there -Frightened by BIG Dogs - It will encourage more cars to drive onto the beach -causing damage - Ranger NEVER comes to beach to enforce rules - there will be a fatality from Large unregistered dogs as well as Cars- .Wekas are at the Eastern end being mauled by dogs

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4974	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	it works. Why change something that is not broken? If you look at my answer that i gave for Oneroa the same feedback applies. A small group of dog haters are creating a case for change. most people who use these beaches are happy to have dogs on them. our dog walks straight past Oyster catchers. I do not understand why ratepayers money is being wasted on reviewing something that works. the biggest problem the birds have on both Waiheke and Barrier (Aotea) are Pukekos (kill the chicks), Wekas (eat the eggs), Cats (eat the chicks) and children (disturb the nest and have no respect for the fenced off areas). Dogs seem to be the scapegoat for all things bad that are caused by other species. most dogs want to chance a stick, swim in the sea or play with each other.
5198	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It works well at present but needs to be patrolled and enforced more particularly in summer.
5285	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	total confusion without ANY dog Wardens to patrol beaches are for people to enjoy not to be terrified by roaming dogs - poohing and unsupervised . will encourage more cars to park on beach destroying the beach-
5319	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Confusion as to what area dogs are in - are you going to supervise!, normally dog ranger NEVER seen to patrol on uncollared & presumably unregistered Dogs
5394	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The main recreational area on Onetangi Beach is at the Eastern end of the Beach - east of the Jacobs Ladder Walkway (midway between 4th and 6th Avenue). The majority of parking is available in the east (1st, 2nd & 3rd Avenue) and most bus passengers disembark at stops in 3rd & 4th Avenue. The only Onetangi Beach cafes/restaurants are located between 3rd & 4th Avenues. Allowing dogs off a leash at anytime would impact the enjoyment of beach goers in this area,
5465	I support the proposed change		Good to have an end of the beach for off-leash at all times

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5612	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I would first like to note that the dog rules for Onetangi beach were amended a few years ago based on the argument that they should be the same for the whole of Auckland. This meant the time with limited access was reduced from Labour Day to Easter, to Dec 1 to March 1. Now it seems that rules are being individualised again. There is no rationale provided for this proposal, which suggests that the rules will be different for different parts of the beach. Many people do not follow the rules now, so making them more complicated is not going to encourage greater compliance, it will only add to the confusion. Further, many people like to walk or run the length of the beach, so for them having no dogs on one part, and dogs running free on another part, will not make life easier for those who do not like dogs running up to them. However, seeing as there are no fence-lines between the three proposed areas, dogs are not likely to respect such boundaries. The far western end of the beach is supposed to be dog-free, but this is ignored by most dog owners (It should also be noted that those who arrive by boat often come ashore with their dogs here – they do not seem to feel obliged to make themselves aware of local rules). How is extending this back to Seventh Ave going to create better compliance (I would also point out that the dotterels have nested mainly between 6th and 7th Ave, so the new rule won't help them much anyway)? This is once again a case of the council declaring new rules that will have to be enforced by the Local Board, who are simply not in a position to enforce them, so what is the point? This consultation is also meaningless, as the online document is a "dog's breakfast" because it tries to address too many questions at once and does not focus on one. There should have been more
5645	I support the proposed change		With 2 kilometres of sand available at Onetangi, It's only fair that dog owners should be able to use a part of it to swim and play off leash at any time of the day and year.
5653	I support the proposed change		This would be a fantastic opportunity for dog owners to enjoy stunning onetangi. The beach is huge and there is plenty of space for people who do not want to be near dogs to enjoy the remainder of the beach. It would be lovely for the many dog owners who live on the island or are visiting the island to be able to fully enjoy the islands beaches with their dogs instead of needing to leave them at home. Eastern onetangi is a great location to offer this.
5658	I support the proposed change		Same as before
5660	I support the proposed change		There should be a part of such a huge beach where dogs can be free to play at all times of the day and year.
5666	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs should be under the control of the person walking them, that being said the current restriction from the rocky outcrop is sufficient. The Dotterils are only there nesting seasonally why take away the enjoyment of the whole beach from the rocky outcrop for the whole year?

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5805	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	You are proposing to have dogs off lead on a smaller area of the beach. I have walked my dogs the full length both ways for years. There is never a problem as the dogs move on walking swimming. Put all these dogs together isolated in a small area and there could be trouble. Why are you always targeting dogs they are my hobby having a Grand Obedience Champion and a tracking champion. I avoid dog parks selected by areas as they are too small and often trouble can occur.. Please consider what this could do to hundreds of dog owners. I have been told to walk but would never if I did not have a pleasure, which is watching my boys living there full life Thank you
5857	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I agree dogs should not be allowed on the main stretch of Onetangi Beach (other than at the western end to the west of the rocks, for the birds' sake) during the day over the summer period. I believe that provides an appropriate balance between consideration for those who would like to use the beach without needing to interact with dogs; dog owners who enjoy taking their dogs to the beach; and our native bird life. With respect, I feel the proposed changes are unworkable. They are too open to misinterpretation and flouting. The current rules are already regularly flouted, and they are clear and unambiguous. I would like to see the current rules properly policed, and sanctions given to those who openly defy them. I am an Onetangi resident and a dog owner.
5935	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I support specifying Seventh Ave instead of the "rock outcrop" as a prohibited area at ALL times. I do NOT support dogs being off-leash at ANYTIME on Onetangi Beach. There are too many dogs using this beach for there to be off-leash free access. I regularly walk on this beach and have had too many encounters with unruly dogs rushing at me and their owners NOT having them under control. My grandchildren have been frightened several times by unwelcome dogs. I have seen unleashed dogs interfering with people's property and owners not picking up poo.
6282	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	We would like to see the area where dogs are prohibited at all times enlarged, and no times where dogs are allowed off leash as they are often not under control. Dog owners can become very abusive and threatening when asked to stop their large dog snarling and barking at a small child. That is not something people who just want to walk along a beach should have to put up with.

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6397	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed reduction of the designated dog walking area at Onetangi Beach and the doubling of the prohibited zone. As a local dog owner and regular user of this space, I believe these changes are unnecessary, restrictive, and will negatively impact both the community and responsible dog owners. Why the Current Setup Works Best  Onetangi Beach has always been a balanced space for everyone – The current setup already provides clear areas where dogs can be walked responsibly while also ensuring space for other beach users. Expanding restrictions unnecessarily penalises responsible dog owners without clear justification.  No evidence of issues that justify a larger prohibited zone – There have been no widespread complaints or safety concerns that warrant such a drastic change. Most dog owners respect the existing rules and act responsibly. Doubling the prohibited area is excessive and removes a well-loved space for the community.  The reduced walking area will concentrate more dogs into a smaller space – This is counterproductive and may actually cause more congestion, rather than allowing people to naturally spread out across the beach as they do now. A More Reasonable Approach If changes are being considered, they should be based on fairness and real community input. Instead of doubling the
6653	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	We think the dog restrictions should apply until April 1st. March still has a lot of public beach goers.
OUTSIDE WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD			
11	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	As an Onetangi beach user (and up until recently dog owner) the current rules work fine for everyone - a good compromise allowing dogs off leash at specified times / seasons but off the beach all together at peak times. The proposed rules are not likely to be workable in practice and will spoil the overall enjoyment / child friendly nature of the beach during summer season. Education is the key to protecting the dotterels which people are more aware of. I would prefer that the current rules were more regularly enforced by regular visits by animal management officers. Thank you.
73	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This will be impossible to manage and for people to know, as they can access the beach at so many points along the way. People don't follow the current rules where there is a clear natural divide from the rocks, so they won't follow these. As someone who has been walking dogs on this beach for 35 years, these rules are unnecessary and a waste of time

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230	I support the proposed change		Good to have space
240	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I do not believe dogs should be allowed off leash at peak public times.
304	I support the proposed change		Sensible.
376	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	What a nightmare of a policy change. How do you expect humans/dogs to follow it accurately?? And god help the poor person who has to enforce it. Keep it the same or your 2nd option half half is better.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
566	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I do not support increased dog access to these areas due to social and environmental concerns
694	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	How do boaties get dogs from moored boat at Western end down to the eastern end.?
778	I support the proposed change		Really practical solution, accounting for all interested parties making it fair. While I generally support current rules, it has meant we can't enjoy the more favourable swimming times on the beach with our dog. Also, if high tide occurs within 2-3 hours before 10am or after 5pm, the current limited access hours over summer mean there is little beach available to use.
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
1188	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Current restrictions are fair for all
1325	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Off leash dogs should be prohibited from the entire beach. There is no fence to prevent them entering the protected area.
1334	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Currently is very clear and works well. Even on leads, dogs can be very intimidating. Not all people clean up after their dogs, so restricting access will reduce the messes.
1349	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	One beach one rules. As otherwise some parts of the beach are going to get so many dogs during the whole day and that will be terrible busy. Too complicated with different rules - the rules should remain the same as they are today. They work very well.

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1358	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1500	I support the proposed change		Good idea but would need clear signage so dog owners espec visitors to area understand where rules change along beach
1566	I support the proposed change		Again this opens this great public resource up to more people and users
1651	I don't know		Not many changes proposed
1755	I support the proposed change		Has options so not overly prohibitive. Just needs clear signage
1814	I support the proposed change		Good to have more protection of dotterels and great to have an off leash area.
1854	I don't know		Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1929	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Ban all dogs from all waiheke beaches as an end goal. Except for guide dogs. Beaches are places where people can carefully share the space with native birds & wildlife. Dogs are not native or necessary.
1939	I support the proposed change		this is an issue
2047	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	This is a tricky one, because from observing how people use the beach, it seems dogs are far more prevalent on the banned end? Anecdotal of course, but we spend a lot of time on boats and when we take the dogs ashore we stick to where the other dog walkers are, and it's always down the Western end. Maybe because there's poor signage? I don't know.
2084	I support the proposed change		The locals have dogs too
2086	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Never had issues before, punishing everyone for a small handful of irresponsible owners isn't fair. The less our dogs are out in society the more harmful to their behavior moving forward
2096	I support the proposed change		More flexibility in access to beach for dog owners.
2122	I support the proposed change		Sensible change which allows everyone options for safe use.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2185	I support the proposed change		Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2215	I don't know		Bit confusing to understand change
2248	I don't know		Can't understand what you have written.

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2252	I support the proposed change		Gives more opportunities to walk your dog during the day which is great.
2313	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	If we cannot access the western side of the beach with a dog on lead or off lead then boating is impossible. The western side of the beach is calmer for dinghies coming ashore. With this proposal we'll be breaking the rules every time we come to Onetangi. Will be an unfair, big impact on the boating community who love this beach too.
2380	I support the proposed change		The beach is 1.5kms long plenty of open space for dogs
2561	I support the proposed change		Good idea
2652	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Change the Western part (at current size) to an on-lead area from the rocky outcrop. Otherwise this is really restricted access to a popular beach - as long as people (including non-dog owners) are kept clear of wildlife areas at sensitive times, that should be fine. If you are walking on the beach - how would you know when to stop half way along - particularly when the tide is out and far from the nesting sites. This is a wonderful beach and one of the few on Waiheke where dog owners can get a good walk with their dogs.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Shouldn't have any restrictions for responsible owners. Too complex to follow.
2713	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2835	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is very hard for summer boaties to bring dogs ashore in the middle of the bay. We all bring dinghies /tenders in west end. Safest part. Dogs should be allowed on the beach with summer winter rules. There are signs up around rocky area that states no dogs. Too difficult to cordon off half the beach. 95% people walking on the beach doing the full length have dogs
2864	I don't know		This is such a large popular beach, dogs should be under control on a leash at all times.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Fair and reasonable. Many boaties have dogs as part of their family dynamics. The expectations to work out parameters around the various Avenues depicted is unreasonable. These boaties are important to the economy of the Island, and are also very welcomed by the locals. (This includes their dogs) For example, Multiple water bowls provided for dogs throughout the village.
3263	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	No off leash area pls.

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3287	I support the proposed change		I agree with saving the bird breeding habitat at the western end. You will have a problem enforcing this as boaties shelter from the prevailing South Westerly winds at Onetangi and many land their dogs off boats at the far western end. as a holiday home owner with a dog i support the change. I understand from the change dogs are allowed off lease at all times at the Eastern end. Thats great.
3445	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current policy allows people on boats to come ashore and walk their dogs. The western side of onetangi is frequently where boats anchor (it is sheltered and boats seldom anchor on the eastern side due to the wind). Removing dog access from seventh avenue is arbitrary as it is hard to see on the beach where that demarcation is, whereas the current rocky outcrop (if the sign was fixed) is a perfect way of protecting the extreme western side
3457	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I do not see any problem with the rules as they currently are, no need to change
3671	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It's simple. Feral cats killed the hotels on the Western end - not dogs
3754	I support the proposed change		This is a hugely utilised off lead dog walking area, and there are not enough areas like this for exercising dogs on Waiheke. I have had nothing but good experience with other like minded and responsible dog owners. These areas are crucial for well exercised, well behaved and socialised dogs. I am happy to keep the wild life safe as long as there continues to be the time and season rule and an added leash at any time areas on Onetangi beach. This seems fair and smart for all.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Over complicated and limiting exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority.
3799	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Time and season rule is prohibitive. 1 March should be 1 Feb except for public holiday weekends
4013	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be able to walk off leach at the times mentioned and off season they should be allowed at all times. They should have free range from one end of the beach to the other
4142	I support the proposed change		Much clearer rules and wording
4412	I support the proposed change		More off leash areas would be great.
4482	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The new rules will be very confusing to new people to the beach. How will the areas be identified? Again, people who ignore current rules will continue to ignore new ones. New rules are not the answer, the council monitoring and getting unregistered dogs off the streets would make a much bigger difference.

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4489	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	I want less restrictions not more and it becomes overly complicated
4551	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Providing an off leash area at all times will not provide a safe place for children and those wanting to walk the beach. The current policy works well in this area and there is no need to change it.
4554	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Allowing dogs all day on even part of a popular beach, will not work for other users. The current rules are sensible. To protect the dotterels, control the cats.
4575	I support the proposed change		The time and season rule will remain the same on the central beach area which is where my daughter and I love to go to to spend time together and we have done so for the past fifteen years. We love Onetangi Beach, we spend quality time there every summer :).
4607	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Too confusing and dogs should be allowed on beach on leash
4744	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	This is a dumb idea unless you are going to clearly delineate/fence the eastern, central or western ends of the beach. And then are you going enforce whatever rule you decide upon ?? Currently there is no enforcement to existing rules. So what is going to change in the future ??
4761	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Do not support dogs off leash on beach
4764	I support the proposed change		there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4804	I support the proposed change		I support an area being designated for off-leash at all times. I would prefer the current time rule be changed to 10am-4pm
4879	I support the proposed change		Personal safety
4950	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
5033	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	When you start letting dogs on the beach leashed there will be families that take advantage and have their dogs off leash, because they believe their dog is not the problem.

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5073	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	The proposed policy will create too much pedestrian and vehicle traffic in an area by first Avenue that has boat ramp access. Dangerous and likely to block boat ramp access. There is enough difficulty with congestion there already and this will bring a larger number of people to onetangi beach area. (The same would apply if it were to be unlimited off leash at the western end.) I prefer to keep the rules as they are, but I would also like to see the current dog ban lifted from the western end of the beach also as it hasn't been made clear to me why there is a ban there currently.
5203	I support the proposed change		This proposal seems to be a proportionate response to managing dogs on the beach and still allows for walking dogs off-lead along the beach.
5273	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The current rules are acceptable
5314	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Because even though the signs are confusing, I prefer the existing rule.
5320	I support the proposed change		Seem sensible and a good compromise
5468	I support the proposed change		Excellent to provide an off leash option
5489	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	No sense in the change. dogs do not restrict people using the beach
5493	I support the proposed change		This is a good proposal that makes sense
5502	I support the proposed change		Fantastic to see some improvement to dog access.
5507	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	we have already limited access to the beaches.
5655	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	The majority of people walking on the beach are dog walkers!! Keep it as it is please!!
5661	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5679	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Proposed rules are too confusing and also prevents people from being able to walk the entire length of the beach and back with their dog. We also have a residence at the west end of the beach, on the beach and would therefore not be allowed to even let our dog outside?
5704	I support the proposed change		The proposed changes strike a fair balance

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5746	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	It is limited enough for dog owners. Lots of People and dogs have a wonderful time every morning on that beach
5752	I support the proposed change		I SUPPORT the proposed Dog access rule changes on Onetangi Beach to have Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern end of the beach (eastwards of Third Avenue) (Schedule 2). Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.
5769	I support the proposed change		For Waiheke Local Board - Onetangi Beach and Oneroa Beach I SUPPORT the proposed Dog access rule changes on Oneroa Beach to have Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time at the northern end of Big Oneroa Beach (northwards of the Korora Road entrance) (Schedule 2). And to apply the current time and season rule on the rest of the beach (Schedule 2). I SUPPORT the proposed Dog access rule changes on Onetangi Beach to have Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern end of the beach (eastwards of Third Avenue) (Schedule 2). REASON: Giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

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5792	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	This is okay and better than on leash for the entire beach
5867	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.

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5972	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We lived at Onetangi Beach for 7 years and walk the beach daily with our dog in the mornings and evenings. Not once have I seen a dog chase a dotterel and with signage when the dotterels are nesting locals and visitors are seen to leash their dogs. Local cats are the issue, not dogs. It is u reasonable and dictatorship to tell NZ's how and where to walk their dogs. There is only a few weeks of the year when Onetangi is busy over the Xmas period. Why take the freedom away and punish those who enjoy walking g their dogs responsibly along the beach. To many of us it is the highlight of our day and our dogs day. It is 1% of dog walkers who ruin it for others. Why punish all. If you are a dog owner, I hope you can relate to this.
6122	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.
6167	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	It is unfair that dogs are not allowed on City beaches during summer during the day. Why don't we take a leaf out of Melbourne's sensible policy of making half of a beach dog friendly, the other half no dogs. This way is much fairer and allows people who don't like dogs to have their space in peace.
6326	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	why fix what is not broken?
6347	I support the proposed change		I think it strikes a good balance and it's simple enough
6388	I support the proposed change		I support the new off lead, all season area. This is a sensible approach to balance the needs of community. I do not support the increase of dogs probited west of Seventh Avenue. The current restriction is sufficient to support the wildlife.
6447	I support the proposed change		It helps dog owners to be able to get out and enjoy their environment

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6478	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the eastern half of the beach (eastwards of Sixth Avenue) (Schedule 2) and dogs prohibited on the western half of the beach (westwards of Sixth Avenue)	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6524	I support the proposed change		-Dog owners do not pick up dog excrement and therefore if our children play on these areas they put their health and the health of others in their family at risk. - do not want children frightened by dogs when out enjoying valuable time with the family
6553	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on Eastern as proposed, but time and season rule across rest of beach
6620	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	we feel lawn should stay t
6648	I support the proposed change		I support the creation of an all-year-round off-leash dog area at Onetangi, as there is a massive need during summer for areas where dogs can exercise off-leash and cool down in the water. I also support the dog ban at the western end of the beach where the dotterels nest, as they are at particular risk from wandering dogs.
6746	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Keep with the rocky outcrop as the line where access is prohibited. Support the rest of proposal.
6940			I am very concerned that children are not being prioritised for protection (only dotterals), in what is a very popular beach. Dogs should be on-leash or prohibited at all times of the year, to allow children and other vulnerable people to utilise this beautiful space safely. The only area that could be designated as off-leash should be a smaller section of the beach, such as East of Third Ave.
7250	I support the proposed change		Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.

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7263	I support the proposed change		Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.
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7265	I support the proposed change		Reason: giving dog owners a section of beach to access during the summer months at all times allows responsible dog owners to enjoy time at the beach with their dogs. Both of these beaches are big enough to have space for dog families. These locations also make it easier for visiting dog owners as they are easily accessed.
7286	I support the proposed change		-Onetangi- little blue penguins and dotterels there – 7th Avenue is a good demarcation. Supportive of the proposed changes. -Supportive of the Whakanewha Regional Park proposed changes -Concerns about dogs – I have been bitten while running by pack dogs (8 dogs, none on lead). Monitoring of the bylaw and responsible dog ownership is important. Same with poos. Education is important. Especially for young kids and elderly who are vulnerable (not even attack but knock). (notes were repeated back to the participant and agreed)