
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q2 Policy and bylaw matters

(Q2J. Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
2275	Do not support	Again, not a priority. Enforcing policy to keep the public safe should be the number one priority.
4512	Do not support	This is too broad. Be more specific please.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
2107	Do not support	What information is outdated?
4260	Support	Seems obvious to remove outdated information, I am unsure why this question is even here?
4569	I don't know	the information you have provided, doesn't make this issue clear enough
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
350	I don't know	Again is it just for your benefit or is it actually duplicated?
779	Support	I agree with the removal of outdated bylaw content, however it would seem obvious your confused amongst yourselves if you feel the need to duplicate any bylaw content.
3101	Do not support	Removal of content may accidentally erase consequence and weakens messaging.
3923	I don't know	I dont have any problems understanding the current dog rules
4428	Support	If this is going to make for more clarity then do it. Including something that is no longer applicable will be very confusing to those trying to do the right thing. This is just logic and doesn't need the opinion of the public.
6746	I don't know	Yes provided existing rules don't change
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
940	Support	as i said if it is incorrect it needs to be corrected
2293	Support	All bylaws should be clear so dog owners can access current bylaws

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3336	Do not support	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed law concerning dog walking regulations in Auckland. While I understand the intention behind the proposed measures, I believe it unfairly penalizes responsible dog owners and professional dog walkers while doing little to address the actual causes of the city's dog-related issues. The primary concern with this proposal is that it targets responsible dog owners and professional dog walkers who are abiding by the rules and ensuring their dogs are well cared for, exercised, and socialized. These individuals provide a valuable service to the community, particularly for those who cannot provide their dogs with the necessary time and exercise due to various personal or professional commitments. Penalizing these responsible dog owners will only further discourage proper dog care and will ultimately hurt dogs who rely on these services. Auckland's roaming dog problem is not caused by the number of dogs being walked by responsible dog walkers. Rather, it stems from irresponsible dog owners who neglect or disregard the rules and regulations set in place for safe pet ownership. This law does not address these individuals, and as such, it will not solve the root causes of the issues we face in our community. In addition, this proposal could severely limit the ability of professional dog walkers to operate effectively, particularly those who currently provide a vital service to responsible dog owners like myself and many others. By removing such services, responsible dog owners may be left without essential support, ultimately
4381	Support	Streamlining policy documentation is valuable, for all the obvious clarity and transparency reasons. Care should be taking that the meaning and details are not changed.
5352	Support	If you remove outdated or duplicated stuff, make sure your website is easy to navigate to actually find the answers users are looking for. And make sure staff on the phones are up to speed as quite a few times we have to resort making a call and phone staff have no idea, can't find an answer or don't know who you should speak to (I mean council office staff not the animal control people).
6105	Support	The current system is confusing, and information is hard to find. This definitely needs streamlining to help dog owners find and understand this.
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
319	Support	Any rules and policies need to be updated regularly
579	Support	As above
771	Do not support	Only after discussion with stakeholders and those experienced in the industry
776	Support	As above

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1358	I don't know	To the extent that this tidies up law without removing any rights or access I'd support it.
1385	Do not support	I want to know what the rules are that you want to clarify and the wording changes
3824	Support	Not much use to anyone if not up to date. It seems to me that the current rulings have been working really well for the last couple of years.
4354	Support	I was bitten by a medium size petagree, dog Las year off of lesh
6081	I don't know	I think it depends on what these outdated and duplicate bylaws are.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
407	Support	Ban pitbull type dogs
521	Support	Again this needs to clarified.
541	Support	Remove duplicate by all means. But, rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!!
1752	I don't know	Not sure what by laws are outdated?
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
804	Do not support	It was not outdated or duplicate. Instead, the explanation of exempt about disability assist dog is very important and help us to avoid trouble when others told us they do not allow "any dog". It is very important to educate both residents and officers that disability assist dog is exempt from leash law and prohibited area. The difference between working dog(herding dog) and disability assist dog need to be clearly defined and written in policy and bylaw.
1679	Do not support	who is determining what is outdated - that sounds like fancy words for a rule change by stealth
4523	Support	One place to go for all rules would be extremely beneficial
4751	Support	Make any rules/changes idiot proof, so that ignorance is no excuse.
6092	Do not support	Removing redundant content makes sense, but it's important that in doing so, no critical protections or allowances for responsible dog owners are inadvertently removed.
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
590	I don't know	Examples of "outdated content" ?
6024	Support	Specifically outdated and duplicated. As above not to be used as an opportunity for covert change
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
2981	Support	Why are you asking public support for correcting outdated or duplicated content? This should be done routinely.
4166	Support	This is just general housekeeping, it shouldn't take so much time and money to sort out.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
639	Support	Removing rules is good.

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990	Do not support	Hidden away in the Table on Page 10 of Appendix C: Comparison Table of existing and Proposed Policy, Bylaw, regional park and local dog access rules- https://hdp-au-prod-app-ak-haveyoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/8117/3688/7874/Appendix_C_Comparison_Table.pdf is the only place I can find in all of your documentation that you are proposing to change Big King (Te Tātua) from off leash to on leash. We live in Mt Wellington and Big King is the only fully contained and safe to use off leash park for our dog. Most dogs cannot be fully exercised unless they are allowed to be off leash and explore at their pace. We have been using Big King for the past 4 years and have never had any issues with the dogs or people that take their dogs there for off leash exercise. Dogs that do not get fully exercised are liable to become agitated and bored and problematic at home. I implore you to not change Big King from off leash to on leash.
3959	Do not support	Changes should be highlighted first and votes can be made to them A blanket approach is not needed
4470	Do not support	Again outdated. Ridiculous
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
818	Support	Why isn't outdated or redundant material already removed. Can't you even fix things without being told?
2906	Support	Good to have one source of truth
3164	Support	As long as the outdated or duplicated information doesn't change the bylaw
3753	Support	I support this if it does not change policy and rules that require public notification, or review.
4117	Do not support	Again what guiding principles is Council using to determine what is outdated and what requires consolidation.
5520	Support	Well yes, if its outdated or duplicate, it should be archived. But it shouldn't change anything.
6217	I don't know	if it implies removing more access for dogs I'm against
6229	Support	Fair enough, remove any legacy inconsistencies from the previous separate Auckland region council jurisdictions.
6787	Do not support	While I would support removing genuine duplication of content, I believe that what is actually being proposed here are sweeping changes to the core principals and objectives of the policy and to call these 'updates' is incredibly disingenuous.
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
2530	Support	NEEDS TO BE NEW LAWS
2974	Support	YES REMOVE ALL THESE BY LAW ESPECIALLY THE REGISTRATION FOR OUR DOGS BUT MAKE SURE THAT THEY ALL WEAR THERE DOG LEASES ON

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6826	Support	In first legislation[s], they put footnotes of past laws below, and place the outdated policies in a supported document behind the current laws. This allows people to research what was, and why which is necessary for people pursuing edu (+). Perhaps this is something to consider.
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
4455	Support	Same comment as above
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
2460	Do not support	I do not support this change. Given the numerous conflicts and discrepancies in the overall policy and bylaw changes, deciding what content is "outdated or duplicate" at this juncture would only create more confusion. The process should instead be restarted, with the Council demonstrating alignment of any amendments with its stated goals and values, rather than compounding flawed proposals.
2489	Do not support	I don't agree with this. There are too many major problems in the overall policy, so removing things now would just add confusion and complicate matters. An overhaul of policy and bylaw should be done once, and be done well. The Council needs to show that any changes fit its stated goals and values before cutting out material.
2810	Support	This is a great opportunity to not just refresh the content, but also clarify how often it can be done (by-laws always need tweaking from time to time) and where any changes will be gazetted.
6500	Support	As long as it the bylaw content is shown to be duplicated and outdated, only then can it be changed.
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
3343	Support	Any outdated or duplicate bylaw content should be resolved in the best interest of dogs and owners.
4311	Do not support	Again.. vague .. what examples ??
4821	I don't know	What does Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content change?
5260	Do not support	Waste of money, no one reads
6102	Support	logical
6470	Support	Provided outdated is no longer applicable or effective. If it still works, why change it? Obviously duplicates need to be streamlined, but subject to whose definition of what makes duplicates? There could be subtle relevant differences which get corrected the wrong way and make matters worse. Is there going to be ongoing industry business consultation throughout the process?
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
1140	I don't know	Sometimes having duplicate content is good since everything is so hard to find in council website
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
4734	Support	Obviously because of being outdated and duplicate!
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		

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523	Do not support	Removal of unwanted and unneeded restrictions will take care of this.
1930	Support	Outdated information should be removed as standard.
4827	Do not support	Please spend our ratepayer money on more important things.
6447	Do not support	A thinly veiled erosion of dog owners rights
6724	Support	This should have been updated already.
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
1544	Support	If there's a duplicate, then obviously remove it.
2184	Do not support	Why don't you have an example of what was and what you suggest so we can decide on what's best. Another misleading question
6182	Do not support	Only when the full extent of the changes has been advised and consulted on
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
4923	Support	Provided it is genuine duplication and isn't used to further restrict responsible dog owners.
5023	Do not support	I think it might be good to have the same information repeated. Some people skim through the information, so repetition is good.
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	Do not support	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.
2102	Support	Common sense. Why have outdated bylaws and information?
2584	Do not support	You are not removing outdated or duplicated rules. You are restricting more access and causing more confusion. Redraft the changes.
4150	I don't know	Don't place further restrictions on decent dog owners. We need to have more access.
5738	Support	It would be good to clarify the bylaws, but I don't believe they need to be more restrictive.