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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm was gifted for mixed use for the entire community. It is grossly h fair to restrict dog access . I have never in my life seen a dog dig a hole at Madills. The rutting is due to the excessive use by ESFC. We all pay an extraordinary amount of rates and should have equal rights

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The sports field is not in use most of the time, and it would be such a shame to rob the whole community of using the space. Everyone is very good at picking up after their dogs, and there aren't many other parks in the area that allow dogs off leash. Totally agree with no dogs on the field when there are sports games taking place but for the remainder of the time (majority of the time) I think the local dogs should also be able to use the public space.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm is a public space and the park should be available for the use of everybody. People walk their dogs there at all times, every day whereas the soccer fields are used intermittently. To take such a space away from the community for the benefit of a small group is unacceptable

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Tell us why

There are very few areas off leash where dogs can have a good run in Orakei. I agree that when the sports fields are in use dogs should be prohibited but when they are not in use others and dogs should be able to use the common space that's is meant for all residents of Orakei district. The sports teams are only a small group of Orakei residents and the fields are for the enjoyment of all in the district, why should less than 1% of the population of the Orakei district be allowed to command the grassed areas to the detriment of everyone else? I know sports teams will pay to use the facilities but this isn't about who pays the most, this is about fair access for all residents to the small amount of grassed areas in the district. You are doing a disservice to the residents of Kohi and St Heliers removing a long held access to this public resource.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The more you remove dog access off leash access from some parks the more pressure that will then put on the surrounding off leash dog access parks and beaches, which in turn will get more crowded with dogs (as you are restricting access to other areas and by time) and non dog owners will then complain there are too many dogs on the remaining areas. If you restrict access for dogs , the dogs don't go away, they still need to be walked and have off leash time

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See earlier comments, we live opposite this park - way too many people drive to Maddills for their dogs daily poop and let them run off leash unwatched and don’t see (or seem to care) that the dog has pooped on the sports fields. They need to be on leash all the time around sports field. The early morning runners and walkers are the worst but also the people that drive here to let their dog poo while they are on their phone or chatting. Let’s give the dogs an off-leash area - people should still be encouraged to pick up after their dog but at least if the ‘’miss’ it then kids and adults playing sort don’t have to play around or through it! 😠😠😠

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed policy rules regarding dog access to Madills Farm. When my fiancé and I moved to Kohimarama in early 2022 as we loved the local area, community and proximity to the shared green space and beach. My friends who have been locals in the area for 10 years always used to joke that "you need a small child or small dog" to fit into the community - this much it seems is true, and how the community thrives.

We have become members of the community and especially enjoy the peace and tranquillity walking on the beach or at the park brings us, we both work in very high stress environments, and as such walking our dog at both of these areas is invaluable to our overall wellness. I believe similar principles and benefits apply to many other families and members of the community, young and old, who venture to Madills farm to enjoy the shared space.

We are very diligent dog owners, who comply with the current policy rules, ensure we clean up after our dog and keep her under control at all times. I have witnessed similar behaviour from many, if not all, other dog owners who are taking the opportunity to enjoy the off-leash exercise for their family member in a safe environment - I would hate to see this opportunity ruined by the minority and for the remainder to be disadvantaged. Dare I suggest, a similar policy should perhaps apply to unsupervised or unruly children who are at the park??

As diligent rate paying citizens we deserve fair and equal access to a shared space for all to enjoy.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Allow people to utilise common sense and leave the current restrictions as they are.

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are often dogs off leash at Glover Park near or in the playground often out if control or unsupervised

Too many dogs on Kohi beach after hours.

Too many owners do NOT pick up their dog poo

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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

Kohimarama beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

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

A lot of families use this beach year round.

Too many dog owners not taking proper control or picking up dog poo

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I'd like to see more enforcement of the rules

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The proposed updates threaten to restrict this access, which would not only diminish the community's enjoyment of Madills Farm but also contradict the intentions of the original gift. It is essential that we preserve the spirit of openness and accessibility that has been a hallmark of this space.

I urge the Council to reconsider these proposed updates and to honor the commitment made to the community regarding access to Madills Farm. Our parks should remain places where families, dog owners, and all members of the community can come together and enjoy the outdoors without unnecessary restrictions.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a responsible dog owner and rate payer I disagree with the proposed changes to Madills Farm and Glover Park. These areas have allowed me to train my dog correctly for recall from a distance and get my dog socialized with other dogs while running on the grass. Never has my dog run through a sports game and I already use the parks when games are in full swing. I use these parks during the day when no sports are talking place during the week. I do not want to get in my car and drive to walk my dog. This will only put more cars on the road. These parks are also where I meet people, I have no children and these parks are part of my well being while raising my dog. I refuse to only use the pavement around the parks as my dog needs grass and I need to walk on grass too. At night I feel safe walking my dog in a lit up park which both parks offer. I am also concerned for the elderly friends I have met who only reach these parks from walking close by to their homes. I am worried more pressure will be put on our local beaches if all dogs start going to the beach rather than these parks and then beaches will be making changes too. During winter these areas offer sunlight vital to my well being, I cannot be forced onto a trail with little light. I find the parking is safe for both myself and my dog at these parks. I enjoy seeing the kids play sport and speaking to the young mothers and feeling part of a community here. The part is not just for sports alone and I don't believe this is a good idea of council. This is causing great stress and upset and anger across the community. We are all just starting to really reconnect after covid lockdowns and now is our chance to feel positive about our community again. I think council needs to consider their impact on us as a community and taking away our rights and making us feel like we cannot make good decisions ourselves or our dogs is completely counter productive. I want to live in a city that is "awesome", "positive", "forward thinking" that recognizes the value of the wellbeing that a dog can bring to a community. Please don't let the few who ruin it for the others be the driving force in our future as a city and local community. I would like to celebrate the park with all those who use it, not say goodbye and get in my car to find a place to run free with my dog. In my mind , body and spirit I need to be free to be a good person in society ...allow this to continue. No to the change of policy. Thank you for your consideration.

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St. Heliers Beach

What local board area is this location in?

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:To create space for a dog to swim during the prohibited hours of summer so they can cool off. A marked off area for "dogs swim only" with normal 10am to 5 pm off the beach using a lead to get across the beach onto the shore and then allowed to swim. This

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:This would allow more time for families to enjoy the beach by moving the dogs to a swim area in summer after 5pm. Usually mornings are enjoyed by dogs until 10am and they are cooled off. By 2pm ish for example dogs are hot, I can cool him down and not ret

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

The south end of St. Heliers beach can provide a safe place for dogs to swim in the middle of the day. I use the beach daily if not twice a day with my dog. Often the family dog is left behind due to heat which I feel is good to keep paws off hot sand and

Location 2

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

Kohimarama Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

I don’t know

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

A section of it. Please specify:please allow dog swimming all day at the south end of the beach where the ramp onto the beach is

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

We need to be able to take our dogs to cool off during the day, this will help reduce heavier traffic of dogs after 5pm

Location 3

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Vellenoweth Green

What local board area is this location in?

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Tell us why

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We have many elderly people who sit on the benches and cannot allow their dogs to play and run free. This is right in the middle of a village and many people can access this easily if they live in the village.They can avoid getting in a car and driving th

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Allow the good dog owners to continue as they are but to please really police tose who are ruining the freedoms we have as good dog owners. I feel the council has almost failed us because now the rules are changing only due to council not really talking hold of the issues when they started. Why

now are there wardens at the beach shoulder tapping about poo or whatever when this could have been happening all the time before this new submission to change so many rules under one full sweep. Thank you for my freedom and continued well being for having these freedoms.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The problem appears one of dogs on the sports field and owners not picking up after themselves. I suggest that the types of owners who do this will walk their dogs on the fields regardless so this will just penalise responsible dog owners. Once again in NZ we find ourselves limiting the law-abiding majority for the sake of a few miscreants. Why not have an occasional blitz where people are issued with the $300 infringement notice?

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Simplify rules - some people ignore them because you need a law degree to understand the signage.

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Sincerely,

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Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I have lived at Madill's for more than 20 years, and do not believe there is any issue with dogs at this local park. There is no reason to change the rules.

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#3613

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills and Glover Park - are both parks which we have always heavily relied on for ‚under control off leash area'. When we lived in Kohi, Madills was our go-to park, now it is Glover, since we moved to St Heliers.

We could/can access both parks through walking distance. If the proposed change was approved, we would always need to use the car to walk our dog ‚off leash' which would be a huge conflict for our ecological awareness.

Ar the same time we understand the perspective from a sports person point of view. Our two boys were heavily engaged in playing for Eastern Suburbs. For years, we have spent 3/4 times a week either in Madills or Glover. The boys have never been bothered by any dogs in all those years.

When we walk our dog off leash we avoid times when the sports grounds are being used, as not all children feel comfortable around ‚an off leash dog'.

But we would welcome the opportunity to still walk our dog ‚under control off leash' when the sports grounds are not being used.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a local resident and think the status quo should be maintained.

Maddills is a park for ALL to enjoy, not just for playing sports.

Banning dogs from the sports fields will result in the dogs and owners needing to congregate at the end of the park by the playground where there is no carpark and only limited street parking, currently this is mainly used by people going to the playground. Restricting off leash to this area only also means the dogs will be much closer to the road which is a safety concern.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Clear signage of rules for dogs need to be visible

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#3618

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Under Proposed amendments

Banning dogs completely from sports' fields is bizarre and over-the-top legislation. These fields are bare, vacant spaces of green grass the majority of the time that dogs would happily run around on. People in Auckland on the whole are diligent poo picker-upperers and responsible to the welfare of passing pedestrians.

Madills Farm is a well used space for dog walkers of all ages. Being flat it is easily accessible for the elderly, even people on wheelchairs who have dogs exercise them there. Also it is a safe area for those living alone. It is also a great social meeting place for like minded dog walkers and aids many lonely people living alone.

Owning a dog and walking them is of great benefit to mentally disabled people, especially children.

My husband and I have owned 4 dogs over the last 40 odd years and have enjoyed walking them all at Madills Farm.

People have been playing sport since the turn of 20th century with no ill effects from sharing fields with dogs. I have raised 2 sons who played rugby and cricket. When in Waipukurau as youngsters they played in parks with sheep grazing and survived.

Dogs add a boost to family life teaching children to care for and be responsible for the raising of their pets. Exercising them on sports fields means fewer cars on the road driving to more distant dog friendly parks. Sports' grounds are numerous in Auckland and most houses are within easy walking distance to at least one so more dogs are exercised.

Unexercised dogs can become aggressive and naughty from always being pent up at home.

I hope you reconsider some of the council's proposed amendments.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Keep things as the are. Alter nothing.

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#3620

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The sports grounds are in use for a limited number of hours of the week. Madills Farm is a park for the use of all citizens and should be available (when the sports fields are not in use) for everyone to enjoy. Madills Farm has been and should continue to be a place where dogs and dog owners can enjoy the freedom of use. The needs of the sports fields users should not be put above the needs of the general public in this case. Madills Farm has always historically been a place for walking and dogs. I have walked there for many years and enjoyed watching the socialisation of both people and dogs!! This should be allowed to continue as the existing rules state.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are few places to take dogs locally off leash and Madills Farm is a wonderful area for local dogs and their owners who are respectful of others always picking up dog poo and keeping off leash dogs under surveillance. There have been no issues at Madills farm of dangerous dogs that I am aware of.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is a public park that benefits all people and dogs in the community. It is used as an exercise area and meeting place for dog lovers when the sports ground is not in use. The local soccer club should not have exclusive use of the grounds. It is there for everybody to enjoy!

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madill’s Farm is the only large flat secluded area away from traffic in the Kohimarama area. It is used by hundreds if not thousands of local resident dog walkers 365 days of the year, often twice a day and during “all daylight hours”. Being local residents these people support all of the local businesses and services in the Mission Bay, Kohimarama, St Heliers and Glen Innes area.

The proposed restrictions to the use of Madill’s Farm by dog walkers gives preference to a minority of sports people. They only use the grounds:

* 2-4 hours at a time,

* 1-2 of the five fields at a time,

* 100 - 150 days of the year.

A significant proportion of the sports people who do use the grounds are not locals and therefore do not support the local businesses or other facilities in the area. I know this from frequent, friendly, casual conversations with those on the sidelines during my regular exercise with my dog.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don't understand why the rules need changing as in all my 30 + years I have lived near and enjoyed both Madills Farm & Glover Park I have not noticed any major problems with the current rules. Most families are responsible dog owners in this area and the parks are a place where friends and their dogs can meet and enjoy each other's company. I no longer have a dog but love visiting the park and get a lot of enjoyment out of seeing happy people and happy dogs. Yes, there will always be exceptions but there are so few that it is hardly worth changing the rules for them.

As the old saying goes " If it ain't broke don't fix it"

It will be a sad day if family pets are unable to have an offleash area to run and play as they so deserve.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
The current rules seem to work perfectly well so there is no need to change them.

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

For responsible owners the current rules are working. Why punish everyone when it is just a few irresponsible owners who break the rules. No matter what rules are in place, these irresponsible owners will still break the rules.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Just leave the rules as they are. I am all for 'rogue' dogs (and owners) being penalised but the 99% of dogs do no harm and give their owners (and families) huge pleasure. Why regulate everyones lives...increase the penalties for irresponsible dog owners and leave the responsible owners (and their dogs) alone!!!!

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#3649

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a valuable shared space for dog owners and the general public. The dogs get to socialise with each other as do the humans which for some (including me) relieves the isolation of working alone at home. For over a decade I have enjoyed the park and in all those years have seen few altercations between the dogs. There appears to me to me no good reason given for this change. Sharing and community for all.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

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Location 1

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

Madills park

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:To have field available for the dogs to run and play together and not use them is simply cruel. Where else can our loving pets stretch their legs? Must humans have all the rights and all the land? Uncalled for and unjustifiable.

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

There is no evidence of dog attacks at this park. Current council rules have effectively dealt with the few cases of poor owner or dog behaviour. This very park was one of the reasons I purchased in the area.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

As a rate payer I would assume that much has been spent by the council to maintain this swamp area. Therefore why is there a threat that we can’t all use the land for our various activities?

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I not agree with trying to ban dogs from sports fields at Madills Farm because it is off leash already and dogs are not allowed on sports fields when they are being used. The dog owners thst use the park abide by this rule already and are responsible. if you try to ban completely that means dogs will have to be on leash all the time. Should be looking at people that cannot control their dogs running around on the street and attacking people unregistered dogs not people that pay Dog registration council rates and arr responsible Dog owners. Also there are no other local off leash parks that dogs can go to and they are already banned after 10 am from beaches in the summer.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am of South East Asian Decant and arrived in NZ in my early teens. I missed my dogs which I had to leave behind in Thailand. As a young person in my early teens, Madills Farm was a place for me to connect with dogs during a time I was feeling depressed and isolated. The park and the dogs including their owners made me feel welcome, included and safe. Please let dogs and their owners continue to have access to this wonderful reserve which the community needs.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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

this was a mistake

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

I don’t know

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

A section of it. Please specify:This was a mistake

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:This was a mistake

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

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Yes. The Orakei Board is being pressured by a soccer club that does not represent the community to change rules that are part of the recreation reserves long standing by law which was part of the original gift of Madills farm to the council for the community and not for a soccer club. The Orakei board should refuse to buckle to the pressure being put on it by a sports club

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

We have children who play soccer at these parks. There have been many occasions where dogs have run through the middle of an organised sports games. An out of control dog in the middle of a sports game is very unpredictable. There have been instances where dogs have jumped up on children in an aggressive manner and this is very frightening for the children. I believe dogs need to be on leads so that the public can enjoy these parks without fear.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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

Madiills Farm & Glover Park

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:There are dogs that exhibit dangerous and aggressive behavior. This means children are at risk playing in their local park. I believe

this is unacceptable! It is only a matter of time before a child is seriously hurt by a dog in our local area.

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

As a parent, I am extremely concerned about dogs that exhibit dangerous and aggressive behavior. These dogs are out of control around children and I believe that a child is going to be seriously hurt. Madills Farm & Glover Park are now over ridden by out

Location 2

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

Kohimarama Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:There are owners on this beach who do not follow any of the current rules. There are out of control dogs on beaches which mean the public cannot enjoy these spaces safely.

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

Dogs can be vicious and cause extreme hard to humans. Dog owners at Kohimarama Beach are not following the rules and it means the beach is an unsafe environment. We need to ensure that the public can enjoy parks and beaches without the threat of dangerous

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Overall, I feel that dogs have taken over beaches and parks. There are dogs that are out of control and dangerous. They are a very real threat to families and someone is going to get seriously hurt. Parks and beaches should be for people, not dogs. People should be able to enjoy these places without fear of harm. I am extremely concerned about a small child being killed in a local park by an out of control dog. That situation should never occur yet the current rules are completely blind to this risk.

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#3666

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have walked dogs in the past both at Madill's Farm and Glover Park. My wife and I have seen that in Auckland dog walkers are very good are dog droppings. Both their own dogs and other peoples dogs if need be .We have walked our dogs at other cities in NZ and have found that these cities have dog walkers who do not reach the standards of Auckland dog walkers.

I can understand why you want to change the requirements because of the sports being played on these fields. However, I don't believe that in Auckland we have a problem with owners not picking up their dogs droppings.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We walk our dog regularly in Glover Park under control off leash. We always make sure that no sports activity is disturbed by us. Not being allowed on the sports fields even when these are not used would mean we would have to drive with our dog to a different location. In my opinion this wouldn't be a good solution. I think, sports fields in Madills Farm and Glover Park should be still used as dog exercise areas during hours when they are not used for sports activities.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I think it's important that local parks and beaches remain accessible for local dog walkers. Otherwise more cars will be used for "walking the dog" and the traffic in Auckland will get worse.

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#3669

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I live right next to glover park and walk my dog there daily off leash. I fully understand that during large sports events (e.g. saturday football) uncontrolled dogs can interrupt the game which is annoying. However this may be a 1 in 1000 occurrence and fully prohibiting dogs during all times (even during school when the pitches are obviously not in use) is a blatant overreaction and neglects many dog owners in the eastern suburbs. As a previous football player training at glover park across my whole youth I have never had an experience with a dog negative enough to think about these extreme actions. In my eyes dogs and sports are happening harmoniously presently and no change is required.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

we have limited dog off leash areas as it is . we should be able to share this space respectfully

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have been a playing senior member of EFASC training and playing at Madills Farm & Glover Park for over 10 years. The damage done to the playing surfaces by dogs is minimal and I have never had an injury caused by an uneven surface or hole. I coached my daughters social team for 5 seasons and we never had problems with injury due to the playing surface or with unleashed dogs entering the laying area disrupting games. With the increase in dog ownership (including amongst players) we need to be creating more off leash areas not less. Over my seasons playing I have encountered much worse playing surfaces at other grounds which are not off leash walking areas. Dogs are an important part of our social fabric and bring many benefits to owners and their families which is never disputed. Dogs at these parks usually have responsible owners and are well trained . It is fanciful to want to ban them from the playing surfaces. Let the current status quote remain. [redacted]

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
The status quo is perfectly fine and should remain.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs could still walk on Sport surfaces while not in use.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Walk my dog in glover park under control off leash everyday and would be absolutely furious and disappointed in the council if they allow these hideous changes to be passed. Why should 99% of dogs and their owners be restricted from exercising their freedom in Aucklands public parks because a minority has caused negligible issues.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I trust the council in making the correct decision as after all 95% of the time dogs and their owners use the parks, so why should a football game once per week restrict that.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

By denying access to the main body of the park there is now limited area for dogs to get a good stretch and run in a safe way.. too much traffic around the periphery of the park makes it more dangerous. Fields etc should be a shared space and by all means keep it clear of dogs when in use for sport, but its use as a resource for others who wish to exercise and meet up with dogs - especially the more elderly , is Invaluable. Dog owners, unlike the sports field users, pay millions to register their dogs and we are losing really important space to be able to run our dogs freely. I am 54 years old and have lived up the road from this park for 54 years. We used to go tadpoling, and have so much fun, including with our pets. It's sad that those of us who don't play organised sport are at risk of losing this shared resource.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I believe that access to all amenities that people and animals share should be fair and considered. For the most part I think that beach access (later in day, off and on leash times seasonally) is balanced to give families etc the undisputed use of the beach during the day and popular times.

I would hate for cookie cutter policy to change how our local park is accessed and in fact all off leash parks that are in danger of losing out to vocal sports clubs who don't want to share.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Dogs should be allowed at all time of day and year

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills is for all citizens at all times not just the soccer club. We have walked our dogs there for 15yrs and see no reason to ban dogs from the designated areas. The current rules work fine and allows for fitness and wellbeing of residents who are older to get exercise and care for their pets. Banning dogs is a cruelylty and unnessesary.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Why reduce and constrict the usage of this wonderful public asset when the current rules work well and have been in place decades.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a local Madills (Baddeley Ave) resident & rate payer and dog owner. I strongly oppose all dog restrictions in madills farm. Myself, my dog, and hundreds of other dog walkers who walk their dogs DAILY (sometimes multiple times) allow their dogs to walk off leash. This is my dogs ONLY time during the day where he can “stretch his legs” and he cannot stand being controlled on-leash.

I can tell you for a fact that there is very very rare instances of dog poo on the sports field. My son was out on the field (with the dog) yesterday learning to ride his bike on the sports field. No poo in sight! And we covered the whole sports area.

This proposal is UNACCEPTABLE and quite frankly INSULTING!!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is plenty of space at Madills for all activities and plenty of times when the fields are not in use by sports. We walk our dog at Madills every day and I would say from what I have seen, dog owners are largely respectful of the grounds and the people using them. Changing the use of the ground is favoring those who play sports and use the grounds at very specific times of the year. This has always been a park enjoyed by all people for all things including sailing, round the bays, football, cricket, rc cars and planes, golf, bikes, scooters, dog exercise, driver training etc. As a player of sports and a dog owner, I do not see why there is a need to change. If there are issues with dogs, then it will be with a minority of people and education would be the best place to start. Please leave it how it is and for once, lets not put in place a policy because of the minority - whether that be dog owners not following the rules or favoring sports clubs that use the grounds based on actual use vs availability, a minority of the time.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a parent whose children use the sports surfaces there are often dog poo on the fields, when the children are playing early in the day. Holes dug by dogs, and at times people walking there dogs at the park off leash have their dogs running onto the fields. My children are okay with dogs but there are children who are terrified of them. This is a positive move. Great work!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This park is a fantastic place for dogs to socialise and friendships to be made. A balance should be found.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I think the proposed off-leash area at Madills is way too small, especially if dogs aren't allowed on the sports fields at all. The designated off-leash space is right next to a dangerous road, and there are barely any other local off-leash areas that aren't near traffic. The fields are some of the only safe, flat areas where elderly people can walk their dogs and where dogs can chase balls without the risk of running into the street. At Glover, restricting dogs from the fields means they'll only have the hills to run on, which isn't practical for elderly dog owners or families with young kids. Expecting dogs to stick to the paths also doesn't work—dogs need space to run and play.

Dog owners' rights should be considered just as much as those of organized sports players. For a lot of people, walking their dog is their form of exercise and socializing. It's not just about the dogs—it's about the owners too. Taking a dog for a walk, letting it run safely off-leash, and getting fresh air is a huge part of many people's mental and physical well-being. This should be valued just as much as traditional sports.

Parks should be shared spaces. If sports aren't happening, the fields shouldn't just sit empty when so many people in the community could be using them. And yes, while there might be the occasional person who doesn't pick up after their dog, that's a small minority. If that's a concern, bring back plastic bag dispensers for people who forget theirs. Plus, sports players leave plenty of rubbish on the fields, yet they aren't banned from using them.

Please reconsider and allow off-leash dogs on the fields when they're not in use for sports. Parks are for the whole community, and dog owners should be able to enjoy them too.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The dog is a huge part of Māori heritage, and Pākehā will continue to do everything in their power to diminish and manipulate our identity, our land and our culture. This suppression by wealthy Pākehā is yet another example of the tyranny of the oppressors, asserting their dominance over our people.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Current rules are excellent and adhered to by majority of dog owners . No need for change . As a regular user of Glover park the only mess and rubbish I ever see is at the close of a large sporting event usually cricket .

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1

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

St Heliers and Kohi Beaches

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

A section of it. Please specify:Change the time and season rule .

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:

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

Summer time access for dogs off leash should be before 9am.and after 6 pm.

Present timing before 10 and after 5 are popular transitional.times for young families arriving and departing.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I would like all humans to be reminded and enforced to take every scrap of food / rubbish / plastic/ fishing tackle home or put in the nearest bin when leaving any beach or park. Far more mess nuisance and at times injury or illness is caused to dogs by humans not taking thier rubbish home .

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t agree with the sports field being permanently excluded and the area should be available to use for people whether they are sporting or not. Bush and track areas aren’t always appropriate especially with the large amount of karaka trees in our dog parks that are harder to avoid in some areas. A clear open space is a safer area away from the risk of karaka trees for small dog owners. Also some dogs do not require or enjoy long hikes so a quick wander on a field can be the best option for both dog or owner even more so if injury or mobility is an issue

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Damage and H&S are negligible in effect and risk, likewise, bringing these areas "into line" with other local rules is not reason enough in itself, but moreso an exercise in conformity. I am quite unclear what the desired "outcome" is of this change, and certainly the efficacy of the proposed changes in bringing about that outcome.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Stop over-complicating what is, by convention, supported by common-sense behaviour. I seriously question the enforcement of these rules, which really puts in doubt the purpose of them existing in the first place (words and actions).

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is a recreational park intended for all in the neighbouring community including dogs. The area is not solely a sports field, and as the football club do not own this land, and this land is for all, it should therefore be a shared space. Why are they the priority and dictating the rules?

Most millennial families, including my own, are not having children and our dogs are our children, they require the same rights to a space to exercise. As housing in this area does not allow much land, there is little opportunity for them to exercise to this scale in the home or garden.

While on the map the proposed new off-leash area looks large, this space is in fact a slopped bank with trees allowing very little space for dogs to exercise. It is not an appropriate piece of land where I, the dog owner, can run and exercise with my dog due to the uneven level.

There are no other parks in the area for dogs to exercise, yet there are several schools plus the large Barfoot stadium where sports could be conducted. In summer dogs are again limited to leash only on the beaches, yet sports such as volleyball can take place here.

Dog owners already pay sufficient fees towards dog rates, as owners in the neighbourhood we also pay hefty rates. This recreational area should be for all, not the entitled sports participants only.

Dogs do not cause any damage to the sports field, the sports themselves cause holes in the grass and worn lawn through football, touch rugby and cricket so this reasoning offers a very poor defence.

This recreational space is for all in the community and as a rate payer in this community our voices should be heard over those at the football club who are gifted the opportunity to rent this space which is rightfully ours.

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#3749

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

All dogs need nearby open spaces to run and to play safely. But this proposal takes away the existing space in central Madills farm and provides no good alternative. I agree that dogs should be prohibited from sports grounds but the Council's proposed plan simply won't work. The idea of keeping to the park's edges, near roads and pathways is not practical. Dogs can't tell the difference between sports grounds and the rest of the park.

Instead, I suggest the Council create a dedicated, fenced off-leash area at the south end of Madills. The rest of the park can be on leash-only, with dogs banned from the central sports grounds. There's room for a fenced off-leash area between the existing footpaths and Baddley Avenue, with another boundary near the utility block, beside the playground. This doesn't need to be expensive. A simple pool fence and self-closing gates would be a good start. While a little smaller than the existing sports grounds area, if well-designed and signposted I think it would allow dogs and their owners to continue their off-leash activities while keeping the sports grounds free of dogs.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The Policy Objective of the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2019 is "To keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders". To my mind "keeping" is a key aspect of this. The region's dog population is growing and we need more dog access to public spaces, not less. - Any restrictions should be offset by additional dog-friendly spaces, with as much of these off-leash as possible. To do this the Council may need to fence off areas as they do successfully in the UK.

- dog access rules should be kept very simple . I favour a simple traffic light system (Red - prohibited, Orange - on lead only and Green - off lead) with these same rules applied year round regardless of time of day or season. Dogs don't differentiate, why should we?

- We need clear and frequent signage so people know what is expected. Current signage is inconsistent and sparse.

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#3752

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm was gifted to the people of Auckland for recreational use for everyone, including those with dogs. The proposal to prohibit use for dog exercise on areas marked for sports games undermines Madills Farm's role as a shared community space, reducing it to little more than a single-purpose sports facility, with a closed in young childs playground. The sports fields have been extending further and further across the fields over time. The existing rules already allow for planned sports to have sole use of the playing fields when play occurs, and users with children and dogs are respectful of this, including when it is just a social group or a practice.

The proposed new rules would bar socialisation of dogs, and the people with the dogs, for the majority of the week on the extensive playing fields, whilst planned sports and trainings are not occurring - when everyone involved in sports are at work or school. Keeping in mind that the structure of the fields with the flat grounds are ideal for older adults, families with young children and those with mobility challenges, enabling dog owners of all ages to meet, socialise, and exercise their pets; the fields are naturally shielded from the road by a small hill so the off-leash area offers a secure space for dogs without risk of traffic accidents. The on-field lighting also makes this a much safer space for women in the darker winter months. This designated off-leash area also helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach that already has significant restrictions for dog exercise.

Reducing the space for dog exercise to the proposed small section for the number of dogs and owners that frequent the fields from early morning throughout the day to late evening would lessen the social aspect (check out the research on 'loneliness'), as it is in reality one small triangle adjacent to the enclosed children's playground. No throwing ball games could occur, no running with dogs off leash, and the challenge of large and small dogs in a confined location with a mix of experienced and inexperienced dog owners, as well as young children along with families with their dogs.

I travel from St Johns to Madills Farm several times a week to enjoy the open space, that feels safe, accessible, friendly, and respectful. As a single middle aged women with a large dog, alternatives to the current set up are woeful.

I am strongly against the proposed amended Policy rules that have been presented for Madills Farm and Glover Park for all of the reasons above.

[redacted]

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

For the reasons in my submission, I would not like to see further curbing of hours of use and restrictions that curb the socialisation of dogs and people.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dog access should not be restricted on the community fields at Madills Farm. The 'fields' are open green spaces that can be shared safely and responsibly by all community members. Dog exercise areas are very limited in the Eastern Bays and access to the fields should be allowed when not in use. Madills was gifted to the City to be enjoyed by all members of the community.

Further, everyone needs to take responsibility for the care of Madills Farm. There are extraordinary amounts of garbage strewn about during and after by those attending and participating in sporting events that are filthy, at times dangerous, and attract rodents. More education about the natural environment and recycling/composting bins would be welcomed at Madills.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I like to set dogs and dog owners enjoying the parks.

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#3763

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is a public space which we are all paying for the upkeep of by our rates.

We are members of Eastern Suburbs football club and have paid many years of annual fees to them so I feel we are in a great position to give you honest feed back.

I agree that when the grounds are being used, dogs should have to be on a leash but I strongly disagree with your proposed rules that ban dogs using the grounds during times when there is no organised sport.

Why should the minority of people have the benefit of these lovely grounds.

They provided a safe space for us all to go during our numerous lock downs and we have such fond memories of walking and running around with our dog down there.

The majority of people are very respectful with their dogs and do not cause any harm.

Dogs give alot of people joy.

If you want the football fields to be "dog free" then I propose you fence the area that you wish to keep this way. However, I think it would be a very very sad day if dogs were never allowed to roam freely on this ground.

I would like to know why people feel it is necessary to make the grounds "dog free". We haven't heard anything from the football club to suggest they need to do this. Eastern suburbs also have very high annual subscription fees so I feel that they can help absorb some of the ongoing maintenance to the grounds.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Please, please reconsider this proposal. You will make a lot of people very annoyed in our area. Every second house around Kohimarama has a dog and there are a lot of people that you are excluding from using the grounds.

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#3766

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Freedom and independence of a man's best friend. My sister and husband are surgeon/Doctor and they save people from cancer their dog gives them joy in challenging and stressful rewarding careers!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Thanks let them free

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#3767

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

To the Ōrākei Local Board and Auckland Council,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed dog ban at Madills Farm fields. This park is one of the main reasons my family chose to live in this area. The opportunity for our dog to run freely, while we socialize with other dog owners, has been an invaluable part of our community life. This unique space is part of what makes our neighborhood so special, and it would be a tremendous loss for dog owners if we could no longer use it.

Additionally, as responsible pet owners, we pay the yearly dog registration fee. This fee is meant to ensure we can access council facilities like Madills Farm. If we are denied this access, it raises the question of the purpose of the registration fee when our dogs would be confined to our backyards.

I fully agree that dogs should not be allowed on sports fields while games are being played. However, when the fields are not in use, it makes no sense to prohibit dogs entirely. Madills Farm is not just a park; it’s a vital part of our community for both humans and their pets.

I urge you to reconsider this ban and look at alternative solutions, such as designated areas or time restrictions, to balance the needs of all park users.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Kind regards,

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

What’s the issue? We seem to have got along fine with the sports clubs so it’s unclear where the issue is

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The dogs are controlled and have the joy of enjoying the open space and run around fetching balls. Perfect way to get more vigorous exercise ticked for the dogs. We will be taking a lot of the joy out of them. Please do not go ahead with the proposed changes. Thank you.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No, thank you.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This doesn’t make sense. You can’t actively control where the sports field starts and stops.

Second to this, dogs have been walked at glover park well before sports when it was farmland, and at 6am no one is playing sports but nice groups of people meet and let their dogs play together before work,

There are very few options for dog areas left in this area. By taking away Glover and Madills you actually do a disservice to the community. You just open up issues where more dogs go to a new location and have possibility for ********** issues, spread the dogs out and less issues. By keeping the off leash areas spread out you ensure less dog cross over, meaning less fights and more areas that they know, feel safe in.

As for those owners who don’t pick up poo, it’s unfortunate, however they will still do this wherever they go.

This new proposed law is not thought out and hasn’t been pressure tested.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in this area for 25 years and had a dog for the last 3 1/2 years. He really enjoys playing at glover with his ball. He is a lovely cavoodle who many including the elderly enjoy interacting with. He definitely does not damage the sports surfaces. I would say so soceer after the rain causes a lot of damage to the sports surfaces. And would recommend that this be more closely monitored.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?Glover park**What local board area is this location in?**Ōrākei**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?Tell us why**Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**Entire location**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?Please explain your issue in more detail:**To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Dogs should be able to be off leash in glover park**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madill’s farm and glover park are public parks and dogs need areas to exercise

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need place to run and be Dogs. Lack of space in houses due to intensive housing development has made this worse. Please keep the off leash areas. Exercised and tired Dogs are well behaved Dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current rules are adequate to allow reasonable use of the area for all ratepayers, not just the football club. Completely banning dogs from the sports at all times will remove the major dog exercise zone for the neighbourhood and is unneccessary.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
no

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#3789

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is a recreational reserve and extensively used by dog walkers, particularly during times of the day when the sports fields are not being used. I think restricting dogs from the fields while in use for sports makes sense but not at other times

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Over complicated and limiting exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Rules are hard to fin, tend to be over complicated and limit exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority. There are few directions to exercise opportunities close and little to no thought has been put in to how many dog owners have moved to the beach due to the introduction of so many shared pedestrian and bike paths, which make it unsafe to walk with a dog there.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to keep the status quo for dog use at both Madills Farm and Glover Park, with the exception that there should be a limit to how many dogs one person can walk at a time.

Isn't the idea behind parks in the city that they are available to us all for use and not just for certain groups?

I pay my rates, I pay my dog registration fees, I regularly take him to the vet for check ups and required immunizations. As responsible dog owner, I take him for walks twice a day, which are also good for me both physically and mentally – I wouldn't be doing this without my dog. Being in the park is both a social occasion for him (meeting other dogs) and for myself as I catch up with people I've met over the years while we walk our dogs. Amongst those people there are a large number of elderly dog owners who need flat space that caters to their disabilities.

There are abandoned pets with SPCA, yet owners like us, who love our animals and look after them properly, are to be punished (and the animals as well) by taking away our use of the park. Dogs too need to be able to run around.

People get up in arms about all sorts of cruelty to birds and animals – but it's ok to reduce areas where they can socialize and exercise? Seriously?

There are drainage issues at both parks, which remain despite big upgrades to drainage systems in the last few years. On top of that, the sprinkler systems and lights being moved around result in uneven surfaces, none of which is the fault of the dogs. I regularly see kids on bikes and off-road motorbikes causing mayhem in the park, endangering others or ripping up the turf – and that's ok? During winter, the wet slopes are also used as ski fields by kids, ripping up the turf and causing sludge/mud to slide down the slopes onto walkways and playing surface. Again, nothing seems to be done about this.

As responsible dog owners, we pick up the poos made by our dogs, yet all the time I see containers, drink bottles, and pizza/kfc boxes (including leftover food and bones) left behind after football and cricket games – things that the dog owners regularly clean up. I see cricketers relieving themselves in the bushes, while kids are there watching, because they can't be bothered to use the toilets or use them to such an extent that they are not useable by anyone else until cleaned up by Council staff.

There is nothing wrong with the current rules at both Madills and Glover Park. We too are a group of users of the park areas and should not have our rights/abilities to exercise in those areas curtailed by other groups.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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#3796

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I see no need to change the status quo . Areas at present suitable for all ages to walk their dogs.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Parks are for the whole community and not for just sports. Things seem to be working as they are now. Can't see a good reason to change.

More dogs will be on the beaches which will cause more problems than in parks.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

One of the few parks that dogs can run around in this area. If you keep taking away, then new spaces must be given. All changes are to take away, I don't see any new parks added. Acceptable for dogs to be on leash only when sport is being played. Else the park is always empty

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

St Heliers

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:February once school back should be accessable for dogs on beaches except Waitangi. Applies to all beaches really. It is incredibly hot and dogs need a swim and cooling down during the day. Beaches are empty once school is back midweek

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

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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#3801

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Council is responsible for delivering services to the community, ensuring the well-being of Aucklanders. Our community includes people and their furry friends – whether that's companions, guides, or therapy dogs.

Community facilities, by definition, are a shared space used for a variety of community activities. These commonly include sports and fitness, movie and music events, and social and wellbeing. The latter is inclusive of accessible areas for on-leash and off-leash dog walking.

The proposed policy amendments are non-inclusive and discriminatory toward a significant group of the community who are dog owners, walkers and animal lovers. The policy should therefore remain as status quo – enabling the sports surfaces to be utilised exclusively by its occupants when sports events are underway, and by enabling other community members to maximise the space with their dogs off-leash when not in use.

Proposed policy changes by Council, in addition to being counterproductive to delivering services to the community and ensuring the well-being of *all* Aucklanders, also infringes on the rate inclusions that we pay to maintain these community spaces. If the Council and Orakei Local Board perceive that dogs are the cause of maintenance requirements to the sports surfaces, then it would be expected for the rates of local residents to decrease accordingly if dogs are to be prohibited on sports surfaces altogether.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Beaches have fair on-peak and off-peak rules. However, these restrictions mean dog owners are limited to few accessible local parks. Restricting these parks further severely limits the community's ability to fairly excercise and socialise themselves and their dogs off-leash.

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#3802

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#3807

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Many people buy into an area to be able to walk their dogs off-leash. With the population pressure in Auckland these areas are becoming few and far between. Seeing people and dogs walking off leash is uplifting. Seeing people playing sport with the accompanying music and crowd noise is stressful and imposes on people's rights to enjoy the peace and tranquility of their own homes. Why are sports people given rights over everyone else: on our roads where they have cycle lanes, on our beaches where they rope off prime sections of the beach for volley ball and swim clubs and now on our green spaces where they are gradually taking over more and more of areas day and night with their blazing lights???

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#3811

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Local Board: Kaipātiki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is absolutely ridiculous. Sports do not outweigh dog owners - which is exactly how this is coming across. The sports fields are properly used on Sundays. It is one of the few parks in the area that is great to run your dog offleash. We have developed a community of dog walkers down there which is beneficial to people and dogs socialisation. The way it currently works is FINE. You would be blocking off a huge area for people and be incredibly disruptive to peoples daily routines.

People who walk their dogs are sensible enough to keep their dogs away from the sports when they are happening outside of sundays - we also dont want our dogs potentially being injured. I strongly object this proposed change

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dog owners arent criminals or nuisances. We deserve to be able to walk and exercise our dogs. We pay rates and we have to pay fees for them - why should we be able to exercise them in these beautiful areas

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#3812

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly disagree with the proposed plan which is highly unrealistic. The space allocated to the dogs off leash is quasi inexistant and won't be able to accommodate the dogs' needs for exercice and social interactions. When the workplace starts to acknowledge the merits of bringing dogs to the office (it is SCIENTIFICALLY proven that when pets and people bond, life is richer) Auckland Council is cutting off the numbers of outdoor areas for people to interact with pets. The issues is not about SPACE management but DOG OWNERSHIP. It is true some dog owners are disrespectful and don't comply with public guidance...so do car owners! However ONLY the disrespectful car owners are being fined, not ALL car owners. By banning the access to many parks around Auckland...you are punishing an entire community of pet owners without addressing the issue / the root cause of poor dog ownership. This mesure is highly discriminatory and will only create greater tensions between the pet lovers and the others.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I think it’s important we have dig exercise areas as we need to keep enough space for them specially when fields are not in use

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No change please

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These are shared community assets which dog owners use for their own exercise along with their dogs. This is a part of the social fabric in the area, promoting social discourse and community.

Not everyone plays these specific organised team sports .

Dog owners chose to exercise with dogs as their sport.

There is limited wide open space for us all to use .

Therefore Sports fields must be shared with us all for exercise - with our dogs - when not being used.for organised team sports .

Dog owners should be fined if dogs litter fields .

That’s a reasonable balance

Thank you

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#3839

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a resident of Glover road for 30 years the current policy of allowing dogs to be off leash when the sports ground is not being used is not a problem that needs to be fixed. . The park is mostly empty during week and it allows for the disabled and elderly dog owners to use the flat area. The vast majority are responsible dog owners and obey the current rules and do not disturb the sports fields.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have been a user of Madills Farm since the early 1980's, when our family used to come to the park to play at the old wooden playground, play soccer on the main ground and run with the family dog.

It has always been a shared Recreation reserve, and was always intended to remain so when it became council managed property.

In more recent times having moved back to Kohimarama after several years away, I witness daily the enormous health and well being benefits that Madills farm offers as a shared space for humans and dogs alike, and in particular the joy afforded to many elderly, unwell, recent arrivals and young people when walking their dogs and meeting other fellow dog owners often for the first time. The Covid 19 epidemic in particular was a life saver for many elderly people i have met who came to the park with their dogs to escape isolation. We made many friends at the park during this period, friendships which continue today.

In addition, some of the messaging that is being spread about dogs digging holes and owners not picking up after their dogs appears erroneous. I use the park twice a day on average, and it is extremely rare to see a dog digging a new hole, or an owner not picking up after their dog. There are of course exceptions, and in my experience these people are always taken to task by the majority when witnessed.

There is clearly an issue with the ground at Madills farm, with many sinkholes and dips that do not improve even with the filling of sand that seems to occur on an ad-hoc basis.

And I have also myself tripped in one the many and varied holes that remain after the large stakes that hold up the Round the Bays tents on an annual basis, are removed. I find it impossible to imagine Madills farm becoming a full time sports ground, with dog owners banished to the fringes. The benefits to the wide section of society mentioned above will be damaged beyond repair - far exceeding any damage to the soil.

It seems to me that any funds intended to police the proposed new rules would be far better spent on education, and monitoring and fining those dog owners who do not control or pick up after their dogs, while the vast majority continue to respect the existing rules and enjoy the shared space as it was intended.

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#3847

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Thank you for the opportunity to present my opinion. I reject the Dog Bylaw and strongly believe that the change would negatively impact the local community. Madills Farm Recreation Reserve was set aside in 1943 for recreational purposes for all to enjoy. That includes off leash dog walking, play, organised sport and general recreation and should therefore continue as a shared space for the local & wider community to enjoy.

I walk my dog off leash at Madills every day and enjoy watching all the dogs socialise and play. In doing so I have formed many friendships and really feel part of a supportive community. For some, particularly the elderly, this may be the only opportunity to socialise in their day. Exercising dogs off leash at Madills has therefore helped to foster social connection within the local community. Furthermore, I don’t see any evidence that dogs are harming the sports fields. The overuse by sports teams and big events such as Round The Bays do more harm. Dogs are a positive part of Aucklanders lives and locally we need a space to run and socialise our dogs (& ourselves). The only sensible and socially responsible thing yo do here is to reject the Dog Bylaw. Thank you.

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#3853

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

fully support having the large number of dogs under control and not defecating on the sports fields.

I see my mother's locals - Madills and Glover - are getting a blanket ban on off-leash, which I support. I would have liked to have seen the same at Marist in part to help control the large dogs running free and threatening other dogs and humans. A big part would be to help protect the roosting shorebirds that rest up when the tide is full. The good people at TEPS would be on board with this, I'm sure.

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#3860

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to dog restrictions at Madills Farm, particularly the prohibition of dogs on sports surfaces at all times and the requirement for dogs to be on a leash in the vicinity when fields are in use.

As an active member of the local sports community, I have seen firsthand the serious impacts that off-leash dogs have on the fields. These include:

Serious Injury Risk and Cost to Taxpayers – I personally suffered a broken leg at Madills Farm after stepping into a hole dug by a dog. Uneven and damaged surfaces put thousands of players at risk of serious injury. Football, touch rugby, and cricket players all rely on safe, well-maintained fields. There is little doubt that the high cost of treating and managing injuries caused by poor sports field conditions is a burden on taxpayers through ACC. These injuries are preventable with proper field protection.

Dog Waste Contamination – Despite the efforts of responsible owners, dog faeces remains a persistent issue. I have had to clean dog waste off kids' football gear at the start of a game – an unsanitary and completely avoidable situation for young athletes.

High Cost to Ratepayers for Field Maintenance – Off-leash dogs cause significant damage to the playing surfaces through digging, running, and general wear. The ongoing remediation efforts to repair fields and make them safe for play come at a high cost to ratepayers. With thousands of players using these fields for football, touch rugby, and cricket, the continual need for repairs could be reduced if the proposed restrictions were in place.

Disruptions to Play – Off-leash dogs frequently run onto fields during training and games, disrupting play and posing a risk to both players and the dogs themselves.

These fields are vital community assets used by thousands of players across multiple sports. Keeping them safe, clean, and well-maintained should be a priority. It is also important to note that these restrictions do not ban dogs from Madills Farm entirely. There is still ample space for off-leash exercise in other parts of the park, as well as at Glover Park nearby.

The proposed changes strike a fair and reasonable balance between ensuring high-quality, safe sports fields and allowing dogs space for recreation. Implementing these changes will

help reduce unnecessary injuries, lower the financial burden on both taxpayers and ratepayers, and improve the overall quality of our local sports facilities.

I urge the Council to proceed with these changes for the benefit of all park users.

Thank you for your consideration.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Any changes need enforcement through active council ranger action.

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#3862

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Two issues - one, keeping the dogs off sports fields is unrealistic if they are off leash - as long as they are under control and people clean up after them I can't see the issue. Fair enough the dogs are on leash when the fields are being played upon. Dogs on leash in the playground should be allowed - otherwise the large part of the population with dogs and children won't be able to take their kids and dogs to the playground - this is overkill. No issue with them being on leash. Similary in the car parks on leash is fine

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#3869

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be kept off playing fields at all times and a sign to that effect dsplayed as is the case already on some parks e.g Okahu bay reserve.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These are important community spaces which should be free for the reasonable use of the whole community without preferential treatment being given to one particular sub-set (in this case being sports users).

The main area in Glover Park is taken up by sports users for part of the time and, at those times, dog walkers are, for the most part, respectful and abide by the current rules which, again for the most part, work well with various sections of the community respecting others' rights to use a communal space and vice versa.

There is otherwise very little "free" public space to exercise dogs off leash. Meeting other dog walkers is an important community ritual in this park as well as being fundamental to the wellbeing of the dogs who require at least some level of "uncontrolled" socialising with other dogs during the day. It also fosters closer community ties and connections when you can chat with local friends while your respective dog-friends get to have a much needed run around.

Surely that is exactly what we need more of in today's society rather than fostering policies that only encourage yet more divisiveness and "special rules" where only the interests of a particular sub-set of users take priority over everyone else.

I fail to see how these rules protect the health and safety of dogs. I do not understand why sports use gets priority. I do not agree that dogs create "damage" to sports fields as, after most sports games on a weekend in winter, there is more damage to the fields caused by the sports users themselves and, on many an occasion, piles of rubbish left behind by athletes and their supporters that, often, it is the dog walking community that help tidy up.

I find this kind of divisive politics (whether it be on an international, national or local level) unhelpful and damaging to our wider community relations. Agreed that not everyone plays by the rules but the solution is to work on proper enforcement of those rules - not to resort to rather blunt and unsophisticated bans such as those proposed. I urge you to reconsider accordingly.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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#3890

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Local Board: Kaipātiki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a community member and responsible pet owner, I believe these changes are unnecessary and will adversely affect both the local community and the wider public who benefit from the park's current regulations.

I am a stakeholder in multiple ways and have a wholistic perspective on how the parks are utilised by the different user groups:

1. As a responsible dog owner, particularly of a rescue dog, I rely on Madills for safe and social exercise opportunities. Many rescue dogs, including mine, benefit greatly from controlled off-leash exercise to build confidence and social skills. The proposed restrictions would significantly limit these opportunities, making it harder to provide for their physical and mental well-being.

2. Being a neighbour of Madills, I literally see firsthand how the park is shared between dog owners, families, and the sports club. The current balance between off-leash dog access and other park users has been effective, and no substantial evidence suggests that the current policy is problematic. Implementing unnecessary restrictions will only erode the inclusive community culture, especially as there is a significant amount of time where the sports fields are never in use.

3. As the parent of a son who played Rep soccer for Eastern suburbs for many years, I regularly attended games and training at Madills and Glover park. The coexistence of sports teams and responsible dog owners has never been an issue. Many families, including mine, bring our dogs along to enjoy the space before or after games, reinforcing the park’s role as a shared community hub. Restricting dog access would unfairly penalize responsible owners without addressing any actual conflicts. The damage to the playing surfaces occurs due to a combination of wet weather and foot traffic i.e. when it rains heavily and the surfaces are played on, damage is caused especially around the goal area and along the sidelines where the families spectate. Additional damage is caused by the council vehicles who drive on the surfaces and also when structures are erected i.e. for local school sports events, the stands/seating for Eastern Suburbs AFC games and Round the Bays marquees.

4. As an annual participant in 'Round the Bays' I have used the post-run hospitality at Madills most years. The park provides a safe and well-maintained space for all and the proposed restrictions would reduce accessibility forcing more people onto busy footpaths

or less suitable areas. Significant temporary structures, like those erected for 'Round the bays' or televised ESAFC games cause damage to playing surfaces, not dog use.

Rather than imposing unnecessary restrictions on only one user-group, I urge the Local Board to consider alternative solutions that maintain fair access for all park users, such as:

- Enhanced signage and education to address any concerns collaboratively rather than through restrictive policies.

Madills and Glover Park are cherished public spaces that successfully accommodate a diverse range of users, including dog owners, families and Sports teams. The proposed restrictions on dog access are unnecessary and risk undermining the sense of community, accessibility, and well-being that the park currently supports. I strongly urge Auckland Council and Orakei Local Board to reconsider this proposal and work towards a more balanced, inclusive solution.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Auckland Council's 2024 Dog Policy Review Findings Report suggests that the existing dog access policies are generally effective.

Any considerations around balancing public use of shared spaces must consider:

1. The need for clarity: Many dog owners struggle with inconsistent rules across different parks and beaches, making it confusing to know where and when dogs are allowed.

2. The importance of flexibility: Blanket restrictions can be unnecessarily restrictive, especially for responsible owners.

3. The success of current regulations: If there’s no ACTUAL evidence of issues at Madills and Glover Park , there’s no justification for tightening the rules.

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#3900

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madils Farm and Glover Parks are essential areas for dogs and their owner's wellbeing. Dogs are pack animals and need to exercise and socialise freely with other dogs off leash. This helps them to learn good skills, and prevents them from being aggressive towards other dogs. The owners of these dogs interact with other dog owners and this is also essential for their wellbeing. It gives us a sense of community and for some it is the only form of social interaction they get. Council receives considerable income from dog registration fees and needs to in return provide suitable facilities.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Please see previous comment

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Don’t take access away without providing an alternative place to go. Dog owners need to walk their dogs at all times of day, why can’t nurses on a night shift walk their dogs off leash there during the middle of the day when barely anyone else is there? Where do you propose they go nearby??? If the issue is dog poop, better enforcement is needed of the irresponsible owners. Irresponsible owners are highly unlikely to abide by the new rules anyway.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Again, please remember exercising dogs is good for people’s physical and mental health, crucial to a healthy workforce and population. People work a variety of different hours to cover all the jobs society needs, and they need places to walk their dogs close by. I believe the rules and restrictions here are becoming over the top. You have to consult a book before you try take your dog anywhere new :(

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have used this park for dog walking for over 30 years. I do not support the proposal to put dogs on a leash in the sports areas and surfaces. This is a public facility and is not the sole property of the Football Club. Most people are considerate of the sports fields when games are in play and either avoid the fields or have their dogs on a leash.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Provide bags. We have dispensers at Madills but never any bags.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I would like to be able to walk our dog at both of these parks off lead (under control) like i have done in the past. They are large parks that are safe for dogs as they are away from busy roads. Because many other dog owners are doing the same it is very social for the dogs and us. It is important for a dogs mental and physical wellbeing to be able to socialize, especially if they are to be visiting boarding kennels from time to time. We have run our dog in both these parks for over 11 years never with a problem. She doesn't necessarily like every other dog however we know that and put her on a leash, when necessary, like most of the other responsible dog owners do. There are plenty of other parks in Auckland where people can walk if they do not like dogs. We don't want free running off leash parks banned because a few people don't like dogs. Better avenues for policing and reporting of out of control dogs might be a better option.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Off leash exercise is important for physical and mental health of a dog. Restricting off leash areas is making it difficult for responsible dog owners to provide dogs with this experience. The policy on dogs requires them to be controlled, even in off leash areas, thus well socialised and controlled dogs should not pose any risk to the public. I support the restrictions on out of control, dangerous and menacing dogs, but well socialised and controlled dogs should not be restricted further than they already are.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a significant rate payer in Auckland. I would by right expect to have a park area to enjoy with my family which includes my dog a Mini Schnauzer called Alfie. He is well trained, enjoyed by many people including children and their dogs at Madills Farm. I understand that when sports games are being held on the fields we keep our dogs on leads and under control. But there are many times in the days of the week when there is no sport, and the fields are empty. Especially during the week in winter when we venture out in the cold wet windy days to socialize ourselves with the lovely people in the area and our dogs. This is very import for our wellbeing, mental and physical health. Some of these people dont talk to anyone else in their day till they bring their dog out to play. I have met lots of people who drive from around Auckland to come to our park where they feel safe and so does their dog. Please let us enjoy this special place where everyone can relax, play, ride, run have picnics and feel part of the community.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Madills Farm

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people). Please specify:Allow dogs off leash on sports fields when no sport is happening.

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

The proposed Policy of Prohibiting dogs at all times on sport fields and under control on a leash when in use seems very harsh. The Madill's farm was gifted to Auckland for all people to use it for Recreation, not just sport. It is well utilized for play

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

It would be a very sorry day in Auckland and in fact New Zealand if we didn't see people out with their family and friends enjoying our beautiful recreational areas. Our dogs are one of our family who needs exercise and socializing. What will happen to them and their owners if they can get outside to have some freedom. We shouldn't just give in to the sports bodies who seems to think that parks are just for them. I pay my rates to I have places to walk around and enjoy and appreciate that we can share these spaces amicably with everyone else.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The playing fields are largely unused for most of the week, and their maintenance is funded by public rates. Given this, shouldn't as many members of the public as possible be allowed to enjoy these spaces, not just those who play sports? Dogs, in particular, need space to run and socialize with other dogs. Without this, behavioral problems can arise, negatively impacting owners, their families, and the broader community. While it's understandable that dogs are prohibited from beaches during peak summer hours, the pavements can become dangerously hot, leaving dog owners with very few alternatives for exercise. Allowing access to these parks could provide a safe and beneficial space for both dogs and their owners.

Dog owners pay annual registration fees, yet there are no designated areas where dogs can run free. Unfortunately, irresponsible dog owners fail to clean up after their pets on footpaths and playing fields. Is the next step going to be banning dogs from footpaths altogether? It seems unfair to penalise the responsible majority due to the actions of a small minority who disregard the rules anyway.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

stop dropping where people play

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:all of these

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

people trying to swim or sunbath not being annoyed by uncontroled dogs

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

no

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Current rules are fit for purpose. Have never noticed issues caused by dogs to the surfaces. These parks should be able to be used by ALL ratepayers

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Issues with individual unruly dog owners should be taken up with those people, not blanket policies affecting the 95% of us who are responsible dog owners

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

My grandchildren practice football at Madills Farm and I always enjoy seeing people walking their dogs ON LEASH along the pathways when she is practicing. Unfortunately many people have their dogs off leash and the dogs get excited and run right into the middle of the children. It is only a matter of time before a dog causes an injury to a child by tripping them up or, even worse, becomes so excited it bites. Also some people do not pick up their dogs droppings on the practice fields. This is a health and safety issue

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1

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

Onetangi Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Waiheke

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

Tell us why

I don’t know

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:At present some dog owners are completely ignoring the beach access rules and have their dogs off leash on the beach at any hour of the day

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

Dog owners are flouting the rules re beach access and making it unpleasant for families. When we were on Onetangi this summer a family near us had a large dog off leash and were throwing frisbies along the beach and past and through several family group

Location 2

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

St Heliers Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

I don’t know

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:Owners ignoring rules

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

Last Sunday I was sitting by St Heliers beach at 2pm. I counted 4 dogs off leash running up and down the beach. This is another example of owners flouting the rules and it needs policing. On a few occasions I have noticed owners meeting friends on the

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

While I understand how important dogs are to their owners I think children and families should take priority. That's why I think the beach and park access rules should be tightened and most importantly policed with fines issued to those flouting them. I feel there is not sufficient publicity about dog walking rules so maybe a lot off dog owners are unaware of them and not deliberately flouting them. This is especially important as there seems to have been a huge increase in dog ownership over the last few years with many families having more than one. A few TV and radio ads might help.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The park was gifted to Auckland City for recreation purposes for everyone including dogs for mental and physical well being. This is a much loved park used daily by dog owners, dogs, runners, walkers, family, schools, individual sport teams, annual events, numbers on daily basis are exceptionally high.

Please note that in its infancy, sports teams wished to use this facility.

There was public opposition but eventually allowed.

The Eastern Suburbs Football Association needs to remember, they too are guests in this park.

Dogs need space, not inclosed areas.This leads to problems, example aggression as has been experienced in Wellington.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Provide an area where dogs can be. This is a very social dog friendly area and a small % don’t do the right thing and everyone is penalised.

Get council out to observe and work out the best way rather than imposing this as an alternative.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
They need to be fully consulted before changes proposed.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm Dog Access Changes

At your local board meeting on 6th December 2024, the Parks and Community Facilities (PCF) department of Auckland Council proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm. The main reason for the change request is due to an increased significant risk to the health and safety of sports users.

Key Points from the Parks Community Facilities Proposal

- Injury Data Winter 2024 saw 27 reported football ankle roll incidents and 5 near misses between mower operators and dogs.
- Turf Concerns: Dog-related issues (urine, faeces, and digging) are causing turf damage and raising hygiene and safety concerns.
- Rising Costs: Turf patching costs increased from $19,000 in 2022/23 to a forecast of $35,000 in 2024/25 and projected to reach $54,000 by 2025/26.

The proposal to restrict dog access is based on:

- Increased demand for sports facilities.
- Rising repair costs.
- Health and safety risks due to dog-related turf damage.

My Response

I strongly disagree with the proposal to prohibit dogs on the sports fields. The proposal prioritises sports users from across Auckland over local residents. The adverse effects of this proposal on local users will far outweigh the impact they have.

Turf Damage

The proposal overlooks or underestimates the impact of sports activities on the turf. For example, soccer can also cause:

- Wear and Tear: play can lead to worn-out patches, particularly in high-traffic areas like goal boxes and midfield sections. This results in thinning grass and bare patches, which can make the field uneven.

- Compaction: The repeated impact of players running, turning, and tackling on the field can compact the soil beneath the grass. This hinders root growth, reduces water drainage, and contributes to overall turf deterioration.
- Divots and Holes: Players sometimes create divots or holes when they kick the ball or make sudden movements, which can further damage the grass. If not repaired, these holes can get worse and create safety hazards.

Regular maintenance, including aeration, reseeding, and proper turf management, is essential to mitigate these issues, driving up cost due to sports usage not the impacts of dogs.

Soccer injuries

While PCF's paper cites 27 ankle incidents over one season, there is no evidence linking these injuries directly to turf damage caused by dogs. In many cases, ankle injuries (such as sprains) in soccer result from poor foot placement or missteps rather than the state of the turf.

Local Park

Local parks serve the immediate community and should cater to a range of recreational activities. Many sports users come from across Auckland and prioritising them could undermine the community-focused nature of Madill's Farm.

This local park is intended to serve local residents rather than being a regional hub.

Dog faeces

Issues with dog faeces are primarily a compliance matter and already provided for in policy and bylaws. Effective dog control measures and enforcement of fines (covered by dog registration and local rates) can address this without excluding dogs from the park.

My observation is that there is already a high level of compliance with faeces collection in the park.

Cost increase 184.2%

The cost increase from $19,000 in 2022/23 to $54,000 in 2025/26 (184.2% growth) should be attributed to the higher demand from sports users, not dog access.

Did the Local Board consider reducing the number of Madill's Farms pitches maintained to this high standard?

Are Parks Recreation and Communities suggesting that if dogs were prohibited costs would decrease to historic levels?

My Recommendation

I recommend that the Local Board further investigate how to achieve an equitable balance that meets the needs of all local park users.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The area that’s proposed is a very small area that doesn’t meet exercise standards for dogs

Our rates ate used to maintain those parks so our households should have full access to these facilities as well

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Council should focus on getting tid of unruly people that make life harder for their community

Dogs are usually loved and people who make an effort to walk their dogs usually are aware of the rules around yhis

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in St Heliers for 15 years and both my children have been members of the ESAFC for many years. They have had to endure holes in the grass pitches at Madills Farm for so many years which is dangerous to the kids and the adults playing on the pitches. It has clearly been caused by dogs digging up the surface and it is not acceptable. The dogs have plenty of space to run outside of the sports pitches.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Having dog access to madills is one of the greatest aspects of this area.

The park is used and enjoyed by dog owners and their families all day every day where as is only used for sports on the odd occasion. It would be a waste to loose access for dog owners for the benefit of a few hours a week of sports.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I see dogs defecating on the sports field and the owners not picking up after them. Its a shame some ruin it for others as it was always a nice area to let your dog run free. However I am grateful they can still use it with the dog on a leash.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I think dogs on a leash should be allowed anywhere but we need more dog wardens fining people for letting their dogs chase wildlife and not cleaning up after their dogs. Council would make a fortune on the Eastern Beaches alone as dogs run free all the time ignoring rules.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Large dogs need space to run and it appears you would just like to remove all of these areas

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The dogs don't damage the sports fields. They are empty most of the time. t is a place of community, where friendships are made and good for orners and dogs alike. Lots of elderly people go and it is a safe space for them.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Submission on Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madills Farm & Glover Park

To: Auckland Council

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm & Glover Park

Introduction

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm & Glover Park. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve.

Background

Madills Farm/Glover Park have long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners.

Proposed Changes

The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization.

Concerns

1. Community Impact: these parks serves as a vital recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall enjoyment of the reserve.

2. Health and Well-being: Regular exercise and social interaction are essential for both pets and their owners. Limiting access to suitable areas could negatively affect the health and well-being of dogs and their owners.

3. Original Deed Conditions: The deed of gift documentation for Madills Farm, as per the Official Information request, outlines conditions for the reserve's use. While the specific conditions are not detailed in the available documents, any changes to the reserve's usage should align with the original intent and conditions set forth in the deed. It is imperative to review these conditions to ensure that any proposed changes do not violate the original terms of the gift.

4. Counter-Argument to the Claim of Dog Damage:

The local board has suggested that dogs are damaging the fields, but this assertion must be balanced against the reality of the wear and tear caused by other activities, particularly sports like football.

• Field Usage and Damage from Football: Football games, along with other field sports, create significant damage to sports fields over time. Data from various sports management organizations, including Auckland's own parks and recreation departments, has shown that the intensity of use from organised sports leagues often leads to field degradation. The combination of cleats, sharp turns, sliding tackles, and heavy foot traffic during games causes significant compaction and wear, which can leave fields with bare patches, uneven surfaces, and soil erosion.

• Comparison to Dog Usage: In contrast, dogs using the fields for walking or playing typically cause less compaction and no lasting damage compared to the kind of intense wear created by team sports. Dogs usually use the fields in a more varied manner (e.g., walking, running, fetching), which doesn't focus heavy pressure on one spot, unlike players' concentrated use during matches.

Recommendations

• Maintain Current Dog Access: Retain the existing dog access rules to preserve the balance between pet owners and other park users.

• Implement Designated Dog Areas: If concerns about specific areas arise, consider establishing designated dog-friendly zones rather than blanket restrictions.

• Community Consultation: Engage in a comprehensive consultation process with the community, including pet owners, to gather diverse perspectives before implementing any changes.

Conclusion

Restricting dog access at Madills Farm/Glover park would adversely affect the community and contradict the reserve's original purpose. I urge Auckland Council to reconsider these proposed changes and prioritize the well-being of all community members, while also ensuring fair access for both sports and recreational activities. We should consider

balanced solutions that support both the care of the fields and the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

They are a nuisance on the sports fields and often dog poo all over where kids are trying to play sport. It’s not safe for the kids playing to have dogs off leash

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

As there is an abundance of owners not following the rules would be great yo see beaches and parks patrolled more regularly

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a parent of two footballing boys at Eastern Suburbs AFC we use the fields at Madills Farm and Glover park.

The Proposed "dog off leash" changes are only in regard to sports fields, not the entirety of the reserves. As an example, at Madills Farm, sports fields make up less than half the size of Madills Farm so the community will continue to enjoy "dog off leash" on the remaining 50% of the reserve.

It is my understanding that Madills Farm and Glover Park are currently the only "dog off leash" sports fields in the Auckland Region

The Club has an increasing number of players (male, female, junior, senior) who are getting injuries during practice and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields

The Club have weekly feedback/complaints from players stepping in dog poo on sports fields that have not been picked up by owners.

The Club have had complaints of dogs urinating on portable goals, football cones and kids' drink bottles while they train which raises some health and safety issues.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Many dog owners LOVE this park for our dogs to run free and socialise. TO unwind at the end of the day at Madills with a dog, and the other dog owners, is something we look forward to. We pick up dog faeces, and don't litter. Often the sports only takes place on the weekend. At least consider letting dog owners have the park on the days when no games are on. They do way less damage to the grass, compared with the holes and gouges from the spikes of sports boots, and harsh manoeuvers that churn up the grass and soil/sand! There are no close parks we can walk to in our area. This is simply the most convenient and the best.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I'm a St Helier resident and have been for many years. I have a dog, registered, chipped. My family and I use the park on an everyday basis, we walk, exercise our dog, within the park area, we have many friends who do the same. Our dogs are off leach and behave themselves, they are social creatures just like us. We are a community. When there is sport being played or practiced we don't venture onto the field area. The playground could do with an upgrade and fenced like madills. As far as the dogs damaging the fields that's incorrect accusation, Ive seen players both young and more mature , the boots they wear damage the ground making huge holes that get bigger as the season goes on, when the rain comes the holes get deeper, kids playing soccer like to run through surf on the water in their white gear, no regard to what mess has been left. All players continue to leave behind rubbish and personal clothing and drinking bottles. Dog owners pick these items up before the grounds are mowed. We are all responsible to pick up after our dogs which we do. The area should remain as is, for all to enjoy in harmony. Dog owners pay rates just like recreational players, we should be able to have full use .

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

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Location 1

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

Na

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

I don't know

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

A section of it. Please specify:Na

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:Na

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

Na

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Keep it status quo. There is no need to change as it currently works well. Don’t listen to just side of the community

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#4014

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

People need large open areas for dogs and to take this away will cause more behaviourable problems in dogs

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#4015

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe this only applies to the sports fields so there is still plnty of space for dogs to excercise off leash at Madills farm.

I understand the Auckland Council has spent 10's of thousands of dollars on repairing holes dug by dogs at Madills Farm alone in the last financial year - this money could be better spent elsewhere.

An increasing number of sport players who use the fields are getting injuries during practise and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields, this would be avoided.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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#4021

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The proposed change is unnecessary.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
The current rules are adequate for all users.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4024

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

I would like to have Dogs allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces when not in use and I am fine to pay extra rates to have the field cleaned more often. Thanks

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#4025

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Current access at most parks works, please do not change,

No data or logically reason for changes have been provided, look's like a Bias campaign by a few Indvidual's who are wasting taxpayer money & time Pursing personal agenda without and real data to back changes, and is Bias negatively toward responsible Dog's and owner family.

Please stop the whole Campain which has the optics of a witch hunt ,

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have experienced on multiple occasions dogs off leash chasing and in one instance biting my son’s football (ruining it and scaring him) whilst training at Madills Farm. It’s simply unsafe to have sports activities/ fields with unlimited / uncontrolled dog access

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#4028

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs dig holes on sports fields. These are causing lots of leg/ankle injuries to kids and adults using the sports fields. Also dog poos are not getting picked up by owners and dogs wee on equipment/water bottles whilst teams are training.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

As stated before, I am full support as a dog owner and parent of children who play who use these facilities.

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#4032

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4033

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

For the safety and wellbeing of my young children..

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The sports fields are unused for 80% of the day. It’s is the dog owners who use the park for the majority of the day. The majority of people who use the sports field DO NOT live in the community. Why would you remove access for people FROM the community to use their park. This is the most ridiculous amendment I have ever seen. You are not serving the needs of the community, whose rates pay for this park.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Seems with all areas council wants to restrict dogs being off leads, dogs that need areas such as these are going to be impacted behaviourally. The majority of dogs that are currently off leash in the in Orakei Ward are owned and cared for by very responsible owners. Dogs in a city need places to be a dog for an hour or so.

The whole policy seems to be a blanket response. Are there certain areas of the city that have more dog problems than others statistically? Why not concentrate on those areas? National and Local government need to act together to sort issues there are with dog owners.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

My son plays football on a Friday evening. The kids are always falling in holes dug by dogs.'it's out of control. There is plenty of space for dogs around the area.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The Proposed "dog off leash" changes are only in regards to sports fields, not the entirety of the reserves. As an example, at Madills Farm, sports fields make up less than half the size of Madills Farm and so the community will continue to enjoy "dog off leash" on the remaining 50% of the reserve

It is our understanding, Madills Farm and Glover Park are currently the only "dog off leash" sports fields in the Auckland Region

The Auckland Council spent 10's of thousands of dollars on repairing holes dug by dogs at Madills Farm alone in the last financial year

The Eastern Suburbs Football Club has an increasing number of players (male, female, junior, senior) who are getting injuries during practise and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields

The Eastern Suburbs Football Club have weekly feedback/complaints from players stepping in dog poo on sports fields that has not been picked up by owners

The Eastern Suburbs Football Club have had complaints of dogs urinating on portable goals, football cones and kids drink bottles while they train which obviously raises some health and safety issues

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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#4040

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current rules are not adhered to by a large number of dog owners. I have witnessed significant danger to children with off-lead dog chasing each other when young children are practising and playing matches on the football fields. Enforcement action is effectively non-existent and the proposed change should be clearer and simpler for people to understand and follow. I am a parent to a young child and a dog owner.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Thanks for addressing the risks to children and other sports field users.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills and Glover park both have extensive area for dog walking without dogs needing to dig up and poo all over the sports fields. I've twisted my ankle playing soccer in a hole dug by a dog on more than one occasion at Madills Farm on the sports fields. Unfortunately some dog owners also forget to or purposely leave their dog poo on the sports fields which is a health hazard for kids playing sports. There are a lots of green spaces in the area, preventing dog access to the sports fields has more benefits to the community than the impact to dog walkers.

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Many times I've taken my kids to the reserve to play football etc & we've had dogs chase & damage balls when off a leash. I do enjoy dog owners & their dogs walking around the parks, it gives a sense of community. But when on the sports grounds I would appreciate them to be walked on a leash. Also to avoid holes etc

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I don't want dog owners to disappear from these areas. They can let their dogs off leash in the designated off leash areas, but just keep them on a leash in the sports designated areas.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4049

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Too many dogs running off leash out of control and digging holes on the sports fields. Those holes create large mud puddles over winter and can be dangerous

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madils Farm and Glover Park are fantastic and easily accessable options for dog owners. The rules already state no dogs off-lead on sports fields when in use, which seems to be adhered too by the vast majority. Why take away the option to have dogs off leash when sports arent happening, has minimal/zero impact on anyone when by nature, no one else is using those fields. By creating unneccessary restrictions youre going to push more people to take their dogs on the public beach which over summer is a lot busier, and create more hassle + less wellbeing in dogs and dog owners.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a user of the soccer fields and as a dog owner I do not believe that dogs are having a detrimental effect to the sports grounds, this is a by product of kids playing soccer in wet weather and causing holes from their boot spikes.

Neither have I ever encountered dog poo on the field during a game or training.

We have so few truly dog friendly parks in our area it would be such a shame to lose another space to safely exercise the local dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Nine years ago, we decided to move to "the Bays". The house we purchased come with no land for a dog, which we already had. We decided to forge ahead with purchasing the house because Madills Farm was available to walk the dog. It was a very big factor in our decision to buy. We pay our rates; we are good members of the local community and use the park on a daily basis. We are both busy employed people, contributing to society and to have the ease of walking to and from Madills Farm to exercise our dog taken from us, will greatly disrupt our lives.

To me it seems no matter what time of day we go, there are dog walkers, children, sports people... all seemingly living a cohesive existence. There is no need for change. In my opinion, change will only cause disruption.

Have you been to the park yourself? I highly recommend you visit. Every single day around 4pm, there is a group of elderly ladies who meet and walk their dogs. Why take this away?

You will see families walking their dogs, and at the same time, their kids are running around, exercising, having fun. To be able to achieve both at the same time is another bonus of Madills Farm.

Please don't change... thanks for your consideration.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The local beaches already have time limitations for dogs set; to take away the next best thing (Madills) leaves us without much option.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly oppose this short sighted and self servicing proposal. As a ~10 year resident of Kohimarama I use the dog walking facilities at Madills Reserve on a daily basis. It is a safe and convenient Park that allows my Irish Setter dog to exercise in comfort and to interact with other law abiding local residents. The proposal severely restricts the available off leash exercise area and banishes dogs and their owners to a smaller area - located closer to a designated playground and the busy Road that surrounds the Park. Health & Safety is a convenient and disingenuous umbrella term that Council uses to disguise the blatant desire of the Eastern Suburbs Football Club to claim the reserve for their sole use. The Reserve was gifted to the local residents under a Trust Deed and has been designated an off leash dog park for a number of years - predating the arrival of the Football Club. To unfairly apportion the cost of maintaining the grounds to the damage caused by Dogs is preposterous, defies common sense and lacks credibility. Your attention is drawn to the annual Round the Bays 'after event' [foot traffic of thousands, Tents & associated Spikes driven into the ground], the use of the fields in Winter by hundreds of Football Players wearing studded boots, slide tackling in damp & wet conditions, Cricket Players in Spiked Shoes in Summer, Golf & Baseball players together with bikes being ridden on the grounds. Council should also be aware of boy racers who have semi-regularly accessed the park and ripped up the turf doing donuts,. In addition, recent storms have compromised the integrity of the surface, with some mature trees being uprooted. The increase in the incidence of sprained ankles has been erroneously attributed to holes dug by dogs. No numerical support has been provided by an independent medical authority to support this claim. The existence of doggie doo has also been promoted. As a dog walker it is disappointing when I see this but can attest that this is an exception with the vast majority of walkers picking up and depositing these 'parcels' in the bins provided. The existence of liberally discarded sports strapping and tape is evidence of sports people exercising a double standard. It is the only comparatively flat reserve that local elderly residents can use with confidence. In addition to the annual dog licensing fees and the larger than most local rates I pay as a resident, my expectation is that I have unencumbered access to my local park. I take exception at having to defer to the myopic objectives of a Football Club that has constantly sought to barge their way into obtaining a larger share of the park - relative to the pepper corn rates [$1k] their currently pay. They want to leverage off a ratepayer owned facility while enjoying the rights of private ownership. Any and all Council Staff involved in this Football Club and associated with

this proposal need to publicly declare their obvious and deliberate conflict of interest ahead of excluding themselves from the decision making process. Any lackey's who hide behind these conflicted people also need to excuse themselves from the decision making process ..... any future intention to astroturf the grounds, build grandstands and extend the existing buildings will be meet with the same vehement opposition. Should this ill founded and unpopular proposal be granted you can be assured of an appeal process and my interest in the local body elections will be ramped up significantly. [redacted]

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

With the existing beach time restrictions in place it only adds weight to to need to provide access to all areas of Madills Farm Reserve. With the potential for both to be comprised... together with Glover park - where does Council expect Dog Walkers to exercise their Dogs. Seemingly happy to collect annual [increasing] dog licence fees but want to restrict access to where & when they can go. Local Roads are a Health & Safety issue with the volume of traffic in Auckland and is counter to the stipulated desire to adhere to this policy.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are ruining the sports fields digging holes which are unsafe. Owners are not picking up dog poo on sports fields.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Definitely support a limit of the amount of dogs that can be walked by one person.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The park is a public space to be enjoyed responsibly by all members of our community. The current policy rules are sufficient to ensure fair access for all. Proposed amended policy rules are prohibitive and exclude reasonable access for members of our community.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I walk my dog away from kids football whilst my own kids train but I see to many dog owners allowing their dogs to run around and in between the kids whilst they are training which I do not agree with.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Taylors Reserve (Mount Taylor)

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people). Please specify:

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

Crossfields reserve across the road is on leash only, mount Taylor is an area of farmland style grass and somewhere we should be allowed to walk our dogs off leash. Keep the sports fields and crossfields reserve on leash but please give us somewhere local

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I am a dog owner and I have had my dog attacked whilst on lead by dogs off leash at crossfields reserve and when I confronted the owners both said it’s an off leash park and there is no signs to say otherwise, now I know there is but perhaps make them much bigger and at every entrance to the reserve and hand out fines to owners of dogs off leash.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

- damage dogs are causing to sports fields

- injury players are suffering from damage

- dogs urinating and pooing on sport equipment or personal belongings

- proposed changes only apply to a portion of the park

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Although most dog owners clean up their dogs droppings, sometimes it’s just not possible. Our children play soccer on Madills pitches and it’s extremely unsanitary to have dog excrement on the pitches. As a long term resident of the area and user of Madills I believe there is enough space outside of the playing grounds for dog walking.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are a lot of pet dogs in the area, I walk my dog there most days.

We know we are privileged to have a lovely park in surburbia and treat it with respect.

Madill's Farm is used as a sport field as well as dog walking, There is plenty of space for this to happen, we like exercising our dogs in the middle of the field as the outer part is near the road, dogs need a good run to be settled and this is achieved by being off leash, running after balls etc.

A contented dog is great for them and their owners. Off course there a few exceptions when dog accidently goes into a game but I haven't seen that happen for ages so dog owners are responsible

Surely rules should "not" be made for the exception because this rule will adversely affect the majority who are responsible dog owners and have a dog to enhance well-being and some save rescue dogs from a fate not due to them

Please leave the rules as they are, let us exercise our dogs in this safe local area, I believe we co exist well with the sports games, sharing is an important part of life these days due to reduced spaces and I think we do it well here.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Too restrictive for the dog owners who live in the area. There isn’t much option for a walk after work, dogs need to be able to run around and this is the perfect place currently. Can’t see a reason why you need to change it.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

it is false to claim the dogs are digging up all of the holes in the playing fields. There are several user organizations and most of the wholes are caused by other sports users, but a large percentage are also caused by soccer players skidding on the surface.

Suggest Council send officers and set up cameras to see who is really causing the holes in the playing surfaces. Madill's Farm was gifted to the Council to be used by all members and their families which includes their dogs,, not just for use by a soccer club. Dogs are a member of the surrounding communities' families and live inside their houses.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs ruin the sports field surfaces

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#4095

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

1. I play football on these fields and have been injured by holes dug by dogs (rolled ankle and tripping injuries)

2. I have stepped on dog poo while practising next to the fields

3. I have seen dogs enter the sports field during play and owners have not kept their dogs under control.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

As far as I am aware no other sports field in Auckland allows dog access to the sports field apart from Madills Farm / Glover Park. This access should be rescinded

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Q4 OR-A

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have a dog but I also have kids that use the sports fields. There is plenty of space for the dogs to run around off the main sports fields. My kids have been injured due to holes dug by dogs and it’s incredibly dangerous.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It is already nearly impossible to take our family dog with us when we got to a beach or park in Auckland, and changes in policy only head in one direction, to restrict dog access further. We feel that Auckland council hates dogs. When on holiday out of Auckland we've found other councils allow access on lead during the day rather than prohibiting access.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Sports fields are used probably only 15% (at a top end guess) of 365 days of 24 hours per year. It is completely unfair to restrict dogs from running on these surfaces 100% of the time. Most dog owners are responsible and respectful and go to Madilla and Glover frequently to exercise and socialize their dogs with other like minded dog owners. These parks have been used for decades in this way and there is absolutely no reason to change. It would not be a change for the better and certainly not to provide equality- as council suggests- for all users. Dogs and their owners would be severely disadvantaged. Where else can dogs run about in this area? It’s totally unfair. When sports are on dogs are kept on lead or away this happens currently and wouldn’t change. A total ban on off lead 24 hours a day is completely ridiculous. If you intend to reduce amenities for dogs then reduce the dog registration fee for reduced services available for dogs. One size across the huge area that is Auckland does NOT fit all. Stop this plan.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I feel accidents will happen with too many people (old & injured on walkers included) & children learning to ride on bikes & scooters.The paths are quite hazardous without dogs who are not allowed to run free joining the narrow paths.Hardly fair when the fields are hardly ever used during the time these people go out to enjoy community living.Seems unfair especially as a lot of sports players are from other areas & (tax paying) residents tend to avoid the park when sports fields are in use..Leave it as it is.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm was designed to be a recreational area for all

Sports are trying to take over something that has worked well for the community.I have never seen any problems with dogs on sports fields when they are in use.Most dog owners are responsible re dogs faeces & most sports players don't leave rubbish on grounds-but some do.Dog owners are there daily & love the park to meet up with their dogs to have a run with other dogs.Good practice to socialize dogs.Dog owners of all ages converse & help each other to the betterment of all concerned -like a real community.Sports are mostly weekends & some evenings.Dog owners tend to avoid these times or have there dogs on leads.I have never seen a dog interrupting a game.Stop trying to fix something that isn't broken..

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Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I feel dogs should be allowed on beaches at all times-under control
They are part of so many families

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The sports fields make up the majority of the usable space at Madills Farm and Glovers park. Restricting dogs to the outer sections of these parks compromises safety by forcing dogs near the busy roads. You would not for example be able to throw a ball around in these spaces as it is too close to traffic. Additionally, a section of Madills Farms that would remain accessible to dogs, contains Karaka trees which drop berries that are toxic to dogs. There are very few alternative spaces in the local area where dogs can socialize and exercise safely off lead. The current regulations work well and the space is well used and enjoyed by many members of the community so I feel strongly that they should not be changed.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs need spaces where they can exercise and socialise. The proposals restrict their access to many of the parks around Auckland, leaving very few options where dogs are allowed.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The objective of keeping dogs away from or off sports fields must be strengthened. Too many injuries and too much dog mess currently by owners who don't care.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:Sick of dog owners using the beach as a toilet for there dogs

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

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Thank you for thinking about this

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

park is not a ball game or sports practice field,we taxpayers have the right to use the park freely with our dogs

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

park is not a ballgame or athletic training ground, we taxpayer have the right to use the park freely with our dog as long as there are no health and safety violations

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly support the proposed changes. Dogs have been digging dangerous holes in the sports fields and dog poo is a regular occurrence on the sports fields where my children play.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The dog walkers st Madill's are well- behaved and clean up after their dogs. The new rules are far too restrictive and will make life difficult for owners and dogs - all quite unnecessarily.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Deal with the dangerous dogs and leave the law-abiding dogs and their owners alone.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Some children are scared of the animals, it will reduce the harm and kids feel happier.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

If the people don’t follow the rule, what will happen next? We reminded the people who didn’t follow the rule while they were very angry.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Although the fouling of the fields has much improved in the time that my children and now Grandchildren have been playing, I still find that especially when winter grass is longer the owners of free dogs do not see where their dog has fouled. I watched a senior game last year when a dog ran onto the field just as a team scored a goal. It was disallowed as the opposition said they had been impeded. There were some very angry players reactions...and shortly after the game there was a very loud dispute between the owners of the dog and some aggrieved supporters. P.S. The dog was still not being restrained. it was not the dogs fault!

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Madills Farm

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:The playing fields area

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:I Australia there are lots of fenced off areas where dogs can run free safely. We need this in Auckland. There are a number of unused areas where this could be done.

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

I don't object to restrained dog walking at Madill's Farm. I cannot see how restricting field access for dogs that are running free outside the playing fields could work. Dogs unrestricted will naturally run onto the fields!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I do feel that dogs on Kohimarama Beach could run free between the hours of 6am to 8am in summer and perhaps 6am to 9am in winter. BUT on a leash at all other times AND not on the beach at all during the summer restricted period.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is more than enough green space outside of the fields to walk dogs. Besides the holes dug by the dog there is also the issue with dogs going to the toilet on the grass where kids then play and they get worms due to the kids leaving their water bottles there. Being a good neighbor is understanding that public spaces are to be used by everyone in society, and not just a small minority such as dog owners.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in the area for 29 years and owned a dog for 19 of these years. It is always a joy and a pleasure to walk the dogs in the local parks. This fosters a strong sense of community, good socialisation for both humans and dogs along with promoting physical wellbeing for both dogs and humans alike. Over this time I have not noticed any concerns that would lead to the need for changes to the current dog regulations. The dogs and their owners that I have met are responsible and respectful of any sporting events. The current system appears to be working well, so why change it? Any restriction on access to parks for off-leash use could result in considerable physical and wellbeing decline for both dogs and humans.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I would support more spaces not less to be accessible to dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Good balance.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

In regards to Glover park. Many dogs are exercised off leash throughout the day. They always seem to be under control with responsible owners enjoying themselves and ensuring the dogs are not annoying anyone practicing on the sports facilities. The present situation seems to be working well now.

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Sports surfaces are expensive to maintain and damage to surfaces by animals creates an opportunity for players to injure themselves when the encounter irregularities in surface condition and density (after repair).

Encountering soiling on the pitch from animal excrement is unpleasant and not an uncommon event.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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#4139

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs and their owners need some place to "live" near there homes too. Sport is out growing the time/space available. Perhaps new additional facilities are required.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Add more sport facilities and keep the current dog parks open.

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#4142

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

It’s one thing to change wording and rules but until you fund enforcement more and animal control, irresponsible dog owners will continue to go unchecked.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The parks are fir all the community, these changes are unacceptable and will have negative imos ts on wellbeing of owners and dogs

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Mardills and Glover

What local board area is this location in?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:This land was gifted to community for all people to use it, dogs are not the problem

People need to compile with picking up there dog pooh. Find them if they don’t

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

This land should be yard by all the community

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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#4151

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It makes sense

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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#4152

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need a place to socialize and run and Madills has provided this. Maintaining sports grounds is not a reason to change this amazing space for all.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

More dog access is wanted not less. Deal with those who break rules rather than change rules for all.

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#4155

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current policy rules already prohibit dogs on sports grounds when in use and when closed. This is already sufficient.

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#4156

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

For me there are 3 key issues as to why the changes need to occur;

1. Some owners do not collect dog pooh so it's left on the sports fields for others to remove. I am a football referee and have had to remove dog pooh numerous times before games have started at Madills Farm

2. Dogs are digging holes in the fields so it would be good to restrict their access to remove/reduce this issue. Before the start of some games I have had to find sand or something else to cover the holes to prevent injury to players and myself.

3. Dogs are supposed to be on leash when games are in progress but owners are not following those rules. I have seen many junior games get disrupted by dogs and was at a senior football game as a spectator that had to be stopped due to a rogue dog. A blanket 'on the leash' rule for the sports fields is the only way to remove this issue, for me.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No further comments. I think Madills Farm and Glover Park are great resources that needs access rules to change slightly so everyone can enjoy them with increased safety

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#4161

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is a very special community who walk their dogs at Madills. This has been a welcoming environment for many years and was particularly meaningful for my new daughter-in-law who arrived from Ireland and knew no locals at all. She also worked from home so these outings were vital for her mental health and have allowed her to become a valued member. We also walk our dog at the park from time to time. Everyone is always very friendly and we enjoy our outings very much. I have never witnessed a dog digging holes in the park or seen any holes.

The proposed area that would remain for dogs off-leash is totally inadquate, a small path right next to the roadside. The majority of Madills is the sports fields and banning dogs from them is effectively removing off-leash access from the park entirely.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Papakura

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current rules are fine. Why change them

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Stop trying to control everything! We pay so much money for councils to do stupid stuff like this which limited the freedom of our dogs. What we have at the moment is fine and if bad dog owners break the current rules, fine them. Don't punish all dog owners and all dogs by changing the rules

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are NOT a problem if under control. Please support all the responsible dog owners in this area.

DO Not Change the existing rules. 'Dogs both at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park are well behaved and well controlled dogs. They do not "dig", "litter" or cause any problems. In fact the dogs aid society and are a great comfort to many people- young and old

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
It is quite satisfactory as the rules are now. Dogs don’t cause holes on Madills. Goal Posts do.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Current policy has appropriate balance for all users. Proposed policy changes are unnecessary and disproportionate, favouring maintaining sports fields.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm was gifted to the people of the local area for recreational use and for sporting activities as outlined in Sections 17/1,2 in the reserve Act 1977. As dog owners we have enjoyed the casual use of the farm for many years. Our dogs walk permanently off leash with rare excursions onto the playing fields when they are not in use. To ban dogs from the playing fields at all times seems an over reaction in favour of the football club. At no time have we seen any dog digging holes as has been suggested. In point of fact the players using the fields for sport create more problems than do dogs especially in the goal mouth areas. All dog owners using the park are responsible and make sure that droppings are picked up. We are extremely concerned about the proposed change which would affect the whole of the Kohimarama area and to that end we wish to object strongly. If money is an issue dog registration fees would contribute far more than the peppercorn rent that the footb all club pay. People who are not dog owners walk in the park and get enjoyment out of stopping and chatting to the dogs. We sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and that the proposed change will not go ahead. People around the area are very much up in arms about the issue.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

For all the reasons you contained in your proposal document (i.e H&S of all park users, fair use of park for all users, etc) I support the proposed change. I also note this is applying a rule that is used successfully in every other park in Auckland to these two parks, but seems more than fair and reasonsable. I also have two other comments:

- living in the local area I observe that there appears to be a well mobilised campaign of 'dog lovers' who oppose this change. I worry that this group will mobilise a vocal minority to submit, and maybe this will swamp the wider community (most I've spoken to are supportive of the changes, but not many will submit a response, for example). I also note a number of instances where Council change proposals have not gone ahead in the more wealthy areas of town - I encourage you to stick to your guns and apply this regionwide rule to these two parks in Orakei

- the dog owners who use these parks (but Madills in particular) seem to come with an incredibly entitled attitiude that their use of the park (for their dogs to run off leash) is the top priority. I've observed numerous instances of poor "control" of dogs by owners as kids have been using the fields playing sport (e.g. dogs running through kids games as they're playing, charging up to small kids, urinating on sports equipment, etc, and owners not really caring). I sense the local campaign to mobilise people against these proposals will only have heightened this feeling. I can see a scenario that if these changes go ahead the dog walker uses simply ignore them, out of principle. Should these proposals go ahead, as part of managing the change can we please have some local visibility / presence of animal mgmt, as otherwise I fear the changes will go ignored, and could easily lead to unnecessary tension at the park (as other users seek to take policing the new rules into their own hands).

Thank you for proposing these changes, and I look forward to the difference they will make for the shared enjoyment of the space by all users.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
N/A

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I support maintaining the current status quo ie option 1.

Madills is a unique park located in kohimarama . It was gifted to the residents of Kohimarama by the Madills family for non-organised recreation ie not soccer, rugby, touch rugby, athletics.

With limited sports facilities in the area, this has become a priority, although contrary to the gifted wishes of the family. Under the current rules, dogs are not allowed on any playing field if Organised activity is occurring. This has worked well for many years and should continue in this way.

During the day from dawn till at least 4 o'clock every day when there is no organised activity at the park , it is vacant except for dog Walkers and people seeking exercise themselves There is not a soccer player insight during this time. I have included pictures from five days of the week showing this.

I note you have concerns relating health and field damage. The majority of owners pick up after the dogs and I have never seen a dog actively digging on a playing field. Don't base your decision on inaccurate information, or the irresponsible activities of only a few owners. Damage to the playing field is caused by the soccer players themselves.

With The increased housing in the area, both the dog owners and the soccer club need to coexist. Banning dogs from main areas of the park, when not in use will

1. Expose the animals to more danger from the road beside the park.

2. Possibly cause stress to the animals by reducing their playing area.

3. Expose the dog owners especially female owners to other hazards as the areas designated as off leash are not sufficiently illuminated in the evenings.

4. Reduce access to elderly or disabled owners from the flat easy accessible area.

5. Be contrary to the reason the park was gifted in the first place.

Kohi is a unique area with a unique demographics which act responsibly around dogs and have them registered as well. Don't lump Madills park in with a common rule for less responsible owners from different areas .

More damage is caused by the soccer club on the weekends by the players and leaving the goal posts lying around.

Thanks [redacted]

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Keep Madills access for dogs the same.

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#4176

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4180

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Access to the park by dog owners and their dogs is an important community social activity, bringing many people who live in the area together. Dogs need space to run free and interact with other dogs. The proposed changes will effectively deny this access, with only access to the perimeter path allowed off leash access is probably too risky being so close to the road.

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#4188

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We need areas that our dogs can run free. People don't have big back yards anymore thanks to intensification. Also the footpaths are too hot in summer for paws. They need the grass space. Dogs kept at home without socialisation aren't good for anyone. I bet those dogs who just attacked than man in manurewa weren't well socialised from young in a nice public park. Charge us more to use them if you need to but don't take away our access.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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St Heliers beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Why can't we (dogs and their owner) utilise the beach fully after 8.30pm in summer?

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

Why can’t we access the beach fully in summer after 8.30 or 9pm. Not just be off leash at waters edge. It’s late enough to not impact young families. We pay rates to live here too and we pay to register our dogs. Fine people higher who break the rules. Bu

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs will behave worse if you contain them to small backyards. People work longer hours and often both parents work now too so dogs need a chance to burn off some energy. Kept them locked up at home and you’re asking for more issues.

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#4189

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm park is purposely recreational used by many locals who are part of the community. We need to ensure if we are required to change this use both for sport and dog walkers to allow each parts to follow the rules.

Building the fence will create a boundary but its ugly to look at and also expensive as well as maintaining it. If dogs are digging and owners are not picking up their waste I suggest to allow walking time restriction in the field area or install the camera security operating system so fine can apply. Also it is a club responsibility to ensure the field is well cleared of any obstacles and dirt prior to their sports activities.

More damage is done by having parents drinking while attending their children's soccer games, getting intoxicated. We have numerous issues with so much rubbish left behind after each weekend of sport and creating danger for any animal or humans to be hurt on broken glass.

I am a citizen, rate payer, owner of 2 dogs, both registered and user of Madills farm park for the last 27 years. If council will not consider the importance of our park and creating system which both parties can enjoy many locals will leave the dog waste as a sign of disagreement.

Beach walks with dogs is under control so the same should apply for the park. It's not that hard to manage together with soccer club to ensure nobody feels their freedom has been too restricted.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

-The 'one rule' for all areas does not always work. For one example, the ground surface and terrain in Madills and Glover is not as all other places

-How does removing the current off leash area away from roads and traffic "better protect the health and safety of dogs"? As stated by you in #4 Dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

-'Council statement' says "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders

Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections.

With Auckland’s growing population and development, the increase in dog ownership..

The current off leash areas are safe and open , enabling both my dog and I relaxed, stress free exercise time. Not crowded narrow areas causing congestion to bikes,scooters, older people and pushchairs on the walking path.

Dog walkers use the current areas (yes including the reserves playing fields)at all times of day, 365 days of the year in all weather. Not only the sports players appreciate our rates spent grooming the reserve , esp on the sports fields. Other areas seem to have less maintaince and drainage.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The grass area is important for dogs to play with other dogs and socialise. This is a a major dog walking area and I have never seen any issues with dogs interupting games or causing damage to the pitches. There is no dog waste either, most if not all owners clean up and take their responsibilities seriously.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm and Glover Park are really important off-leash areas for dogs and owners in the local community. We are a large group of everyday rate-payers and this is a key issue for us as our dogs are part of our families and having access to off-leash areas is one of the reasons we enjoy living in this area. It is a great way to socialise the dogs and meet others with a common interest.

We pick up any dog-do's and also any rubbish in the parks during walks which helps keep the parks clean for everyone. The parks are multi-use community facilities, not just sport fields, and our kids play sport at both Madills and Glover Parks and also play with our dog there - it is a great combination!

Dogs do not dig up the fields - it is the sport players!

We pay rates and dog registration fees and expect that Council provides good facilities for all users including dog-owners!

There is no benefit in reducing access to the sport fields when they are not being used for sport, and a significant loss to a part of the community -please don't make this change!

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?Glover Park**What local board area is this location in?**Ōrākei**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?Tell us why**Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**A section of it. Please specify:Sport fileds**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?Please explain your issue in more detail:**To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at**

this location, and provide any additional information or evidence Don't change current off-leash access to sports fields when not used for sport

Location 2

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

Madills Farm

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:Sports fields

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

Do not change proposed changes to current access for dogs off-leash onto sports fields

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

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#4206

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a local resident and frequent user of Madill's and Glover parks for walking, running, playing sports with the kids, and watching family and friends compete in cricket and football games on the fields. I have had several yucky encounters with dog poo over the years and frustrating encounters with dogs disrupting sporting activity. I agree dogs should not be allowed off leash on sports fields, particularly given there are other areas in the park they are allowed off lease. Thanks

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
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#4207

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a significantly large park (5 football fields) where it provides dog owners in the area a unique wide open space for dogs of all sizes to properly exercise in. The park was gifted to the Council so that dog owners and sports associations could share in its use. To take the freedom of use away from dog owners of a space this size will severely limit the facilities available to dogs to properly exercise and just as importantly, to socialise with other dogs.

I can certainly see there being adverse repercussions with the limited options then made available to dogs and owners, with an increase in dog attacks and fights. As a rate payer who does not use too many of the councils facilities, these parks are an essential resource for the multitude of dog owners who not only live in the area, but come from other areas to enjoy the freedom of the park. It should be maintained as it currently operates with only restrictions when organised sports are being played in the park.

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#4210

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Leave as is they need to have off leash at Madills as the sports field is not always used so to allow dogs that’s ok

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#4211

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Current Risk of poo and holes on sports fields where children play. Unpleasant for spectators with wandering dogs. Owners not picking up poo and currently the bushes smell. Increase on leash areas, decrease off leash areas.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Have more areas onleash only between 10am-5pm all year. Dog owners are a minority they can use the park off peak, dogs prefer to be out at these times anyway.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

When sports grounds are not in use prohibiting off leash dog exercise means very few options for large spaces where dogs can run off leash. If the concern is dog mess or digging I would support larger fines on owners not cleaning up after dogs or not stopping/repairing turf damage. This would better balance the needs of dog owners with safe sports surfaces. The proposed change is not balancing these needs and wastes resources sitting unused.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

My children have stepped in dog poo multiple times in sports matches, and had dogs run across the field in sports matches. There are also serious holes in the madills soccer fields that keep re appearing due to dogs digging. It is a no brainer

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Unleashed dogs can be very scary for young sports team members, not to mention unsanitary or destructive of grounds

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
In general, more leashing is better.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have been walking my dogs over a period of 42 years (3 x dogs) at Glover Park. I walk my dog daily off lead. My Border collie is used to off leash walking and is now 12 years old. She socialises with other dogs and their owners. For me, I have mobiility issues and cannot walk her where there are stairs and uneven terrain. She also suffers arthritis and is unable to get in and out of a car. I am home bound and alone most days and the walks are a necessary health activity for me and I also depend on the walks for my own socialising. The dog walking community at Glover have been gathering almost daily at the park. It would be near impossible to keep the dogs off the sports fields and thus you would be taking away both dogs and owners life lines.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The existing rules for dogs at parks in my local vicinity cater well for our community. Indeed at Glover Park, the dogs and owners are the predominant groups that regularly, on the daily, utilise the park. The sports fields are utilised by many different codes however I am yet to see the same connect to the park and responsibility that the dog owners of the region take in keeping it cleaned of rubbish, report graffiti, report any misbehaviour or damage at the park. I am nearly everyday cleaning up rubbish left behind by sports clubs and my fellow dog walkers are doing the same. We have a special connection because it is our communities park and I for one take the parks well-being seriously.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This will effectively put 90% of Madills Farm out of use. There is absolutely no reason to do this. Everyone has coexisted harmoniously for years. If it aint broke dont change it. Why is the Council looking to change it??? Where are the complaints?? Lets see who is complaining.

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#4222

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Significant health and safely risk having dogs off leads on sports grounds, even when not in use. I have seen dogs off leads many times when my kids have been playing soccer, suggesting people are not aware of the current rules and assume it is siesta an off leash park. Dog owners have plenty of places to take their dogs off leash at other parts of Madills farm, which seems appropriate.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

In my opinion, dogs off leash around children is never ok - for the dog and the child. Both can be unpredictable. Appropriate spaces for dogs to be off leash which do not include sports grounds or playgrounds seems a logical solution.

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

This change is much appreciated. My three children use these sports fields numerous times a week and have rolled their ankles while playing due to holes dug by dogs. Regarding safety, my young children are frequently approached by dogs off leash who are not under control and intimidating to a child. We welcome this change thank you!

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed off leash on other parts, they need the grasses to run with other friends. Don't take their freedom away just cause kids can't behave. It's my dogs freedom to be allowed off leash. He is not vicious, he is just a baby who wants to ran and play. Children's should only play on certain parts of the parks. Why don't we restrict their freedom. Why punish someone who doesn't have voices. They may be a dog for you but for me he is my child same a two legged kids. My furbaby deserve to be off leash. Why do I pay tax when my furbaby can't enjoy his run, his walk with his friends.

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#4230

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a 19 year old local student, I am very concerned by the proposal to change to off leash rules at Madill's Farm and Glover Park in Auckland.

We have a large retrodoodle who is our most treasured family pet. As a larger dog he requires two good walks of an hour every day.

We live in St heliers [redacted] and the three places we take our dog are primarily

Madills Farm

Crossfield Reserve

Glover Park

I cannot go to Waiatarua Reserve for off leash exercise and socialisation with our pet as it is a wetland reserve with protected birds and despite our dog being well trained and very gentle, his retriever instincts mean he will always chase the birds. Nor can I go to Tahuna Torea at the end of our street due to the protected wildlife or, Churchill Park due to the cows.

It is absolutely essential that dogs are exercised and socialised and I will have nowhere to go locally to go if these areas all restrict off leash dogs.

The council has decided to allow high density housing and this has resulted in a significant number of houses having no green spaces/backyards – therefore it is the responsibility of our council to ensure this is countered by having expansive areas for dogs to exercise and socialise and all community members to gather and connect.

My brother and I played football for years at ESAFC and quite often games were cancelled to preserve the fields - only the adult premier teams got to play and we were forced to Glover, Ngahue and Crossfields . It was very common to see used tape, drink bottles, coffee cups oranges etc left around the place after games. On the very rare occasion we would see dog poo and I would say this is almost never we pick it up as responsible dog owners. We would also see children dragging goal posts along the grass (I have done this myself at times) – very likely to be the cause of field damage – obviously, along with over use of the fields from football and events that are conducted at the park

According to data from ACC there were 20,994 football injury claims made in the Auckland region in 2024 and these proposed changes are based on 27 twisted ankles – from holes that can not be proven to be as a result of dogs, My family and I visit the parks listed above everyday and I almost never ever see dogs digging the grass – instead they are playing with other dogs and running after tennis balls. The only time I can actually remember seeing a dog digging was because sand was used to fill a role rather than soil properly compressed into the area.

It also concerns me that a lot of people head down to both Madills and Glover with their dogs in the evenings – many are living on their own and this is their social connection to the community which is enormously important. We personally know two older people with limited mobility and companion dogs that come to the park for company (one has acute Rheumatoid arthritis) and is definetly not in a position to walk their dog on a leash for any distance, so playing freely with other dogs is how their dogs get exercise and standing with other dog owners is their point of connection with the community.

Madills was gifted to the community as a whole so it beggars belief that ESAFC believes it would be appropriate to remove access to certain members of the community. There are clearly more dog owners in the area than Eastern Suburbs members and while having proper football grounds is essential, there is no good reason that the space can not be shared as it is currently – where Eastern Suburbs pays proper rentals to Auckland Council for the damage they cause through normal wear and tear caused by their football programme and this money can be reinvested into care of the grounds.

While at Sacred Heart, the football boys were not even allowed to train at Crossfields – we were told it was due to the council keeping the fields for Club football. It appears ESAFC has too greater say currently in how our community should be able to access & use multiple local parks.

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#4237

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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I take my dog regularly to Madils Farm and Glover Park two excellent off leash parks. I am opposed to news laws that will restrict dogs off leash.

Dogs need space to run, play, socialize and sniff and these parks provide this.

Dogs at these parks are well behaved and owners pick up poop, I have never stepped in any.

Sports are played at weekends and then the parks are empty for a majority of the time. What a waste of rate payers money, of which I am one and I will be unable to use park.

This is why I object to the proposals.

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#4250

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a responsible dog owner I have been using this park for 20 years. I have my dog under observation at all times, I pick up after my dog and I pick up after other dogs to ensure the park is kept clean. If there are concerns regarding dog owners, why in all this time have I never seen a dog ranger in the park or even heard of one checking up on or giving advice to dog owners.

I also ask the question as to when the sports club took over the park. This park was prone to major drainage problems when I first came to the area and it appears that on behalf of the sports clubs the council have spent huge amounts of money to rectify that problem. I am now hearing rumours that dogs dig up the sports fields as one reason to close them off. I can say in all the time I have been going to the park (near daily) I have never seen a dog digging up the field. I have also noted that the main culprits for failing to leash their dogs on sports days are parents or spectators who have come specifically to watch a game.

I accept that not every dog owner follows the rules, but those same owners wont follow them with these very exclusionary prohibitions on dogs from Madills Farm.

Some advice and warnings to errant dog owners would be the first step, not a blanket ban on 95% of responsible owners.

This has been a great community site that has been shared successfully between dog owners, general users of the park and sports people for a long time. This is going to cause disruption and division between these sections of the community, when the sports fields are generally used for only 3-6 hours a day in the weekends (sometimes not at all) and occasionally by school groups during the week.

I have not seen or heard of any justifiable reason to change the current bylaws and find this completely unacceptable.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Yes, if there are identifiable issues around dog access, it is the responsibility of the council to monitor and police these and ensure compliance by the very low percentage of dog owners who do not comply

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These parks are the only two local parks where dogs can be exercised off leash at any time of the day

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
I think the hours for off leash on the beaches are good

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The dog off leash areas are constantly decreasing, and and never well sign posted.

I think there just needs to be more policing of current rules. Making more rules that you cannot police is infact not really making a rule at all.

Perhaps having dog control officers working more on education on the parks when sports are happening, and at other busy times to increase vigilance with current rules. That would work if enforced.

Also . . . why and when did Mount Taylor reserve become onlead ??. . . ridiculous. No signs, and no reason why is should be on lead only. Undercontrol dogs pose no threat to cows here, it is a grass hill, small bush area at back is fenced off, fenced all around to protect dogs from road, not really a picnic spot given the cow poo, and historical site no reason/justification if you have cows on same land. The rule which is only on the website doesnt make sense. Perhaps rule should be more along the lines of humans and dogs to maintain distance of 100m from live stock.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?Mount Taylor Reserve**What local board area is this location in?**Ōrākei**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?Tell us why**Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**Entire location**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?Please explain your issue in more detail:**To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**See previous comments

The only place that it says this is onleash is on the council website.

No sports are played here
Limited picnics happen here due to cow poo.
The historical significance of this land- should not prevent use by the local community.
I

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Health and Safety of people playing sports (touch, football and cricket):

- multiple holes in grounds

- dog leaving poo and weeing on kids bags/water bottles

- 'some' (only some) dogs off leash are uncontrollable.

I'd also like to say I am a dog owner myself and support this proposed change.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Location 1

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

Auckland Domain

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

My family and I have lived in the area for the past 10 years.

We have a small 11 year old well behaved dog + 2 primary aged children.

Madills farm is a shared community area, beloved of dog walkers and children.

Our children also participate in soccer and touch rugby sports.

The current policy works well, and allows the area to be utilised fairly by all.

During sports matches the vast majority of dog owners keep their pets an leash and off playing areas without incident.

Restricting access for dogs outside of these times would greatly restrict areas for socialisation of families. There is a significant population of retired people with small dogs that utilise this area daily, who would also be unduly burdened with restrictions.

The status quo works for the majority of users, including the Eastern Bays Soccer club.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The current rules for dog access to beaches appears to be abided by and working well.

Because there are already restrictions to beach access, further restricting reserves/parks, would render little to no areas available for the majority of local responsible taxpayers.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The proposal for no dogs on the playing fields reduces the areas available for off-leash access to small areas which are near roads therefore dangerous for road users with dogs near the kerb. The areas outside the playing fields are undulating so unsafe for elderly or infirm dog walkers. Also I have lived adjacent to the park for 20 years and the areas outside the playing fields become waterlogged and boggy in the wet months, May to November.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Especially regarding Madills: The majority of dog walkers are locals who utilise the area most days if not every day of the year. The football club members come from a wider area as can be seen by the number of cars, ie not local and not involved in the community. Football games take place on Saturday and Sunday from Easter to Labour Day, Training happens 2 or 3 times a week for short periods of 1 or 2 hours. Cricket games occur sporadically during the summer. The rest of the time the fields are utilised by many dog walkers throughout the day. Dog walkers are always careful to keep their dogs away from the areas where games or training are taking place.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am the mother of 3 kids who play touch, football and cricket at Madills Farm and Glover Park. The continual deep holes in the sports playing surfaces dug by dogs are a serious risk to athletes, with two of my kids being injured over the past two years. The grounds are substandard and council should be providing safer playing surfaces for all codes of sport.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It is not practical for dogs to be prohibited at all times from the sports surfaces. These areas are largely spread out within the parks and are not fenced, which means it will be in reality impossible to comply with the requirements when using the space unless the dogs are on a lead at all times. These parks are currently safe, quiet and welcoming spaces for dogs under control off leash - implementing these changes in their current form will stop dog owners and their dogs being able to use the parks at all, and are therefore unfairly prejudicial.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Well where am I supposed to walk my dog if he is not allowed on the main bulk of the park. He likes to chase a ball and if he is only allowed around the edges off leash it becomes dangerous to throw a ball for him as it is too close to the road.

The proposed change would cause a change in the dog walking community and would drastically shift the social aspect of walking your dog.

It also makes it difficult if dog walkers are only allowed their dogs off leash around the outside of the park then people who use the paths for running, cycling and walking etc will find it harder to do so as this area will be congested with dog walkers and dogs. If all dogs are to be off leash only around the sides of the park, groups of friends who walk their dogs will be forced to stand around the outside of the park and all dogs that used to be able to use the whole park are now confined to a smaller space - there will be less room.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Well, I played football for Eastern Suburbs for 8 years and trained 3 times a week at Madills Farm and Glover Park and played games on a saturday. My playing and training experience was never once disrupted by a dog or their doings (poo and holes etc.)

Dog owners know to keep their dogs at distance when the fields at Madills are being used for sports etc.

Also if dog owners and their dogs are made to keep to the edges of the park it becomes more dangerous as it is closer to the road. For both owners and their dogs. For example if my dog ran across the road (baddley Ave for example) I most certainly chase him and in the moment i just am so worried that I forget to really worry about myself. This could really cause serious problems for drivers and not to mention to myself and my dog. Dog owners love theior dogs so much and worrying about their dogs is a very normal thing to do. Walking your beloved dog is supposed to be relaxing and nice for both the dog and owner but if made to walk near the road it becomes stressful. This change is likely to affect the mental health of dog owners. My dog only ever has run onto the road if I am walking around the edges of the park, he has never gone beyond the little hills surrounding Madills Farm when I am walking him in the middle.

If this change goes through, there will be many disappointed local people with dogs, this is not the right thing for the community!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The outer boarders of the park are near roads and dog sneed to run and chase balls etc, If a ball goes on a road the dog can get hit or cause a car accident. Walking along a path isn't enough for many dogs. Cats get to roam free all day and even at night (which is terrible for wildlife) yet dogs have to be restricted. These dog exercise areas are heaven for dogs and their owners.

I have two sons who play soccer at both of these fields, bit we also have two active and well behaved dogs. We do the right thing when we walk them. We take poo bags. We poop scoop, often other peoples' dogs' poop, too. We know they have good recall. They are friendly safe dogs. They don't dig holes.

I've seen kids digging holes. I've seen little soccer players kicking holes into the mud with their soccer boots, and driving sticks into them, while their parents watch on oblivious that they're ruining the field. I've seen scooters and bikes and electric scooters get ridden across these fields. Men golfing and creating holes with their clubs as they swing. It's not dogs, at least not most of the time.

Why doesn't the council put people out here to fine those who are doing the wrong thing? Like parking inspectors? You could hand out on the spot fines to non-poop scoopers, or those who cause damage to the sport pitches. Litterers. Parents of the kids who destroy the pitches. Maybe keep records and after three strike place a ban, or even a temporary ban on those offenders? It could be a good revenue raiser, and improve the behaviour of the guilty park users, while the majority of us who use it correctly can continue to do so. You would only need to do it a couple of days per week, and maybe only six months before everyone gets the idea.

Most dogs needs a lot of exercise, just like humans. Some need more than others to be happy and get there edginess out. They love running and fetching balls etc. Asking us to take that away from them is like expecting us to tell our kids they can't run or swim every time they go to the beach. It's such a sad thought.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

A large number of locals and their dogs socialize, under control and off leash, on the Madills Farm sports fields (when not in use) especially after work hours. This is a space of freedom, safety and connection for both dogs and owners, especially after work hours. It provides community connection, enhanced mental health and a large safe space for dogs to run around in and the local community to gather in a free and relaxed manner. As we know from lockdown experience, having pets and nearby parks to socialize in freely (ie: dogs under control and off leash) has a beneficial social impact on well-being for both humans and their dogs. Therefore, to have this restricted would negatively impact the health and well-being of the local community.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I would like to add that as a dog walker at Madills Farm for the last 3 years I have found it to be a very safe park to walk my dog. I have observed dog owners as friendly and responsible and their dogs are really well socilaised here (off leash) and therefore well-behaved at the park and nearer to home too. Therefore, it is a really important space for many locals and their dogs as part of their daily routine to have local access to off leash space such as Madills sports fields.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The sports fields are used by children and adults outside of official sports games and it would be good to have a space that people can use and not have to engage, compete for space, with dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It will destroy the enjoyment and socialisation enjoyed by dogs and their owners. Madills Farm has always been a public space and this proposal attempts to ban the public from 90% of the space. Dogs are walked and exercised there every day from early morning to late at night. Football games are played just on one or two days a week in the playing season, for maybe 2 hours each time. You propose to destroy an activity over around 85 hours every week for a sports match lasting 2 hours. It's plain crazy!! Add to which it is completely unworkable, as the locals will just not stand for your proposals. The park belongs to us all and you, the Council are accountable to us! Do NOT forget this!!!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Leave them alone. It works fine as is!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Regular exercise and social interaction are essential for both pets and their owners. Limiting access to suitable areas will negatively affect the health and well-being of dogs and their owners. The areas being proposed off limits are the only areas which are flat, kept mowed and accessible for people of all ages and mobilities. The result of this is that people exercising their dogs there fosters transgenerational social connection for people in this community. This is critical for mitigating loneliness. The other areas of the parks proposed for dogs to be off leash are not suitable due to uneven surface, long/wet grass and being close to roads.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Please consider the broader community wellbeing and do not progress these changes. You will devastate this community where groups of people gather and socialise alongside their dogs if you do so.

Restricting dog access at Madills Farm would adversely affect the community and contradict the reserve's original purpose.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a local user of both Madills Farm and glover park with our dog I'm shocked to see essentially the attempted privatisation of the grounds for the use of eastern suburbs football club.

My experiences have always been positive after the many years of putting my kids through eastern bays soccer with the wonderful blend of community, happy dogs and kids enjoying the park.

You only have to go down to these grounds and see the community connections and dog groups which form around breeds with people feeling connected with those groups.

Eastern bay soccer was an addition to these fields after originally been a wetland for bird and swamp land that was drained and eventually gifted for reserve for all of Auckland.

The original small club rooms were for the eastern ward and it was only latter the club got those rooms and started soccer.

This I feel is an underhanded tactic by a small cluster within the local board who are not pro dogs and want to see sports over nearly all usable space across these grounds.

This is just goi g to set a precedent across many parks to follow if the many users don't voice their concern.

I look forward to logic around this proposed change.

[redacted]

Local business owner, dad, dog owner.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is exactly that, shared space that needs to be 'shared' responsibly. When fields are in use or closed, agree to on leash. When not in use the dog owners should be free to use the 'shared park' and allow their dog to be off leash in a controlled manner, in Madills Farm which has always been a local community facility since I have lived in the area for 10+ years.

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Location 1

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

Madills Farm Recreation Reserve

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Allow Madills Farm shared spaces. Whilst games and fields close, no dogs, however allow access for controlled dogs to share the park off lease outside of games.

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

This is a shared space and as such this privileged space needs to be shared and be respected by all including the right to have access by dog owners.

I have lived in the area 20+ years, the dog owners are respectful and have a sense of care and duty to m

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

All dog owners should control their dogs and look after their health which includes recreation facilities. If owners in other areas do not follow rules, manage to control or do not have well behaved dogs or respect other users of a shared facility then those areas should not set the precedent of rules to be applied to Madills Farm. By passing this BAN ALL DOGS from Madills Farm at all times you are destroying part of what makes this area a place we are proud to call home. Please DO NOT make me sell and move out of Auckland after I have been a rate payer all my life!!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in this area for over 30 years and have done for over 15 years.

You are poorly advised if you believe the damage to the grass is caused by the dog users. From what I have observed, issues arise from high use by the local soccer club and in goal areas along with the movement of goal post and mass gathering by parents on the side lines during the wet seasons.

The grounds enter the spring/summer seasons in poor condition, and this submission appears to be driven by the soccer club, who cause the vast majority of the Field Damage during the winter months.

The touch rugby season start November-March and at the beginning of this season it is obvious that the football/Soccer users and crowds have caused damage during use and in particular when the grounds are wet. Just look at the in goal, corner and half way markings during winter. They are a mud bath..

This has nothing to do with dog walkers and owners that use this field year round and appear to be being used as a scapegoat for over use during wet times.

I was there this morning walking my dog and will be there again on Wednesday night for touch rugby, which causes minimal damage to the surface.

Your suggestion that the health and safety of other users is scaremongering and you would better serve the community by reminding the odd person that doesn’t pick up after their dog that this is not acceptable instead of punishing the hoards of people that walk their dogs and exercise with their dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I overlook a Glover Park. I’m not a dog owner but they should be able to run free on the sports ground. The rules should remain the same.

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#4300

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The number of sports fields at Madills Farm, takes up the majority of the "park". As per the current guidelines, dogs are able to be off leash when these fields are not in use, which is great. We walk to Madills twice a day with our dog, and this is the only "off leash" area where she is able to run freely. We have her under our control (as per the guidelines), and pick up after her, and ensure that she does not dig in the sports field area.

Without this area, there are no other places that we're able to exercise our dog off leash.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Because there are increasing amounts of dog poo and dog holes on the sports fields that are making it very dangerous and unpleasant. I have also seen instances of dogs urinating on sports equipment used while kids train and owners dont care

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need to able to be run off leash, you'll have more issues if owners stop this because it's made difficult. Madills is covered in sports fields, if it was just the main pitch, I'd perhaps understand, but otherwise they can barely run around. Sports fields aren't there as sports fields all the time. What is the problem having dogs there as a shared space, when games aren't on. Perhaps the bags need to be replenished more if it is to do with droppings. They need off leash, this is a huge park for dogs and this needs to be considered. I don't support this change, unless it was isolated to the main home pitch and it had barriers to make that obvious and for dogs not to accidentally run onto it. That seems like a lot of work for something that doesn't need to change.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Their are very few areas where we can walk dogs off leash in our local community

This gathering creates community feel and is a great place to meet old and young. The park is well respected by us as dog owners, we pick up after our dog and they enjoy a good run around, these park spaces have been available for us to use for many year without any problems. These 2 parks incur more damage to the fields with children on bikes, electric scooters, prams and more than any dogs that are having a run.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Off leash dog exercise on the sports fields causes damage to the fields as well as a risk to users of the field.

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Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a major and extensively used off leash dog walking area and whatever other minor issue needs to be addressed, this change would have a disproportionate impact on many dog owners and their dogs. We are a society of dog lovers and lovely dogs. Solve the problem without making everything way worse.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The sports fields are used so little in comparison to the rest of the week. Probably no more than 2 full days when added up. To limit dog and their walker use for 5 of 7 days is overkill. I agree with keeping them off when being used and closed.

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#4390

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As an elderly woman dog owner Madills Farm is a fantastic place for the dogs and owners to exercise, socialize and really enjoy the wonderful open space. It is very good for our mental health. Take this away and we are left with a very small area of long grass close to the road with a walkway going through it. This is in turn could cause accidents with dogs running and playing (not out of control). Dog owners at Madills are very responsible, we help children interact with dogs and they love it. We are certainly responsible for our dog's behaviour and picking up after them and not digging holes in the fields, that is Mother Nature and the lie of the land being a flood plain.

To have the fields closed at all times to the dogs is unreasonable. When being used we keep the dogs away.

Madill's Farm is a unique park in Auckland, very close to a lot of doggy households. We feel safe, enjoy the company of other dog owners. Sometimes it is the only time we get to talk to someone as a lot of us liver alone.

Please don't do it.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

MADILL'S PARK KOHIMARAMA

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:I DO NOT WANT ANY CHANGE. DOGS AND OWNERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SOCIALIZE IN A LARGE OUTDOOR AREA,

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

NO CHANGE

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

NO

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support except the sports filed bit. As per previous comments.

We are not given flat, nicely mowed surfaces to exercise our dogs. We are given rubbish land that is not maintained and treated like second class citizens. We need flat, hole free, regularly mowed land. Can't throw a ball if the grass is too long for the dog to find it. Can't throw a ball on rocky or uneven surface as dog could hurt themselves, or I could hurt myself resulting in hefty vet and doctor bills.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Would you like us all to become hermits and stay in our house!! It seems it would make you all a lot happier. Next you will have us applying for permits to leave the house with a dog!

My dogs are what keeps me sane and off antidepressents. They are a mental health assistance and should be treasured not put down on for existing like you are wanting to do.

I have to use my local sports field because I can't walk that far. I throw the ball and they run backwards and forwards for their exercise. I pick up after them because I am a responsible dog owner. Perhaps you should look to those who are not responsible instead of penalizing those that are!!!!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

the parks are for all and needs to remain a community hub , where sports are played, dogs are exercised off lead and all people are free to socialize.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills and Glover are a shared community environment to be enjoyed by all. Safety, healthy exercise, mixing with others, letting ones' dog run free are all most important.

Please keep the status quo Thank you

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The Law as it stands allowing dogs to be run off leash when the Sports fields are not being used is logical, banning dogs when the Fields are not being used is totally illogical.

In 37 years of walking dogs on both Madills Farm and Glover Park I never seen a dog do damage to a Sports field. To say soccer players are getting ankle injuries because of dogs digging holes is ridiculous - world wide the most common soccer injury is ankle injuries! Can't blame the dog for the injuries, it is the nature of soccer. The only holes I've seen on sports fields have been dug by humans for irrigation, posts etc. I vote for status quoe - if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Beach hours are sensible - don't change. Current Park rules are sensible - don't change

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly oppose this proposed change as it significantly reduces the available space for dogs to exercise and play freely. The narrow areas around the fields will not be sufficient for dogs to run, fetch, and socialise without causing congestion or conflict. Instead of an outright ban, the council should focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership by ensuring waste bag dispensers are regularly stocked and running awareness campaigns to promote clean and considerate use of shared spaces. A balanced approach would better serve both dog owners and sports users.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs are part of the community and should be allowed in as many parks as possible and as often as possible!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed change for Madills farm as it was bequeathed to the local community as a recreation playground and is zoned as such, for all residents not just for use for those that play sports. I have been exercising my dogs at the park for about 15 years and find it a key part to living in this area and the comminity it has created. Dogs need to be able to run, play, socialise and get much needed exercise in order to lead a happy healthy life. If they do not they can develop bad traits like excessive barking, anxiety and aggressive behaviours. This is very stressful for the dog owners, the dogs and anyone who lives in earshot of the noise. I chose to live in this area so I could be close to Madills and the beach for the use of these facilities and my rates entitle me to them. To zone off such a small part of Madills for off leash exercise in my mind discreminates against me as a dog owner. Also the proposed space would never provide enough area for all the dogs that need to be exercised, some twice a day minimum. Over the last 20 years dog ownership has increased from 30% to 50%, 1his combined with the increased housing density in the area make the need for off leash area's even more critical. Also the proposed area for off leash is not suitable for dogs running chasing balls etc. the area is open to the road which would lead to potentially a hazard for drivers if a dog ran out chasing a ball or a cat etc. Plus Caregivers who are taking children into the playground typically park on the road all around the proposed space which would mean they would have to lead their children through the off leash dogs - again potentially a problem if your children are scared of dogs, or not aware of how to approach animals who are not known to them. (eg running up to a dog because they think it cute waving their hands around the dogs head trying to pat them ....This will panic the dog and can create defensive behaviour)

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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St heliers and Kohi Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:I would like to see a small section of the beaches to be zoned for dogs to be able to be on beach to get down to the water for a swim during the hot summer months, The far end of St Heliers beach could be made into a "dog swimming" area as the rock forma

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Have a zoned section for dogs to separate them from people who do not wish to be near dogs. Also would allow families who enjoy taking their dogs out to play with their kids in summer to be able to do so.

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

As already stated - to allow dogs to be able to swim in the hot summer months and for families to enjoy having their fur babies with them on a day out.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I agree that dogs should not be off leash on parks while sports games are in session, but this is a small part of the time. Madills is not zoned as a sports facility even though it accommodates soccer and hockey games and as such I think the current rules should stand. When no actual sports games are in play - we should be able to run our dogs on the fields as the park is intented for use for the entire community including dog owners.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not agree with dogs being prohibited at all times on sports surfaces. I have three main reasons for not supporting the proposed change:

I frequently visit Madills Farm (and to a lesser extent Glover Park) with my dog. My dog does not go off-leash in these unfenced areas as she is an ex-racer greyhound with a very strong drive to chase. However, I observe people exercising their dogs on the fields when they are not in use as I walk my dog around the perimeter.

i) People of all ages congregate with their dogs to exercise them and to socialise on these sports fields (when not in use). I believe if dogs are restricted by this proposed change to the policy it will have a significant detrimental impact upon the health and well being of our community; particularly the mental health of older citizens. There are many members of our community who cannot take their dogs in the car to have off-leash exercise. If restricted to the outskirts of the parks I worry dogs are too close to the roads. My regular observations are that the fields provide safe and much needed recreational space for dogs and owners alike.

ii) Frequently visiting these parks I have never witnessed a dog digging or damaging the grounds. I observe people picking up after their dogs. Examining the sports fields, it appears holes and damage are largely restricted to the six-yard boxes and goal areas where there is inevitably going to be damage during a football game. I don't believe dogs are contributing any significant damage to these surfaces. I don't believe restricting dogs from these surfaces is going to better protect sports users. Furthermore, having a reasonable knowledge of football, I am not convinced damaged surfaces are a key contributing factor to ankle injuries.

iii) To implement the change would be to go against the fundamental objective of these areas being shared community spaces into which we all contribute by paying our rates and as dog owners, dog registration fees. Dog owners pay their part in helping cover maintenance costs for these much needed community spaces that should remain inclusive and for the shared use of all.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I support the changes - I also have small children who are terrified of dogs now due to a couple of encounters with dogs off leads - this makes my children not want to go to Madils anymore! Could you make a fenced off leash area the playground end(other side of the water/ power box) It's a large area that would be great off leash for dogs!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
So tricky as with smalll kids I don't want dogs around but I understand they also need a space!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Removing the access of public use to a popular and safe dog walking area, which are already scarce.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm has long been enjoyed as a shared local facility and should continue to be in the future. The current proposal suggests that considerate, responsible, and respectful local dog owners be excluded from the majority of the park, specifically five designated playing fields that cover the best parts of the amenity.

There is no evidence to suggest that dogs or their owners are causing damage to the playing fields—certainly not more than the players themselves. Additionally, more significant issues such as litter and broken glass within the amenity are not attributable to the dogs or their owners.

The proposal to exclude dogs from the playing fields at Madills Farm should therefore be rejected. The fields should continue to be used by all, including dogs and their owners, when not being used for sports. This approach allows the community to function in an inclusive and cooperative way.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is one local area that is flat and safe for me to walk my dog, it is very hard to tell a dog that they can not access or run across a field that they have used since they were a puppy. This area was designated park area and should be used in such a way for the whole comunity. Restricting spaces like this and glover park means council needs to find other areas that allow this dog walking community to exercise their dogs especially in the summer months when dogs are not allowed on the beach.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed off-lead at these two parks - particularly where they are under the supervision of good owners who know how to manage and control their dogs. At a minimum the restriction should just be between 10am - 5pm like with beaches and not a blanket prohibition. It's essential that dogs have the ability to run and roam free - particularly in the early morning and late afternoons, away from any significant sporting events.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Please consider this carefully and only restrict access between 10am - 5pm like with beaches.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Reducing off-leash dog areas in our local parks is a ridiculous proposal. Our parks are meant to be shared by the whole community—not just soccer and cricket players. Taking away space for responsible dog owners and their pets is unfair and completely unnecessary.

Dogs need off-leash exercise, not just for their physical health but also for socialization. Their owners—many of whom are elderly or disabled—also rely on these spaces for connection, fresh air, and activity. The flat areas of our parks are accessible for those who might struggle on rougher terrain, making them even more important for those who need them most.

Some of these parks were originally built on swamp land, and millions have been spent fixing flooding issues to make them suitable for sports. That’s not the fault of dogs. Likewise, the council has moved park lights and sprinkler systems, which has created uneven surfaces—again, not because of dogs. And let’s not forget that sports teams running, tackling, and sliding across the fields are what actually wear them down, which is why council staff maintain them. Blaming dogs for this is simply wrong.

Rubbish left behind after sports games is a much bigger issue, and it’s often other park users—including dog owners—who end up cleaning it up. Parking and congestion around parks on game days have also been a problem for nearby residents. None of these issues are caused by dogs, yet dog owners are the ones being punished.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4441

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly oppose this proposed change as it significantly reduces the available space for dogs to exercise and play freely. The narrow areas around the fields will not be sufficient for dogs to run, fetch, and socialise without causing congestion or conflict. Instead of an outright ban, the council should focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership by ensuring waste bag dispensers are regularly stocked and running awareness campaigns to promote clean and considerate use of shared spaces. A balanced approach would better serve both dog owners and sports users.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am submitting in opposition to the council's proposal re dog bylaws for Madills Farm and Glover Park

I am a long term resident of the Eastern Bays, with 2 sons in Glendowie College.

My point of view is from the fact that the parks are for all of us to enjoy in lots of ways, be it sport, bike riding, picnics, dog walking or just walking, plus the entertainment the council provides eg movies in the park. We have all managed to co-exist thus far and I see no reason for that not to continue.

I am not a dog owner but have seen the proposed space to be allocated for off lead at both Glover and Madills and do not deem it a suitable area.

There has been a lot of talk around the growth of the soccer club and the poor quality of the fields. So if the club has expanded greatly and the grounds cannot cope with this, remembering these grounds also cater for touch and cricket, not to mention athletics, shot put etc. then social events like Round the Bays. Then maybe it's time the council considered the option of a designated soccer field purpose built with all the facilities required for that somewhere else. And leave these two parks to the social sports and everyday ratepayers to enjoy as they were meant to.

Thank you for allowing submissions

Regards [redacted]

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This bylaw doesn’t need changing. Dogs are not an issue here like at other places

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs should have access to beaches after 6pm and before 8 am. There should be stiffer penalties for owners who don’t pick up after the dog however

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Papakura

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Leave as is

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Just leave what is not broken - leave our dogs alone

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#4472

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Howick

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Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4477

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Upper Harbour

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I want less restrictions not more. Our dog used to come with us to watch kid's sport - no problems. Address the individual causing problems instead of making blanket rules.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

General feedback for Auckland Council - dog walkers need more places to walk their dogs, not less. This form is so tedious to fill out so it is hard for people to make this clear and have their say. I wish I could leave the council to actually do what's needed and yet here I am

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#4514

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This land was gifted to the people of Auckland for their enjoyment.

Consider the current usage.

(a) It is used by people and their dogs dufing daylight hours 7 days a week. Based on my sampling, at any given time from approx 0800 to approx 2000 their will be, conservatively, 4 or more people at any one time and the average time spent in the area is about 20 min. This amounts to 12 people per hour, or 144 people per day and so over 1000 per week.

(b) It is used by ESFC for football essentially once per week in the foolball season only by 22 players on the main ground. The other grounds may also be used for the occasional game and for practice The number of used would never get anywhere near 1000 per week!!!!

This minority group allready has preferential acces during games when the majority is exlcluded. To exclde the majority during times when (a) the ground is not used for football and including the offseason when there is no football at all and (b) ESFC is already being give excclisive access almost free for games is just not fair or democratic.

If ESFC want exclusive access at all times they must be prepared to pay a commercial rent!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The holes in the sports grounds are becoming a significant injury hazard as well as improved health and safety (have had to move sticks off fields away from trees before sports games, shoo dogs away from weeing on sports bottles/gear, dog poo not being picked up). Another benefit is that this would also provide a place where younger children could play happily (when sports fields not in use) without dogs running around nearby off leash (this was a big issue with our children when they were younger, particularly at Madills Farm, and resulted in them becoming afraid of dogs for a few years).

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#4517

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): Zoomies Dog Training & Adventures

Local Board: Outside Auckland

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Please let our dogs run freely on the beach! Don’t take away this amazing thing we can do together at so many of our beaches

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#4526

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm was GIFTED to the people for all to enjoy. Have you gauged feedback from the sports players at Madills who may ACTUALLY own dogs?. This park is to be shared by all, not have dog owners shoe horned into a corner of the park. Let residents and their dogs enjoy the entire park between games. COME ON!

The park was gifted to the council for all to enjoy including rare payers pets. Dog registrations net the council $17m yet the sports teams at Madills pay $1000 annually. It’s time you listened to the people!!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Keep it status quo, and SHARE the entire Madills Farm

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed dog leashing rule changes at Madills Farm and Glover Park. These parks play a significant role for a diverse range of users, and I firmly believe that retaining the current off-leash provisions benefits both dog owners and the wider community. Below, I address several key points that support my position:

1. Shared Community Spaces

Both Madills Farm and Glover Park serve as communal facilities for a wide range of activities. While sports teams and fitness groups utilise these fields, dog owners of all ages and abilities rely on these open areas for off-leash exercise, which is crucial for a dog's physical and mental health. Moreover, this setup facilitates social interaction among owners, helping to build a supportive local network.

2. Observed Field Damage

I attend regular soccer games with my children and have noticed first-hand how players—particularly children—sometimes enlarge holes in the turf with their boots. Despite consistent reminders not to do so, I have personally observed this behaviour at least five times last winter. In many cases, this type of damage can exceed any wear and tear attributed solely to dogs. Given these observations, it is clear that issues with ground conditions are multifaceted and should not be ascribed to dogs alone.

3. Practical Concerns for Dog Owners

Walking on Footpaths: Walking dogs on footpaths during the daytime, especially in warmer weather, is not always practical or safe. The heat can burn a dog's paws, underscoring the need for grassy park areas where they can safely walk and run.

Off-Leash Requirements: Dogs require adequate off-lead space to run and explore for their health and well-being. If an off-lead area is immediately adjacent to a sports field, a painted line on the ground is unlikely to stop a dog from crossing it.

Leashing During Sports: I fully support and personally adhere to leashing dogs when active sports are underway on a field. This practice helps avoid conflicts and respects the needs of sports players and spectators.

4. Responsible Dog Ownership and Community Contribution

The majority of dog owners at Madills Farm and Glover Park are responsible and conscientious. They keep their dogs under control, pick up waste, and ensure minimal disturbance to other park users. Additionally, dog owners pay yearly registration fees, contributing to council services and maintenance.

5. Maintaining an Inclusive Environment

These parks cater to a broad spectrum of local residents, including families, sports teams, the elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges. Preserving off-leash access, with sensible restrictions during scheduled sporting activities, supports an inclusive environment where everyone can benefit from these valuable public spaces.

Conclusion

In light of the above points, I respectfully urge Auckland Council to reconsider any additional leash restrictions at Madills Farm and Glover Park. The proposed changes risk undermining the parks' inclusive spirit and the benefits they provide to both people and pets. A balanced approach—where dogs are leashed during active sports but permitted off-lead at other times—best serves the needs of our diverse community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
I support the Status Quo

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We are rate payers and love letting our two doggies off leash on sports fields, when fields are not in use of course!

I couldn’t bear the thought of loosing this, it needs to be available to all Aucklanders, not a select few.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs off the lead are a menace and must not be allowed in parks at any time.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As both a parent and dog owner, I think these recommended changes are ridiculous. Madills is a fantastic park that many locals access every day. It brings the community together & allows a place for dogs to safety run off-lead. I am currently on maternity leave with my second baby and I walk to madills every single day with my dog and baby. As a local - this has been integral to my mental health & has connected me with other dog owners and mothers alike.

As a responsible dog owner, it's my duty to take my dog out every day and allow him to run off lead for exercise. It's cruel to imagine not having access to large open fields for dogs to exercise. Personally when there is sports on, I keep my dog on a lead as I appreciate that during these times, the sports community have priority over the space.

The recommended area in the proposed changes is small and close to the road. It is not appropriate for dogs. At a busy time, there can be 15-20 dogs down at Madills at one time. Having them all in that tiny space will not work.

The Kohi / St Heliers community are huge dog lovers. It connects us. Taking this away will impact many families. It's very devastating to see.

I am a responsible dog owner. I always bring poo bags, I have done training with my dog so he has great recall. 95% of dog owners are in the same camp as I am.

Some suggestions that the dogs are destroying the grass is absolutely ridiculous. More damage is done from football players. I've not once seen a dog dig a hole in the grass.

I am strongly against the proposed changes and I hope you listen to the community of dog owners from our area. Thank you.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Firstly Madills Farm is a much loved reserve for residents and their dogs to enjoy, meet and exercise both owner and dog. By putting a TOAL ban on dogs, even on the leash, across such a large area as the field areas that are also used some times for sports, is an unbalanced approach. Most of the times during the week day these fields are not used other than dog owners. to not even be allowed to WALK with your dog ON LEASH across these fields during non use times makes no sense. A more balanced approach needs to be found. I am suggesting that on leash - as a minimum option for dogs/ owners when fields not in use. I would like the fields kept open to off leash digs as this is a key part of enjoyment and exercise for many many local residents

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The majority of dog walkers are early morning or evening. When we walk Madills I have never had any problem with people enjoying their sport and I know they have never had a problem with me or my dogs off the lead.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The Auckland Council is doing amazing work but cannot believe this has became a focus. Local parks are for the enjoyment of all including dog walkers. We walk our dogs mornings and evening at our local sport fields (off the leadd)and have had no issues with anyone regardless of when the fields are busy with sport or not. Don't under estimate the benefits this activity provides to our physical and mental health. "If the leads not broken don't fix it! Come on Auckland you are better than this.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Absolutely ridiculous. There are very few dogs at any given time. Very little mess is ever left behind, as a member of the football club its the kids that ruin the field (mine included) not my dig. In our local area, very few people have land. Most buy a dog BECAUSE of Madills and the Kohi lifestyle. So many elderly walk madills everyday with their dog, don't disrupt the majority of the suburbs lifestyle for no good reason. Keep them active.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4590

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Cats are more of a danger to wildlife. They are pests and I'd sooner see new rules for them before adjusting current rules for dogs

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4597

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Feedback is only included for the parks chosen to respond to.

Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4601

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

Submitters were able to select from a list of parks with proposed local dog access rules changes to provide feedback.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills was not designated as a sports ground in terms of its primary use. Football has become a big user of the grounds but the park was originally marked as a multi-purpose, multi-use environment. This change - not allowing dogs on the fields even when they are not in use - seems onerous and unnecessary. I would be more supportive of stiffer penalties for owners not cleaning up after their dogs than this.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4604

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Eastern Suburb beaches, particularly Kohi and St Heliers should allow dogs off leash all summer.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4606

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Would be great to have an all-year round off lead dog area on part of a beach somewhere in Orākei Board area e.g. St Heliers beach by the cliff.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4611

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4614

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs and sports are well able to co exist in these areas. Neither should have mutually exclusive use of the areas.

The dog walking fraternity creates enormous sense of community through these low level social meetings.

The land was gifted to the people of Auckland. Not the sports people of Auckland.

Squeezing dogs out will result in less well adjusted dogs which will not ultimately benefit anyone.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4617

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We have used the park for years.. it's a very nice place to socialise dogs. The dogs in the area are well behaved. There could be poo bags made available in case someone misses their dog doing their business. It's been working fine for so long. Please don't change for a minority

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Signs to remind people. Those extendable leads are dangerous as one cannot control their dog from a distance.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4619

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Papakura

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Drop the red tape and regulations. Sort the roaming dogs out and not the under control dogs on leash

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4624

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

These fields are in constant use by 1000s of local children each week through sporting activates that benefit their health, mental health and wellbeing. I have lived in the area for over 40 years and have young children involved in sports and see the benefits this brings. I have routinely seen controlled and uncontrolled dogs destroying these facilities through digging up turf, defecation left where young children are exposed to it and off lease dogs approaching children not equipped to deal with unknown animals. I have also had dogs urinating on sports bags and picnic blankets, approaching children with food in a manner they perceive as aggressive and seen injuries from the holes dug in sports pitches. There is an off leash area in near by Churchill Park which seem a much more sensible area for this activity.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Kohimarama Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:Ignoring rules, Defecating

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

This beach is tidal and therefore the opportunity for families to enjoy swimming can range from dusk to dawn. The current times allocated for off lease and dog access for summer mean families with young children who want to enjoy the beach before 10am and

Location 2

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

St Heliers Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:ignoring rules, faeces not picked up

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

This beach is tidal and therefore the opportunity for families to enjoy swimming can range from dusk to dawn. The current times allocated for off lease and dog access for summer mean families with young children who want to enjoy the beach before 10am and

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

there needs to be better enforcement in my area if the rules don't change to at least guarantee children are safe

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4632

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is beautiful as a shared space for sports, receration and off leash dogs.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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#4634

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do t see why dogs can't run off leash in this area. I am here everyday running my dog. people pick up their dog poops, the dogs have great exercise time. What is possibly wrong with this? Dogs need somewhere to exercise off lead. Where else are we able to go??

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

St. Heliers and kohi beach

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:During the winter when nobody is relaxing on the beach why can't our dogs be off leash all day on the beaches?

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

I want for dogs to be allowed off leash all day in the winter season. Nobody is relaxing on the beach in this season. It would be great for dogs to have a good run and swim any time of day in winter.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

My comments go for all parks and beaches really. Although speaking for Madills and Glover I go there often and don't see why we should stop dogs having a good run on the field that isn't being used for sport at the time.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4636

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Green space that is dog friendly is already tough to find in the eastern suburbs. This spot has always been a dog owners choice of place.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4642

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a good proposal. too many times have parents had to pick up dog poo from the fields before games can start. it is also unsettling when off-leash dogs wander into the fields during games.

Madils and Glover have a lot of space, only about 1/2 of Madils is sports fields and dogs are allowed off-leash in the other area away from the fields.

I am a dog owner and my son plays at Madills Farm. and I see no reason why dog owners cant walk that 150m to the southern side and exercise their dogs where there are no playing fields. I mean its only 150m away from the carpark and you are talking them for a walk anyway! .. only a lazy dog owner would disagree!

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4643

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4647

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in the Eastern Suburbs for 60 years. I walk daily at Glover Park - I am often the only one walking there or there maybe a few other mostly dog walkers. This park is mostly only used for a few hours for organised weekend sport & after school practices and on a Tuesday night for athletics.,

I have no problem with a dog ban at times when there is organised sport.

However the rest of the week these areas should be available as off lead under control walking for dog users. Often I can be the only one at the park so why should we have to give up our dog walking rights for the minimal use that this park gets used as a sports ground.

I also have no problem with the no dog rule at the playground area of this park but the playyground should be fenced so that it restricts not only the dog access but the childre from running into the carpark.

I suggest that you should actually come out from behind your desks and actaully monitour the park usage as it is predominanatly used by walkers, dog walkers & runners rather than for organised sport. It would be a great loss if we were not allowed to walk there with dogs especially as it is one of the few flat walking paths in the area for walking with your elderly dog.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
I think they are fine as they are now

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4648

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These changes have an adverse affect on the elderly and also the minimal space the dogs can run off leash. Dogs are a big part of the community and region. Alot of dogs are small house dogs and kohimarama st heliiers and glendowie are well know for dog friendly and this is a very big reason people stay in this area. The sports fields are great for the community but there needs to be a balance between all of the community being able to use the facilities not just the football club. Because they have a good support base it doesn't mean they should be able to take over the majority of the fields.

This is just not reasonable , given the grounds were gifted to the community originally and now they are being allocated as football fields? This just doesn't not support the intended use of the field when Midills was first set up.

No support to these changes. It's definitely an overreach of rules. Who is going to police the rules? Locals and club.... that is just looking for trouble in itself.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4650

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We have very few off-leash areas to walk dogs in Kohimarama. This park was gifted to the people of Kohimarama and not specifically to the sports entities who have taken over the park. We have always been able to work side by side with the sports teams, and there is no reason why dogs cannot have freedom on Madills when there are not football matches being played. Whilst I do understand there are some irresponsible owners, why do we always have to regulate to the lowest dominato. The majority of dog owners who use Madills are very mindful of their dogs and if they see defection from another dog which has been missed, are very inclined to pick it up - we are a community and use to sharing spaces.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The majority of owners are responsible, perhaps you could use some of your dog-catchers to police areas where there are on-going problems

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4655

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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#4656

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a parent of a child that play sports at these parks. These sportsfields are used by very young children. The current rules are not enforced and dogs end up shitting and pissing everywhere. The fields are regularly covered in dogshit and it's inevitable that children playing football end up on the ground and rolling around in dogshit. Not to mention that some children are terrified of dogs some of which behave aggressively. The end result is that it detracts from the kids ability to enjoy playing sports. Both fields should be completely dog free. It's appalling that the parks are being used for both purposes. There are plenty of other parks around that they can use.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Make better decisions.

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#4660

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I support the proposed further restriction of dogs in this area but the rules are too complex. None of Madills Farm should permit off leash.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Summer hours should be 9am -5pm not 10am. Children should be able to stay safe from dogs in hours that are more sun-safe.

Further, the definition of 'playground' should be reviewed. Modern playgrounds do not always have a clearly demarcated play surface area and are more likely to blend with the environment/have grassed or astroturfed areas within the play surfaces. This creates significant confusion. A radius rule could help with this. And/or prohibiting dogs from any park that contains play equipment, for clarity and simplictiy.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4687

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Upper Harbour

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Completely unnecessary change and nonsensical. Why would dogs need to be prohibited form sports fields, when they are not in use? The current rules make perfect sense, the sports fields make a perfect dog exercise area for when not in use for sports. The current rules give the spaces the flexibility to make the park useable and enjoyable for many uses and purposes.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Subject: Submission Regarding Proposed Dog Access Bylaw Changes for Madills Farm Recreation Reserve

To the Ōrākei Local Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the dog access bylaws for Madills Farm Recreation Reserve, specifically the restriction of off-leash access on sports fields. I am a ratepayer in St Heliers and a regular user of Madills Farm with my four-year-old Maltese, Esha. I believe the proposed changes are unnecessary, infringe on the rights of responsible dog owners, and negatively impact the well-being of our canine companions.

The Board's stated reasons for these changes, namely the protection of sports fields from damage, are not sufficient justification for such a sweeping restriction. While I understand the need to maintain the fields, the claim that dogs cause significant damage is overstated and lacks specific evidence. Digging can be addressed through responsible dog ownership and the provision of designated digging areas. Furthermore, the impact of dogs on field surfaces, especially when dry, is minimal compared to the wear and tear caused by organized sports. The financial burden of repairs, as cited by the Board, should be balanced against the benefits that off-leash exercise provides to dogs and their owners. It seems disproportionate to punish all dog owners for the potential actions of a few.

The current policy, which allows off-leash access in designated areas, strikes a reasonable balance between the needs of sports players and dog owners. Restricting dogs to on-leash access near the sidelines during sports activities is a sensible compromise. However, a complete ban from the sports fields, even when not in use for organized sport, severely limits the space available for dogs to exercise and socialize. Madills Farm is a vital community asset, and its use should be shared equitably.

The proposed changes raise several concerns:

* **Impact on Dog Wellbeing:** Off-leash exercise is crucial for a dog's physical and mental health. Confining dogs to leash-only areas can lead to behavioral problems, anxiety, and a decline in overall well-being. For a small dog like my Maltese, Esha, the open space of the sports field is essential for her to run freely and maintain her health.

* **Disproportionate Impact on Responsible Owners:** The actions of a few irresponsible dog owners should not penalize the many who are conscientious and respectful of the park. Enforcement of existing bylaws regarding responsible dog ownership, rather than blanket bans, would be a more effective and fair approach.

* **Restriction of Ratepayer Freedoms:** As ratepayers, we contribute to the upkeep of these parks and should have reasonable access to them. Limiting access for responsible dog owners infringes on our right to enjoy these public spaces.

* **Lack of Consultation:** While the Board is seeking feedback, the proposed changes appear to be a foregone conclusion. A more genuine and open consultation process is needed to understand the concerns of the dog-owning community.

I propose the following alternatives:

* **Maintain the current policy:** The existing bylaws, with appropriate enforcement, are sufficient to manage dog access and protect the sports fields.

* **Designated Digging Areas:** Provide designated areas where dogs can dig freely, thus mitigating potential damage to the sports fields.

* **Improved Signage and Education:** Clearer signage and educational campaigns can promote responsible dog ownership and encourage respect for the park and its users.

* **Increased Ranger Presence:** More frequent ranger patrols can deter irresponsible behavior and enforce existing bylaws.

I urge the Ōrākei Local Board to reconsider these proposed changes and adopt a more balanced approach that respects the needs of all park users, including responsible dog owners. I believe that with thoughtful planning and community engagement, we can find solutions that allow everyone to enjoy Madills Farm.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4708

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4731

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is a high dog walking area, vital to the community. I live and work overlooking the park, and have a dog that I walk there. There ate hundreds of users, worth scores of dog walkers there at all times of day and night.

They don't interfere with the sport at all,.

The football club seems intent on turning madills into their private domain, work lots of loud musicblasting out, late bars, beer bottles every Sunday morning through the park.

There is no justification for banning dogs at all.

I feel this is just part of a football club campaign to build a number of astro pitches, a big bar etc all too increase income, when they already hide huge amounts of cash in unrelated charitable trusts in order to qualify for grants.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a park for everyone, not just football players. I find it hard to believe the council (which we voted in) can come to such a conclusion.

There absolutely no reason for the change:

- People move to the area to access the park

- Dog walkers use it on a regular basis, every day

- Elderly in the area walk in the park regularly

How a sports club can apply for such a change and council take this seriously is beyond me.

If this is voted in then I will not be voting you in next election

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Council have their priorities wrong. You work for the people, not sports clubs

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#4735

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

seems ok

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

To restrict the use of Madills farm for dog owners to the degree proposed in these changes is misguided and ultimately divisive - dog owners verse the football club. It significantly impacts the community of Kohimarama that utlaises the green space for a wide range of activities. I have enjoyed the use of Madills farm for the last 25yrs for fitness, sport, family recreation and dog walking. To restrict its use for dog owners for the benefit of a short season of kids weekend football is illogical - 2 days of use a week for approximately 16 weeks of the year. Much of the damage to the sports fields are as a result of poor management by the Eastern Bays Club. Over the Winter football season the surface deteriorates around the kids football goals where it gets muddy. Once the season is finished those roughed up areas are not cared for by the sports club so weeds take hold and the grass is unable to grow back leaving patches of weed and dirt. This damage is not caused by dog owners. Large muddy areas form around the cricket pitches that are at times underwater, especially during the Winter. Again this is not caused by dogs but poor managment by the club or council.

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#4762

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

if dogs are not strictly on leash in parks and beaches i.e. public areas you will be responsible for serious human fatality or death in the near furture

Let me first take this opportunity to say "Thanks a Bunch" for the selfless services to Orakei Board of Auckland Council. It indeed takes courage and nobleness to serve the community!

I am writing to express my concern regarding the increasing number of off-leash dogs in Glover Park. As a resident of Rarangi Road and a frequent visitor to the park, I have observed several instances of irresponsible dog ownership that pose a potential risk to other park users, particularly young children.

While I appreciate the joy and companionship that dogs bring, I believe it is crucial to ensure the safety and comfort of all park visitors. Many people, including myself, may feel uneasy or even threatened by unleashed dogs, regardless of how well-intentioned the owner may be.

To address this issue, I propose the following options for the Orakei Local Board's consideration:

Designated Off-Leash Area: Could a section of Glover Park be designated as an off-leash area, with clear signage and fencing to ensure dogs remain within that space? This would allow dogs to exercise freely while providing a safe and comfortable environment for all park users.

Stricter Enforcement of Leash Laws: Increased signage reminding dog owners of leash laws, along with more frequent patrols by animal control officers, could help ensure compliance and deter irresponsible dog owners.

I understand that implementing these changes may require resources and planning. However, I believe that prioritizing the safety and well-being of all park users is essential. I have observed dedicated, fenced dog parks in other countries, such as the USA, UAE, Singapore, Europe, and the UK, which provide a safe and enjoyable space for dogs and their owners while minimizing conflict with other park users.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust you will consider my suggestions and take appropriate action to ensure Glover Park remains a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1

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

glover park

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:to prevent dog attacking a human

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

i have already been attacked several times by ofleash dogs its only a matter of time before a human is either killed or seriously hurt in a dog attack and then it will be too late to implement the strict onleash policy

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

if the dog strictly on leash policy is not implemented this council will be partner to human loss of life or serious injury in a dog attack

Ōrākei Have Your Say Event Notes (contains confidential information to be redacted if released under Local Government and Official Informational Act) **#4762**

12pm Thursday 13th February 2025

Time	Participant name	Individual or organisation	Notes
3.55pm – 3:58pm	Dr [redacted]	Individual	• I am not comfortable with pets, you can't impose your comfort on me • Saw a good example of a dog park in Michigan where there was a huge fenced dog park and humans who were uncomfortable with dogs don't go there • Supports dogs being on-leash • Supports dogs being on the park

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#4764

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
replacing dog bins/dog poo bags in parks would be useful

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#4775

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These parks are for the use of all residents in the area. There is a large percentage of dog owners who use these parks to excise their dogs. Dog owners also interact with other dog owners and this is an interactive area for a lot of people. Some of which are elderly or don't have much other interaction.

These grounds are not only sports grounds. A high percentage of the users are responsible dog owners who need this area to excise their dogs. If shut down other dog areas will become overcrowded and a major issue. Then the residents will want these areas closed as well which going to cause a lot of conflict.

As rate payers we contribute to the upkeep of these parks and therefor should not be denied access to undertake these activities.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

If these rules do change I can see a lot on aggressive behaviour between the groups which is totally unnecessary as the current rules are not in need of change

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#4777

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4785

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have never witnessed any dogs out of control. Neighbourhood knows the dogs and will put on the leash if needed.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Extreme importance for neighbouring families for community and mental wellbeing

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4799

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

All dogs on a leash at all beaches all the time - dogs larger than a certain size should be muzzled - heavy fines for dogs fouling beaches

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4800

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I'm not convinced that the majority of the problems with the sports field are 'dog related' Olaying in wet weather has a huge impact on the state of the field. Also the farm was donated for the use of all the community and not exclusively for sport. The residential area around Madills has many apartments and dog owners need somewhere relatively close by to let their dogs run freely.

My name is [redacted] and I'm a long term Eastern Bays resident, currently living a couple for hundred meters from Madills Park.

I am in SUPPORT OF THE STASTUS QUO being retained at BOTH MADILLLS FARM and GLOVER PARK.

By way of background for this submission I've been in the area for 50+ years.

I spent two terms on the Eastern Bays Community Board (1989 - 1995), was a planning Commissioner for Auckland City Council and involved in a number of Park management Plans.

I was also a Trustee of the ASB Stadium for 17 years and President of the Meadowbank Community Centre for about 5 years.

So it's fair to say I have pretty deep roots in the area.

I haven't been involved in a lot of politics but this is an issue I felt compelled to comment on.

I was on the Eastern Bays Community Board back when we either established or confirmed Madills Park as an Off Leash Dog Area.

Back then the local community and the Board had a strongly held preference for Madills and Glover Parks to be Off Leash and recognized their importance to the local dog owners.

I do not believe the COMMUNITY'S view has changed in the time since we, as a Community Board, acted to enshrine the area as an off leash facility.

I'm sure you've heard from a lot of locals and I suspect the overwhelming majority who have submitted are for the status quo to remain.

My Personal Survey Results

To confirm how users of Madills ACTUALLY feel I spent the afternoon of Wednesday 12th February 2025 doing an informal survey of people USING Madills Park between 2pm and 6:30.

I concentrated on the area north of the playground, so roughly covering the perimeter path and fields.

A full copy of the survey results and the notes are included below but in brief :

1. I interviewed **86 people** in the survey.

2. That included **59/86 were Dog Owners** (either with or without their dogs), **24/86 were 'Walkers'**, **3/86 were Touch Rugby Parents**.

3. **Of the 86 people 81 were IN FAVOUR OF THE STATUS QUO. 81/86 is 94%.**

4. Of the 5/86 Against 2 were Touch Rugby Parents and the other 3 were all Asian females from overseas. (I suspect from cultures not used to domesticated dogs). (Note, that is not intended as a 'racial' remark, simply a statistically noteworthy fact).

5. A number commented that Madills offered a **SAFE PLACE** to walk their dogs. (**approx. 6/86**) Predominantly from elderly females.

6. A number stated there needed to be an improvement on or **greater enforcement** for picking up dog feces (approx. **5/86**)

7. A number stated they **felt the Football Clubs position was unreasonable**, that their facts (injury statistics, field maintenance costs etc) **were false or misleading**. (**Approx 8/86**)

8. And a number felt Council needed to provide **plastic bags for feces (4/86)**

9. A significant number also went further and verbally commented (in addition to choosing the 'Off Leash' option in the survey) **that council should leave things as they are (20+/86)**

10. Several stated they **would ignore any change to the 'rules' (4/86)** and felt that any **change would not reflect the community's wishes (10/86)**.

11. Interestingly **NO ONE commented on badly behaved dogs** (0/86)

12. **NO ONE commented on dog fights** (0/86)

13. **NO ONE commented on dog attacks** (to people of animals) (0/86)

14. And **NO ONE (0/86) commented on any problems with commercial walkers** of multiple dogs (0/86) (other than mentioning the media coverage 2/86).

15. Also while I was at Glover Park (2:30 – 6:30pm) I did not witness ANY problem dogs, aggressive dogs or disturbances.

Other Comments

Health and Safety Risks

I believe the football clubs comments regarding injury rates to be highly inaccurate **without confirmed video evidence**.

I have pretty extensive experience as a St John Medic, Air Ambulance Medic and as a First Aid / Rescue Instructor (including leading the old Auckland Council's Civil Defence Light Rescue Team) over a period of 30+ years.

That includes acting as a sports medic for local, national and international events.

I have SEEN how people get injured in a wide number of sports and I have yet to see anyone who fell into a 'Dog Hole'.

I took a number of photos I can supply later of 'holes' in the ground (I will try to attach them however there may be file size restrictions to Council's Submission System). None of the indentations or holes resembled 'scratch marks', several were obviously from players knees sliding into the turf or heel and stud marks.

From my medical time on sidelines I have seen turf marks (from players) causing injuries and quite often the marks are created in the incident of the injury.

I have been told by submitters that ACC statistics from fields with no dog walking are probably identical to Madillsinjury Farms rates (for similar activities and similar surface quality).

If claims like that from the EBFC are to be used to EXCLUDE the public from such an integral community resource then there needs to be hard evidence provided.

$500 worth of cameras for 3 x CCTV with Solar Panels from a commercial outlet will set up video cameras to cover the area. Please look at EVIDENCE before making any changes effecting ratepayers access to a resource they pay for. And pay far more for than the Football Club which is operating as a semi-commercial venture.

I have (if the submission system allows) included photos of SIGNIFICANT damage to at least one area of the playing fields. There is a line of real holes, all approx. 30cm x 30cm, that extends into the playing field. There are at least 10 of these in my photo. All have been BADLY REPAIRED, basically leaving indentations approx. 7 – 10 cm deep with nothing but sand in them.

All are evenly spaced in a straight line and obviously arise from an earlier fence or light poles.

These holes are far far worse and each is 10 times the area of any of the other holes I've seen (that are likely humans sliding or digging in a knee). The EBFC have NOT REPAIRED this line of holes and if they are not an obvious health and safety risk then the minor scuff/slide marks (let alone the non-existent 'dog holes') cannot be the priority, yet the club complains about dogs. In my opinion quite unfairly.

Again I go by EVIDENCE – if the EBFC hasn't done a much better job of repairing this line of holes then they can't be worried about the smaller scuff marks.

There has also been the issue of 'fouling' being complained about by EBFC. While there are a relatively small number of dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs there is no medical evidence that dog feces/urine at the concentration found at Madills and Glover Park could be a health risk.

I support and endorse David Roberton's Submission on the issue where as a member of the Eastern Bays Community Board they sought MEDICAL ADVICE that did not support the 'infection theory'. (I heard David's oral submission and was on the EBCB with him for a term).

IF dog feces was such a terrible problem as the EBFC implies then they would / could easily have paid someone to sweep the playing fields for feces or have players line up and walk the field. That DOES NOT happen, which clearly implies they are overstating the issue

The EBFC is highly financial and could easily address the fouling problem by paying for a solution. They don't because the problem isn't that bad.

Other Comments

I think one of the most important issues to recognize is that these are all well behaved, highly social dogs with responsible owners.

To be blunt we don't have what I would refer to as a "South Auckland Dog Problem" here in the Eastern Bays.

It MIGHT be necessary to use draconian exclusions in areas where there really are aggressive, roaming, uncared for dogs but THAT DOES NOT and should not be used for our LOCAL dogs and dog owners.

Enforcement is always possible as a way to address fouling. At the current fine of $300 someone would only need to find 3 – 5 dog owners a day to pay for the 'service'.

The EBFC is financial and pays very little for use of the grounds or its maintenance. They do not pay enough to have exclusive use of such a large area in the Eastern Bays, but the local RATEPAYERS certainly pay enough to have continued access for their dogs.

The stand for the "Dog Feces Bags" is EMPTY. If fouling is a problem then either the Council or the EBFC should pay for bags to be available. Make it EASY for dog owners to do the right thing, every time.

When I did my survey one of the touch rugby teams was from St Kents, my old school. But I have to ask why aren't they using their own school grounds? Or the ones at Shore Road which are designated for playing fields?

The EBFC is now highly commercial and even offers alcohol at the club. They are not a charity. And they can afford to implement OTHER solutions to their overstated!) problems before EXCLUSION becomes the only solution.

(for instance they could pay to have a portable / temporary fence put up before play, or pay to sweep the fields clean or repair the holes!)

I believe the Deed Of Gift for Madills needs to be (found and) considered before any changes are made. The GIFT of the land was for general usage by the PUBLIC, not as a commercial venue for EBFC.

When I was on the Community Board evidence of 81 out of 86 people supporting the Status Quo was evidence enough for me to vote with them. Given this is an election year and local residents feel so strongly about their pets as FAMILY I hope this Board makes the same decision.

This is also an election year and this could easily become a local election issue that will cost votes if the public's overwhelming preference isn't taken into account.

In closing My Personal Position is clear – leave things as they are.

Thank You for your time,

[redacted]

#4800

Madils Farm – Off Leash Dog Walking – My SURVEY RESULTS

Time	No	Name (Optional)	Pro Off Leash Status Quo	On Leash Only	No Dogs	Comments
		[redacted]				
	1		Yes			(Walker, Not Dog Owner)
	2		Yes			Walking here 12+ yrs. Never seen dogs digging holes (Dog Owner)
	3		Yes			Would accept Fields off limits. (Dog Owner)
	4		Yes			(Walker, Not Dog Owner)
	5		Yes			Dog Owner And Soccer Player
2.20pm	6		Yes			Dog Owner. Walks mainly on the paths
	7		Yes			(Walker, Not Dog Owner)
	8		Yes			(Walker)
	9		Yes			(Cyclist Training, Not Dog Owner)
	10		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	11		Yes			(Dog Owner)
2:30pm	12		No		Yes	(Walker, Definitily anti-Dog)(Note – Female from overseas)
	13		No		Yes	Worried about feces (Walker) (Note – female from overseas)
	14		Yes			(Walker)
	15		Yes			"Really Important for locals" (Not Dog Owner, was pushing a pram)
	16		Yes			(Dog Owner)

	17	[redacted]	Yes			“I play football here, have a dog” “No Problems!”
Time	**No**		**Pro Off Leash Status Quo**	**On Leash Only**	**No Dogs**	**Comments**
	18		Yes			“Should continue to share the space” “(situation) has been exaggerated by the Football Club!” (Dog Owner)
	19		Yes			“Clean up - more Enforcement needed” (feces pick up) (Dog Owner)
	20		Yes			“Keep things as they are. Council’s move to change things and the Football Club are So Stupid!” (Dog Owner)
	21		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	22		Yes			(Walker, Not Dog Owner)
	23		Yes			(Walker)
3:20pm	24		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	25		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	26		Yes			Has 2 Greyhounds, need this space (Runner and Dog Owner)
	27		Yes			(Walker)
	28		Yes			(Walker)
	29		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	30		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	31		Yes			Absolutely Off Leash! Madills was GIFTED for the use of all of us, including dog walkers! (Dog Owner)
	32		Yes			(Walker, Not Dog Owner)
	33		Yes			Has kids and dogs. This should be an INCLUSIVE space for both. (Dog Owner)
	34		Yes			(Dog Owner)
4pm	35		Yes			Owners need to be encouraged to pick up their dog poo Suggest more signage on the bins (Dog Owner)

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Time	No	Name (Optional)	Pro Off Leash Status Quo	On Leash Only	No Dogs	Comments
	36	[redacted]	Yes			Has put in a submission. Strongly in favour of off leash. (Dog Owner)
	37		Yes			The "Community is about SHARING the space" (Dog Owner)
	38		Yes			(Walker)
	39		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	40		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	41		Yes			"The Football Club is being a BULLY", "disgraceful that changes are being considered" "Was a wonderful facility during COVID for humans mental health and socializing at a distance" (Dog Owner")
	42		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	43		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	44		Yes			"Madills is a very important place for people and dogs. Leave things as they are." (Dog Owner)
	45		Yes			"People need to pick up their dog poo" (Dog Owner)
	46		Yes			(Walker, Not Dog Owner)
	47		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	48		Yes			(Walker)
	49		Yes			(Walker)
	50		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	51		Yes			"Green space for everyone" "(He and) His kids play football here 4 x a week, Happy to have the kids here sharing with all the dogs" (Dog Owner)

Time	No	Name (Optional)	Pro Off Leash Status Quo	On Leash Only	No Dogs	Comments
	52	[redacted]	Yes			"Has been walking here for 6+ yrs, 300+ times a year with 2 dogs. (compared his 1800+ visits vs kids playing football. Dog walkers are significant % of users) "The 'edges' of the park are too boggy in winter, so uses the fields as they have drainage" (Dog Owner x2)
	53		Yes			"Uses Madills because its close, flat and safe – important as she's elderly." "Is submitting" (Dog Owner)
	54		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	55		Yes			"Madills offers freedom and its safe" (Dog Owner)
	56		Yes			"Important to keep access" (Dog Owner)
	57		Yes			"Dogs aren't the ones damaging the fields, its players" (Dog Owner)
	58		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	59		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	60		Yes			(Walker)
	61		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	62				Yes	(Not a Dog Owner) (Female from Overseas)
	63		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	64		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	65		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	66		(Yes)			"Not on sports fields" (Touch Football Dad)
	67				Yes	"Not on sports fields" (Touch Football Dad)
	68				Yes	"Dogs should be on farms" (Touch Football Mum, farmer)

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	69	[redacted]	Yes			“People need to clean up (their dog feces)” (Dog Owner)
	70		Yes			(Walker)
	71		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	72		Yes			“I’m a Touch Player and Dog Owner” (Dog Owner)
	73		Yes			“It’s the soccer players who are making the mess of the fields, not dogs’ (Dog Owner)
	74		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	75		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	76		Yes			“(Madills is) great for women by themselves” “A safe space” (Dog Owner)
	77		Yes			“We all need to coexist in the space and be respectful of other groups” (Dog Owner)
	78		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	79		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	80		Yes			(Walker)
	81		Yes			(Dog Owner)
	82		Yes			“What the council is doing is (totally) unacceptable. We pay rates and $175 Dog Registration fees. Has lived here 25+ yrs. The dogs NEED this space.” “Dogs aren’t the problem here” (Dog Owner)
	83		Yes			“Dogs don’t cause trouble here, they’re all well socialised” (Dog Owner)
	84		Yes			(Dog Owner)

Time	No	Name (Optional)	Pro Off Leash Status Quo	On Leash Only	No Dogs	Comments
	85	[redacted]	Yes			(Dog Owner)
	86		Yes			(Cat Owner, previous Dog Owner)

Notes on [redacted] "User Survey" at Madills Farm

1. This is an informal survey taken on 12-02-25 from 2pm through to 6:30pm

2. The idea was to get a broad idea of the feelings and wishes of the public who actually use the facility.

3. The time slot used was firstly subject to my availability and secondly was aimed at covering both passive and active users of the entire space (excluding the fenced in playground).

4. I approached as many users as I could get to (given it was a 1 person survey and a rather large area!)

5. I've tried to be as 'honest' as I can be, having studied Statistics at university. My guess is it is slightly skewed towards Dog Owners but probably more because of their willingness to engage.

6. Throughout the 4 ½ hours I was there only 3 people refused to engage (although I deliberately didn't attempt to converse with people on phone calls).

7. Towards the end of the period (approx. 4:30 pm onwards) I deliberately did not engage the bulk of players or parents actively watching/coaching their kids from the middle of the fields. I deliberately chose to operate from the outer paths for most of the time. I'm also sure that the Football lobby have had other opportunities to express their opinions.

8. Nor did I ask anyone likely to be under 16 years old.

9. As the information may be made public I deliberately only asked for First Names. When people declined to give it they are marked with a '-'.

10. In the Comments section anything in "quotes" is a direct quotation from the user.

11. I've noted their usage type in (brackets).

12. While I did not have the time to do a similar survey at Glover Park due to time constraints I am VERY confident that the results would be similar to my results for Madills Park. (Based on decades of experience in the area and my usage of Glover Park for everything from playing football for the Eastern Bays Football Club as a 10 year old in 1972 through to using the park recreationally as an individual, with my last visit there only 2 months ago.)

13. Also when we looked at it as a Community Board there was no significant difference in the public's submissions / response between the two parks (other than more resistance to the issue of the EBFC's usage of Madills and the Club House).

14. Lastly in approaching people I simply gave them my name and said I was surveying users. I usually included that I had been on the Eastern Bays Community Board years ago and would be making a submission today. I tried to be as neutral as possible. I did NOT have a dog with me (I don't currently own one). When asked a couple of times if I was "from the Council" I made sure to point out I was doing this as **a local resident only**. A number of the survey respondents commented that Council should be doing a similar survey (approx. 8 / 86)

#4800



Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4802

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a regular visitor to Madills walking and believe the changes will impact the community in allowing people to meet up , the elderly get out either walking their dogs or meeting people with dogs .

Madills has long been a great community space for sports, people walking running cycling and for dogowners to be able to walk their dogs off leash . Many of these people rely on these spaces for recreation and to socialise. Changes would mean this doesnt happenand would have an impact on many.

Regular exercise and social interaction is good for the health and well being.

Dogs using the fields for walking and running cause less damage than intense use by team sports and perhaps better maintenance can ensure they remain in good condition for all to enjoy . Restricting dog access will affect the community and you need to look at this and prioritise the well been of community members using it ,while making the reserve fair for sports and recreation .

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4803

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should remain to be allowed on sports fields off leash (provided the dog is under control, and the sports field is not in use or closed).

Rate payers (which also include dog owners) pay for the majority of the costs of the sports field upkeep NOT the sports club.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4821

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

If dogs are under control there is no problem.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Please don't punish everybody and their dogs for the minorities' poor behaviour

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm is very well utilised by the whole community around the st Heliers/kohimarama area. The dog walking community on the whole are responsible, considerate people who already ensure their dogs are under control. We are fully if aware of the times when the park is busy with sports training and tournaments and exercise our dogs outside of these times when we want to use the main grassy area.

This is a public park where the community spirit thrives. By removing the dog walkers you will be killing that community. The people participating in sports are not necessarily from this area.

Sometimes the only time our older or more vulnerable community get to talk to others is when they are walking their dog in this amazing space where people are friendly, polite and considerate.

Please, please, please don’t take that away from us

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is unacceptable. How does this proposal make any sense. Firstly, the areas were provided for the benefit of ALL New Zealanders. They were not provided for the sole benefit of a small subset of people playing sport. Secondly, please do a study on where the damage to the football grounds comes from. We all know that hundreds and hundreds of football boots, stomping and sliding around the public parks, every Saturday and Sunday in winter, create way more damage to the surface, than a few dozen dogs going for a walk or chasing a ball. Thirdly, it should actually be the other way around, this review should be looking at the role and location of the football clubs. They monopolise the grounds every weekend which restricts their use significantly to the wider public (not just dog walkers). Lastly why would you make huge parts of these parks inaccessible throughout the week when they are not in use? That just does not make sense. Once again, these parks are there for the benefit of all people, not just people playing sports in the weekend.

The only part is support is the restrictions around playgrounds which are sensible.

No doubt you have reviewed this, but it would be worth making sure there are no Conflicts of Interest between the Eastern Suburbs football club and the local Orakei board, as this proposal seems VERY targeted, and I would not want to think it was driven through a misuse of power.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

One area not really addressed is actually providing more off leash areas for dogs. This will provide more controlled areas where dogs can be (whether walking packs or individuals)

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#4835

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Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm is an excellent and beautiful asset to Auckland. Countless members of the community bring their family and dogs down to enjoy the green space. Madills Farm is unique for dog owners because it provides a flat open space to exercise and socialize your dog.

One example where this is crucial would be someone who has limited mobility, perhaps from an injury or old age, can use the space for their dog to run, play fetch and interact with other dogs, all while being able to see them due to the flat ground, and it is far from the road so the owner won't have to worry about the dogs safety from cars.

I could go on and on about why Madills Farm is so amazing for all members of the community, furry friends included. Personally, my family and I value and have enjoyed many occasions at Madills, I hope we can continue to do so.

Ultimately, the proposed changes would create difficulty for many members of the community. Please don't think these are small decisions with little impact, it will worsen the quality of life for many dog owners if the proposed changes go ahead.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Putting the needs of Sports above the needs of many responsible dog owners is not democratic.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Local Board: Whau

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Sports users already have an excessive use of the park over the needs of the rest of the community. Further restricting dog owners and families from the use of the park will continue to sustain the idea the only use for public facilities is sports.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Please don’t take away the joy that using this park gives our wider community.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs on leash at all times please.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

I do not support this change in access to Madills and Glover Park for the following reasons.

1. The "offleash" area proposed to be remaining is small, boggy and not a fair or fit substitution for the responsible dog owner to safely exercise their dog, along with socialising their dog. I moved to Kohimarama and got a dog specifically knowing that there was a good off leash recreational reserve I could walk to with a dog. Removing this access is a significant change.

2. The area that will now be prohibited at all times, is a significant % of the park, This is not a fair and reasonable change, and prioritises one group to use this space at the expense of others that have enjoyed it peacefully for years.

3. The change is in conflict with the purpose of a recreational reserve, especially in regards to Madills & Glover where a significant area is now excluded for a large part of society that enjoy its use. as stated in the Reserves Act 1977 -" 1. It is hereby declared that the appropriate provisions of this Act shall have effect, in relation to reserves classified as recreation reserves, for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside."

4. The rationale given is not supported with any facts. Where are the facts that the damage is from dogs, and how does this measure against the damage from the sports, other recreational activities, weather events and larger events such as Round the Bays. I expect the facts with show minimal from dogs vs rest of use and damage from other reasons.

5. The rationale should be in regards to Responsible Dog Ownership, where this is using factors from Irresponsible dog ownership ie Faeces, digging holes - which should not be a consideration. There are a number of strategies to mitigate this including enforcement, increased signage and awareness - of which I have not seen anything to support this.

6. Recreational spaces are a critical place for a community to connect, for local dog owners Madills has been instrumental in providing this social connection for the people. Many of which don't have children or live alone and would not receive this connection without this safe space.

7. With increased dog ownership, there should be a focus on increasing or at very least maintaining spaces for dogs in public, not reducing them! in line with the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs

Objective To keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by:

• maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places

• adopting measures to minimise the problems caused by dogs

• protecting dogs from harm and ensuring their welfare.

I would like you to consider - if not off leash here - where?? or a more fair area prohibited, allowing a reasonable safe area off leash remaining for responsible dog owners in this community to use and enjoy, for the wellbeing of people and enabling responsible dog ownership behaviour with their dogs.

With this decision I urge you to remember as per the policy - Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections.

Thank you.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I am horrified at the collective reduction in off leash access across Auckland, at a time of increased dog ownership. The council should be supporting increased safe spaces not reducing. The issues that have escalated with roaming and dangerous dogs is not addressed by these changes, rather with force and increase in the volume of dogs in smaller spaces - any roaming or dangerous dogs will put these family pets and responsible dog owners at risk further, with concentrating spaces they can go, rather than keeping dispersed throughout the communities. This feels like a really unsafe decision across the board.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Our family uses Madills Farm weekly for both off-leash dog exercise and both organised and recreational sport.

When we became dog owners 6 years ago we were so pleased to have Madills nearby to be able to exercise, socialise and train our dog on how to behave off-leash, how to interact with other dogs and with people of all ages and backgrounds. We believe it is extremely important for dogs and their owners to be able to do this to raise well-behaved and healthy dogs.

Our children have grown up running and playing on Madills Farm and Glover Park with our dog and others - something that is increasingly difficult to do in today's neighbourhoods of extensively sub-divided land and in-fill housing, where families and animals rarely have any garden/lawn/space to run at home anymore. In summer dogs are banned from the beach from 10am - 6pm, which we understand and support, but that leaves us with just Madills Farm and Glover Park as our safe and family-friendly off-leash dog areas. We HAVE to go to a local park in order to properly exercise and play with our dogs.

The space that is being proposed as the future off-leash area for dogs at Madills is an unrealistically small corner of the park, close to the roads (presenting a danger to dogs), that will lead to over-crowding of dogs and owners at peak exercise times of day. This could lead to dangerous situations arising if dogs can't create space between themselves and other larger or more dominant dogs.

The proposed space also doesn't strike me as a particularly user-friendly area for eldery or disabled dog owners to reach.

As a family who also belongs to the Easterm Suburbs Soccer club at Madills (our children have played there for a combined 7 years and my husband coaches there), we have not once had an injury occur to our children or any of their teammates from holes allegedly dug by dogs, nor have any of them EVER stepped in dog poo. By our reckoning, the junior - mid levels players and events held on the fields at Madills across the year do more damage to the grounds than the dogs. I find the argument that dogs cause a costly amount of damage to the fields absurd. That's not to say some dogs don't dig holes and some owners don't pick up after their dog - I have witnessed it and approached other dog owners about these things, however, it is a real minority.

Our understanding is that Madills Farm was gifted and created as a space for recreational use for all the community. We use and enjoy the existence of the soccer fields for organised sport, however, they have expanded over the years and that now leaves very little room for any other activity should activities such as off-leash dog exercise be banned from the playing fields.

As ratepayers, dog registration fee payers and soccer club membership payers our family STRONGLY disagrees with what is being proposed and would instead very much like to see more and better signage around the reserves about responsible dog-ownership i.e. keeping an eye on your dog at all times, picking up after your dog, preventing your dog from digging and if digging occurs then to repair the hole.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

[redacted]

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

I understand the sports grounds in theory due to some owners not cleaning up properly but these are great locations for obedience training and it’s really hard to find similar areas in the centre of the isthmus.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Orakei basin

What local board area is this location in?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Off leash in all areas apart from the walkway across the basin would make it much nicer for dog walkers

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

I would like to see just a bigger off leash area in this location.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I would like to see some proper fenced off dog parks so I can take my dog to meet other dogs who are ok to be off leash rather than the open areas where you get a mix of both off leash and on leash which can lead to tensions

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Personal safety

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
One dog on a leash maximum!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The proposed rules are impractical. As a dog owner, I support changes to ensure the playing fields are free from poo. However, there are many people who just don't pick up poo ever, or who don't keep an eye on their pets.

Any changes must be accompanied by an education campaign and enforcement of fines.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are being blamed for being a pain. They should be allowed the same freedoms as anyone else, provided their owners look after them

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#4889

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current bylaw, which allows dogs to be off-leash under control on marked grass sports fields when not in use or not closed, strikes a balance between the needs of dog owners and the community. The proposed change to prohibit dogs at all times on sports surfaces and require them to be on a leash in the vicinity when in use is unnecessary and detrimental for several reasons.

1. Community and Social Interaction: The current bylaw fosters a sense of community by allowing dog owners to exercise their dogs on the sports surfaces while they are not in use, promoting social interactions among residents. Dogs are an integral part of many families in the area, and the Madills farm space provides a valuable opportunity for dog owners to connect and bond with their dogs and each other. Banning dogs from the Madills sports fields at all times (even when they are not in use) would reduce these positive social interactions.

2. Limited Alternatives: Kohimarama and surrounding areas have limited green spaces where dogs can be exercised. By prohibiting dogs from sports surfaces at all times, the options for dog owners to provide adequate exercise for their dogs are significantly reduced. This can lead to overcrowding in other areas, potentially causing conflicts among users.

3. Safety of Dog Walkers: Allowing dogs to be off-leash on the Madills sports surfaces when not in use provides an added sense of safety for dog walkers, particularly for women. Many female dog walkers feel more secure walking their dogs in open, central areas of the park, especially during early morning or dusk hours when the sports fields are not being used. The proposed change would force them to use less visible and potentially more isolated areas, increasing their vulnerability.

4. Responsible Dog Ownership: The current bylaw encourages responsible dog ownership by emphasising that dogs must be under control when off-leash. A blanket ban would unfairly penalise responsible dog owners who adhere to these guidelines.

5. Flexibility and Practicality: The existing bylaw provides flexibility by allowing dogs on sports surfaces when not in use or not closed. This practical approach ensures that sports activities are not disrupted while still accommodating the needs of dog owners. The proposed change lacks this flexibility and does not consider the practical implications for dog owners.

In conclusion, the proposed change to the bylaw is a step backward for our community. It disregards the benefits of allowing controlled off-leash activities and imposes unnecessary restrictions on responsible dog owners. I urge the local authority to reconsider this proposal and retain the current bylaw, which effectively balances the interests of all community members.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
There should not be any change to the current bylaw in relation to Madills Farm.

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It is clear from the proposed changes that the council wishes to reduce significantly over the entire Auckland Region, the areas available for dog walking, in particular off-leash dog walking.

Of particular concern to me are the two areas of Madill's Farm and Glover Park. Especially as there have been several attempts over the last 15 years or so to convert Madill's Farm into a sports ground. These attempts must stop.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4901

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs and sports teams can use this space together. When games are on dogs on leash cannot use the grounds. But outside of those times they should be allowed to use this space on lead. It is a space for all rate payers to use and are two key green spaces for residents to use in the Glendowie area. I do not support this change.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 2

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

Crossfields

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

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

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#4903

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

A local resident of 70+ years mother of 3 boys and 3 grandchildren all living in the eastern suburbs area. I wish to maintain the status quo. We all have the opportunity to use these grounds and having seen the existing and proposed rules it's looks to me that dog people are being eliminated. In both cases of Madills and Glover the off lead area is pushed to the surrounding roads and in Glovers case the cliff also. These are not appropriate spaces for off lead as for the other space offered at Glover you'd have to be a mountain goat. I am not a dog owner but still believe everyone has the right to enjoy these spaces and learn to compromise with the other activities that take place here. If the parks are going to be dominated by Eastern Suburbs football club then where does this end, is this the thin end of the wedge. And who will be eliminated next. Round the Bays, Movies in the Park, Opera in the Park, all these things I would have thought has more impact on the ground surface.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say

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#4913

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current bylaw, which allows dogs to be off-leash under control on marked grass sports fields when not in use or not closed, strikes a balance between the needs of dog owners and the community. The proposed change to prohibit dogs at all times on sports surfaces and require them to be on a leash in the vicinity when in use is unnecessary and detrimental for several reasons.

1. Community and Social Interaction: The current bylaw fosters a sense of community by allowing dog owners to exercise their dogs on the sports surfaces while they are not in use, promoting social interactions among residents. Dogs are an integral part of many families in the area, and the Madills farm space provides a valuable opportunity for dog owners to connect and bond with their dogs and each other. Banning dogs from the Madills sports fields at all times (even when they are not in use) would reduce these positive social interactions.

2. Limited Alternatives: Kohimarama and surrounding areas have limited green spaces where dogs can be exercised. By prohibiting dogs from sports surfaces at all times, the options for dog owners to provide adequate exercise for their dogs are significantly reduced. This can lead to overcrowding in other areas, potentially causing conflicts among users.

3. Safety of Dog Walkers: Allowing dogs to be off-leash on the Madills sports surfaces when not in use provides an added sense of safety for dog walkers, particularly for women. Many female dog walkers feel more secure walking their dogs in open, central areas of the park, especially during early morning or dusk hours when the sports fields are not being used. The proposed change would force them to use less visible and potentially more isolated areas, increasing their vulnerability.

4. Responsible Dog Ownership: The current bylaw encourages responsible dog ownership by emphasising that dogs must be under control when off-leash. A blanket ban would unfairly penalise responsible dog owners who adhere to these guidelines.

5. Flexibility and Practicality: The existing bylaw provides flexibility by allowing dogs on sports surfaces when not in use or not closed. This practical approach ensures that sports activities are not disrupted while still accommodating the needs of dog owners. The proposed change lacks this flexibility and does not consider the practical implications for dog owners.

In conclusion, the proposed change to the bylaw is a step backward for our community. It disregards the benefits of allowing controlled off-leash activities and imposes unnecessary restrictions on responsible dog owners. I urge the local authority to reconsider this proposal and retain the current bylaw, which effectively balances the interests of all community members.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
The proposed changes to the bylaws for Madills Farm and Glover Park should not be approved.

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#4919

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Franklin

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This area is currently well loved and used and the status quo should remain as it is

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#4923

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I reiterate that I believe this review is a waste of time and money. Responsible dog owners are tired of being punished for the actions of irresponsible dog owners whose dogs often aren't registered anyway. I'm tired of completing submissions every couple of years because council decides to relitigate rules when they keep promising us that the current review will align everything and there will be no more need for sufficient changes. Auckland needs to be a more dog-friendly city, we are light-years behind most overseas cities and getting left behind. Disappointing.

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#4925

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed changes to Glover Park and Madills Farm re dog bylaws

I had only recently heard that such a thing is proposed. I find it unbelievable that a public recreational park, supposedly for the use of all is being taken over by a commercial soccer club namely Eastern Bays Soccer. I have been on both websites Auckland Council and Eastern Bays Soccer and see Ngahue Reserve, Crossfield Park, Glover Park and Madill Farm all have occupancy by Eastern Bays Soccer. And now ousting one segment of the community is just not acceptable. Who's going to be next.

I have nothing against soccer. But it now seems obvious to me that as a successful club they totally need their own purpose build grounds beyond Ngahue Reserve.

So as it stands I am happy to continue with the Status Quo and share with everyone. Both these parks have a lovely community atmosphere across all ages and ethnicities. I am a dog owner and local resident.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit

[redacted]

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Glover Park

What local board area is this location in?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

I do not support the proposed changes to Glover Park and Madills Farm re dog bylaws

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Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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#4927

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Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

All dogs at. Madills and Glover are well behaved and they and their owners are respectful of others. Off leash dogs have never been a problem there and owners with very few exceptions always pick up after their dogs.

Most people, when their dogs are off leash put them back on a leash when approaching others, as we do, and most people rarely go on the field

Please do not ruin this great area for dogs and their owners

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#4932

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a dog walker and utilise Glover Park approx 21 times a week. The sports fields are not used that frequently during the week so if dogs were banned from the sports fields then its usage would be low. If dogs were limited to the slopes there would be attacks as dogs do not do well in confined spaces

Aside from Churchill park, Glover park and madills there is nowhere else to run your dog to exercise them close by

For dogs to be beneficial assets in our community we need places to exercise them., this can't be limited to on lead.

I personally always clean up after my dog and she is well trained, walks to heel on or off lead. Obeys hand signals and listens to commands. She is a 29kg shar Pei x that needs somewhere to run and sniff around.

Catering only to people without dogs is not serving the whole community for which I pay substantial rates. People who do not like dogs have the ability to go elsewhere and under the current rules dogs are prohibited on sports grounds when in use and at the playground. These rules are sufficient and should remain as is.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I find these changes to be unequitable to local dog owners in the St Heliers, Kohimarama area's. The majority of dogs and owners are well behaved. A small number ruin it for the rest (dig holes, owners leave droppings or dogs are aggressive). I find it interesting that the football club would effectively get exclusive rights over these areas at Madills Farm, yet only pay $1k per year for their lease. Yet many local residents will be paying in excess of $4-6k per year in rates. According to the lease terms, it seems that the FC will only have to pay if council ask, otherwise its effectively free. The sports and dogs should be able to co-exist. It feels very heavy handed that we would be asked to not use these fields at all for dogs. Where else are we to go? What options are council proposing to expand dog off leash areas?

In addtion to this - if the FC and Council are concerned with the quality of the pitches - they only need to look at the fact that the was fencing up for 22 weeks in what one can only assume was an attempt to allow the field to re-generate.... however the fields were in worse condition post fences than before!

I am firmly against the proposed changes by council to Madills farm.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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evidenceSt Heliers is a lovely beach. Many people use it and many dog owners use it too. It should be possible to have dogs off leash more hours of the day and year than currently.

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#4935

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are not many off leash dog walking areas in this area. This land was given to the people of Auckland for general use, so why would the council take this away. It was not given to the sports clubs, everyone should have access. During the summer months we cannot walk our dogs on the beach during certain hours of the day so taking this area away would limit where we can walk massively.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

It would be good to have poop bags back in the parks to encourage owners to be responsible for picking up their dogs mess.

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#4936

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Medill's Farm is the centre of the Kohi community for exercise and socialising slong with their dogs. To restrict the usage by dogs to only outside the fields is ridiculous and unenforceable. Dogs and their people make up about 75% of visitors to the park outside of sports times. With sports on only a few hour's a day a few days a week, banning dogs on the sports field is a gross underutilisation of a community asset that we should be all able to use.

So I strongly support the status quo remaining.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Hello there,

I am a local resident and dog owner and am writing in opposition to the proposed dog bylaws relating to Glover Park and Madills Farm.

I wish to keep the rules as they stand today. I personally do not use the parks to walk my dog but know numerous people who do and also who take their dogs to the grounds when their children are playing, be it cricket, soccer or whatever.

The dogs and their owners socialise in these places and that is what these parks are for. Nothing against the sport, most of us have been there for that too, but all of a sudden it feels like a takeover and the ESAFC is in itself a commercial entity which brings into question why it is even there in the first place, I mean in a public recreational park?

The park is often unused which gives the community the opportunity to visit throughout the day with no one else around making great use of the facilities.

A lot of people work from home and the elderly can use the unoccupied daytime to make the most of the opportunity to run their dogs off lead.

It’s great to have these flat green spaces and I can’t believe you are considering banning us.

If you are having any trouble with bad behaviour from dog owners then I suggest using dog management as that’s what they are there for. But punishing everyone for the few is a nonsense.

I thank you for the opportunity to have my say

Kindest,

[redacted]

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No, thank you.

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#4942

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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#4943

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madhills and Glover are great exercise areas for dogs. The proposed changes are punitive and only serve a small percentage of the community. The dogs need to be exercised and if the owners are responsible there is no issue. Many parents take their dogs to exercise whilst waiting for their children. No-one is allowing their dog to willingly run amok along the football pitches. banning them all together does not create a happy and inclusive environment. It just appeases a few. Make the rules clear and create fines if people don't obey them. Don't ban dogs all-together.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
They should be allowed at all times in the winter and before 9.30 in summer.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4944

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Please restrict kids and homeless people i stead of our dogs

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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We are taxpayers, our dogs pay for registration. Why do we have restrictions for our dogs but not for kids or homeless people**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**When not in use for sports, campbell park should be able to be allowed for dogs off leash.

We are taxpayers, our dogs pay for registration. Why do we have restrictions for our dogs but not for kids or homeless people

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#4947

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is reducing the amount of space available for off leash/on leash walking. I do not support this.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4950

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4953

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Sport is played on a Saturday morning , i can’t understand why you would restrict access to dog owners for the whole week . Responsible dog owners don’t use the sports fields when sport is Been played . There is limited places that dogs can run off leach in general during the day we should all be able to share access to available land .. we all need places to exercise .. this applies to people that are also walking the dogs . I have lived in this area for 30 years and had dogs and it has never been an issue .. let’s all get to enjoy green space .. if you have to restrict it just look at Saturday when sport is played which I think the rules state now ..

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs are an important part of our community people who are out walking dogs should get in enjoy the limited green spaces that are in our city with non dog walkers ..

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4965

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs have always walked these grounds since I was a little girl. Every single day, the fields are packed with dogs and their owners socialising. Dog owners are conscientious about their dogs' training and picking up after them. We have also always played sport at the fields and I'm not aware of dog related issues in the slightest. Changing the fields to exclusive use for sports (used a few hours a day) compared to the many hours enjoyed by dogs and their owners every day is not right. Nor is it required at this park. Leave it as it's always been, please!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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#4967

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We live right on Glover Park. We know all the dog owners that walk in the park. There is nothing wrong with how dogs behave in this park. Most dogs are small well behaved family pets. Some owners are at the park multiple times per day.

There is more rubbish left at the park after sporting events and chaotic traffic.

I run through Madils farm and see dogs and sports played at the same time. All dogs are well behaved family pets in this park too.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
I think the council is making it difficult for dog owners. Dogs are family too.
We pay huge rates to Auckland council and always clean up after our dog.

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#4972

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

its a dog park.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4973

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed change because once sports surfaces are removed from the allowed areas the dogs can go on there is not much park left, and what is left is an unworkable and difficult to manage configuration of space for the dogs to be offleash in. It's not as if all the sports surfaces are tucked away in a dedicated area of these two parks, they are dotted all over the parks, leaving an unworkable patchwork of ground connected by narrow strips in between sports surfaces for an offleash dog. I acknowledge the health concerns of dog poo on sports surfaces, however this is a very blunt approach. Perhaps greater fines for owners not picking up after their dog is a better way to address health concerns for sports people. Also, particularly in the case of Madills, it seems imbalanced that so much of the park is taken up for sports surfaces. It's fine if the dogs can use them offleash when not in use, but if this proposed amendment does go through it would only be fair if there was a reduction in the area of the park that is covered in sports surfaces, so that the dogs have a decent amount of contiguous space offleash.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

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What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

I don’t know

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

A section of it. Please specify:na

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:na

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

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I think dangerous breeds should be prohibited at all local parks and beaches.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4975

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Upper Harbour

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#4981

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

If the sports fields aren’t being used, the off lead should be allowed. Increased high density housing means that off lead open spaces are crucial to animal welfare

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Public spaces are for everyone, off lead and in control spaces should be more available not less.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#4997

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not advocate banning dogs from the sports fields at Madills Farm. Madills Farm is a designated mixed use recreational ground and must be kept as such.

I walk my dog daily approximately 320 days of the year - do sports players use it that often - and use the whole park to throw a ball or plastic stick for my dog to chase and return whilst respecting the on leash requirement of the playing fields when they are being used for training or games. Kohimarama Beach does not have any off leash time in summer so you are effectively taking away any sizable area for off leash activities in Kohimarama if the change is implemented.

I pay the council rates and am appreciative of the condition that the council keeps the park.

However, I understand the soccer club are complaining that the dogs dig holes, but my observations over the six years that I have used the park, are that the dogs do not initiate the holes, one only has to look at the goalkeeping areas to see the damage done by those enjoying their sport. I note also that the park was a swamp, then rubbish dump before the Council upgraded it. I am sure there will be areas of subsidence occurring from time to time as well.

The area being proposed for off leash is not big enough for multiple dogs, is too close to the road, has karaka trees (berries poisonous for dogs) and is prone to flooding in winter especially the are at the bottom of Sprott Road. It also encompasses the path round the park and given that cyclists, e-scooters and pedestrians currently use the path it will inevitably mean that it will not be safe for dog walking. Note also that the area between Sprott Road and Southern Cross Road is poorly lit and would not be safe at night.

On a personal note, meeting other dog owners during COVID certainly helped with my well being and we have remained close friends ever since, just a small community within a larger one.

Please keep Madills Farm as it is.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Kohimarama Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Other - please specify:Off leash for a specific period

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

I would like the beach to be off leash between 7pm and 10pm

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No

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#5005

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5007

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

My understanding, Madills Farm and Glover Park are currently the only "dog off leash" sports fields in the Auckland Region. I see no reason for this exception. The proposed amended will put these parks aligned with all the other sports fields/park in Auckland region. Further, several players get injured during practise and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields. My understanding Auckland Council spent 10's of thousands of dollars on repairing holes dug by dogs at Madills Farm alone in the last financial year. This is money that can be spent on other priorities with the proposed policy rule. Another common issue is dog poo on the sports fields and dogs urinating on portable goals, football cones and kids drink bottles while they train which obviously raises some health and safety issues!

This proposal still leaves plenty of dogs off leash space in these parks.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
dogs should not be allowed on beaches at all times.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5008

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed changes as Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is a public recreational green space for everyone to enjoy, including dogs - not just the sports clubs.

It is a wonderful local area for dogs to run freely off-leash for exercise and socialising. Non-socialised dogs can develop snappy, possessive & aggressive behaviours.

In the Orakei area dog ownership is increasing and most breeds are the more gentle dog breeds - many with a poodle cross that gives them intelligence with a gentle nature. The local dog owners don't hesitate to intervene and share dog training contact details if they see a dog being aggressive or unsociable or clearly needing to learn new skills.

Dog ownership helps relieve loneliness, supports those with depression and mental health issues, provides therapy for the sick, elderly and disabled and teaches children to care and be responsible for an animal. Most dog owners in the Orakei area a very responsible, exercising their dogs at least daily if not 2-3 times, they pick up the dog poo, and will pay it forward by picking up any missed dog poo. In the 6.5 years I've been walking our dog daily I've seen very little dog poo left on the playing fields. What I do see is the rubbish that's left behind by players and spectators after training and weekend matches. I regularly pick up used sticking plasters, hair ties, strapping tape, cable ties, orange peel, bottle tops and chicken bones (which are lethal for dogs) etc.

The dogs are not digging the holes that the football club claims they do. These field surface "blowouts" are caused by the players boot sprigs as they slide at speed as part of the game. I note the holes have been filled with sand with grass seed sprinkled on top (which is nonsense as grass won't grow on sand that doesn't hold any moisture or nourishment at any time let alone in the heat of the summer.

The proposed non-playing field off leash areas around the park perimeter are dangerous to both dogs and some owners. The areas are not flat, it is not safe being around trees and dark areas in the winter months, are infrequently mown so the grass is often long and wet so gumboots are required, plus there are 2 Karaka trees just along from the main entrance which drop their poisonous berries in summer - which kill dogs. This also goes for the grove near the playground which has numerous Karaka Trees there. The outer perimeter runs beside the road where cars often speed and the inner pathway runs beside the creek which is muddy and foul in the summer months and can be quite a torrent in the wet winter months.

The larger space between the bottom of Sprott & Southern Cross Roads is uneven, very boggy in winter and floods from under the Oak Tree out to, and often over, the access path at the bottom of Sprott Rd. This pond attracts a number of ducks for 3-4 months each winter. I often see them on the road so add off-leash dogs and speeding traffic accidents will happen.

Also in winter this area is extremely dark from 5:30 onwards. There are no street lights on the park side of this area and with the large trees and only 1 access path (which frequently floods) I feel very uneasy and unsafe walking my dog to or from the park via the Sprott Rd access path after 5:30pm in the dark. I also need to attach a light on my dogs collar in order to see him at this end of the park. If I'm off the path the grass is often very long, wet and the ground uneven so it is extremely unpleasant and unsteady underfoot.

To use another off-leash park will require me driving at peak times which I find ludicrous when there is a pork in walking distance at the bottom of our road that is used intermittently during the day (I understand the Football Club's lease states use for 18 hours/week). I would doubt the fields have been used for 18 hours in total since Christmas.

For all the above reasons I do not support the proposed changes. The status quo should continue as there is a fantastic community atmosphere at the park among dog owners and they are respectful towards the Football Club and responsible with their dogs. The Club does not own the park or the sports fields, they only pay a nominal maintenance charge while the local ratepayers foot the total bill. Any change is unnecessary and will be divisive in what is an extremely happy dog owner community at the park. The alternate off leash areas are not safe or acceptable.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:This is a change of environment for a dog to run off leash from 7pm-10pm.

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence In summer there is no off-leash opportunity for dogs to run on Kohimarama Beach.

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#5010

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are pets and should not have priority over human beings who wish to enjoy the shared spaces and feel safe and clean while doing so. Dog owners often do not exhibit control over their pets which leads to these dogs dominating the areas.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
More enforcement of the rules.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5012

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

All ratepayers should have access to public facilities unless they are being used for a particular purpose approved by Council...in this case, examples are Round the Bays, team sporting practices and games.

Existing rules allow access to the facilities in a responsible way 99% of the time so why try to change what has worked well for a very long time. Don't be pressured by a small majority, the soccer club I suspect.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Take a fair and balanced view for all users of these facilities

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5021

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support the proposal that dogs be prohibited from the Madills Farm and Glover Park sports fields ON THE FOLLOWING PROVISO:

That the Orakei Local Board remove the proposal in the Waiatarua Reserve Enhancement Plan adopted December 2019 for the additional "On Leash" area (see 9.2 on page 31 of the Plan) This proposed on leash area is currently, and has always been, an off-leash part of the park that is primarily used by dog owners. It is a 10 minute walk from public toilets and the main entrance to the park. The terrain - boggy and often unmowed for much of the year - is unsuitable for picnics, children's play activity of any kind, and other recreational activities. It is however quite suitable for exercising dogs off-leash. The area proposed was introduced into the Plan after a complaint by a single person on the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association which was taken up with gusto by a single Board member who has a long history of using his local governance experience to try and restrict dog owner use of public spaces. The Board adopted the proposal in the Plan despite a failure to adequately consult on it with not only the dog owning community of the Orakei Ward and users of Waiatarua Reserve, but the public in general. It should not be in the Plan at all. The removal of the Waiatarua Enhancement Plan proposal to further restrict dog activity would signal that the Board is prepared to be fair and reasonable when dealing with the highly emotive topic of dogs and their place in public amenities. Madills Farm & Glover Park Sports fields are not suitable places for dogs to be exercised. Waiatarua Reserve however IS a suitable place. How about showing some ability to compromise and stop threatening the few remaining SUITABLE spaces in the Local Board area where we can take our dogs.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Restricting dog related activity in local parks should be counter-balanced by offering other more suitable public spaces for off-leash exercise. Stop making us continually fight to preserve what we have! It fosters resentment.

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#5023

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is no need for a dog to be on a sports field, especially when in use. You can walk around it.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I think the rules are clear enough as they are, with the exception of lamb and bird breeding season. I think those seasons should be listed so people are aware and will hopefully stop taking their dog their for the time being.

I think it's important to also listen to dog owners, not only the ones who make the complaints and try to force the council to change the rules.

The main issue for me is that it's about roaming and not-desexed dogs as well as unregulated dog-walking businesses.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5025

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should have access to all of the park except for actual sports fields when they are being used for sports activities. This is fair for all users of the public park as it always has been

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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#5027

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5029

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills is a wonderful place where dogs, kids and adults can all enjoy the community facilities. A large number of dog owners enjoy this off leash park and there is nothing else in the immediate vicinity available for our furry friends

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5031

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

It is unfair to stop the use of public facilities to the public when not otherwise in use for an approved purpose...eg playing fields needed for practice sessions, games, approved events such as Round the Bays

Playing fields should be available for dog walkers, kite flyers and pedestrians when other authorised activities are not needed.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Leave Madills and Glover parks alone under current rules

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#5036

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5037

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It’s so important dogs have grass to walk on and Madills Farm is perfect for this. Stop making it so hard for responsible dog owners. Madills Farm works

Perfectly the way it is.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5038

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Franklin

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

No off leash areas on beaches, foreshore, sports fields, playgrounds. And a lot of these places, dogs should be prohibited to allow people and children use of the areas without the nuisance of being chased by dogs or standing in their feces. I have had I tell a lot of owners to pick up their dogs mess.

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#5039

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are so few areas as it is to safely take small dogs to play off leash. Please don't deprive us of this too.

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#5041

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need to have space to exercise otherwise they don’t burn off sufficient energy.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

There should be more areas for dogs to exercise and potentially separate areas for big and small dogs

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#5043

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are part of our family and want to have a green space to play and walk with our human children,

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#5044

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed change does not prevent dogs attacks as footpath remains on leash. Vague restricted area as proposals does not cover entire sports field.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Reducing open space for dog to exercise will not reduce dog attacks.

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#5047

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

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#5050

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is one of the happiest dog walking areas and only dog walking areas. We are there often and people are always respectful with thier dogs. Dogs already have ao many rules at beaches they need a place to be exercised.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Please don't do this

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#5051

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5052

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The park is for the benefit of the whole community, including dog owners. Further limiting the space for dogs to exercise locally is going to create a huge social problem of barking dogs. They need to run & wear themselves out. You are going to addressing one problem but create a far more problematic one.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I think the current rules around dogs at beaches suffice. Early morning & later in the afternoon accommodates everyone.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills is a great asset for dogs and their often older owners. The option would be the unsafe Tamaki Drive.

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#5054

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We are local, most time we are working for long hour. We treat our fur baby like everyone else using park for fun, enjoy and relax. We want our fur baby

Can do too.

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#5055

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are part of that community and banning them is just an outrage. They deserve a place they can be walked.

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#5058

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent proposal to restrict access for dogs on the fields at Madills Farm. My dog and I, along with many other local dog owners, have been regular users of this space for over four years. The open fields at Madills Farm offer a safe, controlled environment where my dog can run freely without the risk of encountering traffic. It is a well-known spot for dogs to socialize with others, and it has become an integral part of our daily routine.

We fully recognize that Madills Farm is a shared public space, and we are happy to share the field with sports users, making sure to leash our dog and avoid the areas being used for games whenever necessary. Additionally, we take great care to clean up after our dog and leave the area as we found it.

I understand that there have been concerns regarding the quality of the turf, particularly with reports of holes being dug and dogs peeing on personal items left on the field. However, I strongly believe that these issues do not represent the behavior of all dog owners who use the park responsibly. In fact, I have never witnessed any dogs digging holes in the four years we've been using the space. I am also aware that other factors, such as the heavy vehicles used during the annual "Round the Bays" event, may be contributing to the damage. The setup for this event involves significant activity on the field, including the use of tents and other structures, which is likely causing much of the damage reported.

Rather than imposing a blanket ban on dogs, I would like to propose several potential solutions that would address the concerns raised while allowing responsible dog owners to continue using the space:

Clear Signage: Installing signs reminding dog owners to clean up after their pets and be considerate of others using the space.

Provision of Litter Bags: Placing more dog waste bags at convenient locations around the park to ensure that owners can easily dispose of waste.

Designated Dog Areas: If possible, creating designated dog areas where dogs can exercise off-leash during times when the fields are not in use for sports or other events.

Limiting Impact of Event Setups: Considering alternative arrangements for event setups, such as using a designated area for tents and heavy vehicles that would prevent damage to the turf used for sports.

Madills Farm is a public space that should be accessible to all members of the community, including responsible dog owners. Just as we are happy to share the field with those who use it for sports, we would greatly appreciate reciprocal treatment towards our dogs. I believe that with a few adjustments, we can maintain the integrity of the field while still allowing dogs to enjoy the space safely.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these concerns further and explore potential solutions that could work for both dog owners and those who use the field for sports and other activities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Overly restrictive.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs and pets are important for many people's mental health, including companionship and helping alleviate loneliness.

They are a part of our culture and dociety. Rather than restricting dogs, I believe children and people shoukd be educated in dogs behaviour, and what to do and not do around animals. Normalize having a dog. Not encouraging fears.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Because there are not a lot of spaces to walk dogs. Taking this space away means less space

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The farm was gifted for community use for all users.

There is no issue you are trying to fix.

I walk daily my two dogs for years down there and there is no issues between sports players and dog walkers.

This proposal just causes animosity between two groups of users who traditionally have got along well.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?Kohimarama beach**What local board area is this location in?**Ōrākei**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?Tell us why**Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**Entire location**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?Please explain your issue in more detail:**To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**Summer rules and times are too restrictive.

A blanket ban on off leash is not working in summer as there is little compliance and the times should be changed to off leash before 8am and after 8pm anywhere on the beach.

The beach is most often deserted at

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The changes do not give dog owners the flexibility and accessibility to walk their dogs off-leash in local parks close to home. These parks should be available for general use including off-leash dog walking by the public when the playing fields are not in use. I think that most dog owners are respectful of keeping dogs under control and on leash when the playing fields are in use. It is divisive to families who have children playing games at the playing fields and they are not able to bring their dogs with them to the playing fields areas under the proposed changes. Madills land was gifted to the community and as such, the park should remain accessible to all. The grassy areas you propose for off-leash walking are not safe for dogs given the size of the areas, multiple dog walking groups and the close proximity to the road – this is hazardous to the safety of dogs and road-users. You are disabling the dog community by proposing these changes –dog walkers of all ages and abilities need access to these parks for off-leash walks which provide level walking areas for those with mobility/physical needs. People with physical needs and disabilities/older demographic end up disadvantaged by not being able to access off-leash dog walking on flat terrain – the areas at Glover Park are undulating and the areas at Madills have hilly parts where you lose visibility of the dog over the mounds. The proposed changes would mean dog owners would need to drive to other areas further away to run their dogs, adding to Auckland's carbon footprint and the travel costs of owners. What is clear is the proposed changes would have a detrimental impact on the welfare of dogs and owners alike – the welfare of dogs is to socialise with other dogs and have the appropriate space to run, exercise and connect safely. The same for dog owners who connect with those in their local neighbourhoods close to the parks, meeting regularly for off-leash walks and making local connections & friendships. I have been lucky to make friends locally through dog walking off-leash in these local parks close to my home, bumping into dog walkers that I know and seeing the joy of dogs exercising together. The proposed changes will result in a loss of community wellbeing and add layers of complexity to owners needing to fulfil the off-leash exercise needs of their dogs.

I query Council's data/rationale that dogs are the contributory factor for the said 'damage' to the playing fields given there are so many other factors that could contribute to their condition (e.g.) drainage, other wildlife etc. Also, how are clubs contributing to the cost of this maintenance from the turf damage from repeated play? What specific health and safety incidents have been reported as the direct result of dogs off-leash at these two locations?

On a personal note, we have a therapy dog and he needs access to the local parks in the neighbourhood for his runs, especially from 10am to 5pm during summer when we cannot use the local beaches for his runs. I have a child with a rare Neurological condition and disability so as a parent that is on call a lot and has unpredictable days, I need the flexibility to exercise our therapy dog at convenient locations locally that are not restricted by off-leash rules/times and that are accessible to us as a family. My daughter needs accessible terrain (flat) and struggles to walk distances with her complex needs – the area at Glover Park enables her to sit safely at the children's playground whilst I throw the ball for her therapy dog with everyone in sight, giving him the off leash running and social time with other dogs and a release from his therapy duties at home. It also enables my daughter to participate in her local community with her dog. Having accessible park terrain and facilities like this meets the needs of my disabled daughter, our therapy dog and myself, so that we are all connected. We will lose this with the proposed changes and create an obstacle for families with disabilities and dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a local resident, I walk my dog to Madills Park every day, typically twice a day, in the morning and evening. Through these walks, I have met and become acquainted with many other local residents and their dogs, fostering a strong sense of community. Most of the time, there are no sports activities taking place, and when there are, we ensure to keep a respectful distance.

It is important to note that the ESAFC does not own the land and contributes minimally to its upkeep. The majority of the maintenance costs are covered by ratepayers, including us dog walkers. In a recent email to its members, the ESAFC stated that they only wish to restrict dogs from the sports fields, which constitute less than 50% of the reserve. However, when considering the driveway, parking areas, stream, overgrown sections, and the children's playground, the usable area is significantly less than 50%. This remaining area is uneven, with long grass that becomes very muddy in winter, making it difficult for many, especially older individuals, to navigate.

The email also claims that the council has spent tens of thousands of dollars repairing holes allegedly dug by dogs. Many of these holes are located around the goal areas and are initially caused by sports players. The groundskeeper fills these small holes with sand, which is easily displaced by various factors such as children, birds, wind, and possibly dogs, causing the holes to gradually enlarge. If the groundskeeper used some of the funds to purchase soil and compact it properly, and perhaps installed temporary fencing between sports events, the grass would have a chance to grow. Blaming dogs entirely and spending tens of thousands of dollars on sand is misleading.

Dog owners also contribute to keeping the park clean by picking up not only dog waste but also other litter such as lollie wrappers and sports tape left by sports participants. In many countries, dogs are allowed in bars, restaurants, on public transport, and even on planes. Yet, here in the eastern suburbs, we are facing restrictions on taking our dogs to the park. This is unacceptable. We, the local residents and ratepayers, refuse to be marginalised by an elitist sports club.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm is a very popular, peaceful place for dogs to be off leash. It is one of the few safe off leash places in the area. It has good visibility, is isolated from the road, and allows families to enjoy spending time together, including with their family dogs. I am a regular there, and have found other dog owners to be incredibly respectful. There is a huge amount of space as the sports fields are rarely used during the day, meaning we have ample room for our dogs to socialise or exercise privately. It is safe and away from traffic, and gives children the chance to play with and near their pets somewhere that is safe for everyone to enjoy. It is a popular place to socialise with dogs, with most of these meet ups happening when the fields are not being uses at all. Prohibiting dogs from sports fields when they are not in use is completely unnecessary. They are separate from the playground, there are plenty of them, and they are often completely unused.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Reducing off leash areas does not make it safer for anyone. All it does is push dog owners into unsafe situations, increases congestion in remaining off leash areas, reduces the exercise dogs get, and discourages families from spending time with the whole family, which includes their pets.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is such an overwhelming support in the community against these new council policies. Madill Farm was given to the community to enjoy as a public space for everyone, it was not created as a playing field. Dogs and their owners are respectful when there is sport being played to stay away, and when the fields are not being used it is a lovely area for gathering and dogs to run free and socialise. The park is always busy and a happy space, and taking away the space for dogs will create gloomy dead space occasionally used for sports. The same is said for Glover Park, yet it is barely used by dogs. The sports fields are constantly used by people of all ages playing ball sports and therefore there are constant holes in the ground from constant hash use, from the spikes of boots, and water spouts. The managers of the sports fields who are protesting to remove dogs say the holes are caused by dogs digging, this is completely untrue, and if that was the case then there would be holes all over the park, and not just in the playing field area. There has to be an agreement so EVERYBODY can use the space, not just people playing sports.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The same comment goes as the one for madills and glover park. Dogs and people should be allowed to use the space together, dogs need an open space to socialise and burn off energy. Removing this space, and essentially giving them a tiny little section full of wild grass is cruel and abusive to dogs.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

You are constraining responsible dog owners, by the actions of a few irresponsible people. This just does not make sense. I cycle on the road round the perimeter of Madills Farm every week. I see dog owners and their dogs enjoying themselves responsibly all the time (whether on or off leash). Come on, do you not think that we ratepayers have enough of our freedoms curtailed. Find something useful to do. Freedom for Kohi!!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I feel strongly that there needs to be more, not less, off leash provision for dogs in this neighbourhood and the existing rules at Madills are adequate. The intended use of Madills farm is enjoyment for all. Not priority as a sports ground. This will directly affect my enjoyment of the park which I use as the primary off leash exercise area for my dog. Other options such as Churchill park are unsuitable in winter as full of mud and Glendowie sports field by the skate park is not an area of natural beauty and depressing to walk around.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

There are not enough large areas for dog off leash exercise currently in the eastern Auckland areas of St Heliers and Glendowie and Kohimarama, so I feel strongly that they should not be further restricted. The Madills Farm area is not solely intended as a sports ground but to serve as a space for enjoyment for all.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The area suggested is not ample. The park is there for the enjoyment of everyone. The new proposal seems to benefit one group more than the other. The suggested safety of all should be considered.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a great facility for shared use and there are limited off leash areas in auckland

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Hi there.

Firstly, it seems there are missing details in this page. I've been following this case with other members of the community and is known that the soccer club was complaining of the cost they have to fix the wholes created by the dogs and other concerns. All of them in a ton of accusations towards the community members, as if we were damaging a private property owned by the Soccer Club.

However, this area is not private and is managed by the council and its maintenance is paid by the taxpayers of the community, which are also the members of the soccer club.

I cannot agree on a change where it only benefits one side, as is very clear there are two sides here, the community using the area for recreation purposes and walk their dogs, and the other side is the Soccer Club, using the fields regularly during school terms.

I've been using this area for around 5 years now, walking my dog, and also using for recreation with my family and my son.

I can totally understand that the turf needs regular maintenance and eventually gets damaged, but saying that Dogs are the cause of it as they dig holes, I think is a bit too much. Even more as so far I haven't seen a public evidence of it, no vídeos on social medias or myself witnessing or anyone that I spoke to.

In fact dogs might dig wholes when playing or in other situations, very common at the beach. But in parks, they are busy with other activities and don't have the need of digging holes, to hide a treat/food, or as very common, trying to go under fences to reach the neighbours or just escape, when confined at home.

At Madills, we can see the majority of the dogs always walk at the footpath and then spent a few minutes running and playing on the grass around the area. If you walk and look closely, the dogs spent more time in the areas off of the sport fields, and they are not so damaged. If dogs dig holes, why didn't they dig around these areas too?

For this change to be fair, I believe more actual material should be shared to the community to support either sides. For example, dogs digging holes? Can you prove? Is there any CCTV footage from the soccer cub or neighbourhoods showing this?

Is there any clause in the contract for events such as Round The Bays, official sport matches like soccer or cricket or school sports event, where the user must document in form of picture and or video the area utilized to setup the infrastructure for such events? Documenting the Before and After, to prove they maintained the area and kept it clean and in the same condition as it was before?

How about tents, trolleys, carts, BBQ and all other type of tools and equipment dragged, fit and installed in the are during such events? They surely cause damage to the land, to the grass, to the turf.

If such thing is not in place, we can't have change like the one proposed. At least not yet.

In my opinion, if the sport area is a concern, they should be isolated from the public, for example with small fences or other form of limitations. Like 1m tall fence. This makes it visually obvious to the public that is not a place for the public , as it's for sports only. With some signs and guidelines of how to use and keep the place good, what kind of shoes, of equipments are allowed or not. For example, if the turf is only for cricket and soccer, so no other equipment or sport should be practiced there, like rugby, tennis or golf (as sometimes we can see people playing golf there).

With that, the sports club can guarantee the quality of the turf and invest in better repairs and etc and also better place for the community to use.

Specifically for Madills farm there are 5 soccer fields area and I think two crickets one. Why not isolating 2 or three soccer fields and one cricket, to keep it at more professional level that can be booked, and the other one more simple for the public to use at any time?

With all of that, in my opinion the issue here is clearly not with the dog owners, but how the area is managed and maintained. One can't just blame a third party without substantiating their claims first and providing documentation of the party that caused the damage.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
no.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As an older person there are very few safe areas left in Auckland where you can give your dog a run off leash .. an important part of a dogs social, physical and psychological well being.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

There are obviously entitled dog owners who spoil it for responsible dog owners and there is no changing that.. you get that in all walks of life .. unless you are going to police dog areas more vigilantly which would be a ridiculous cost.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Tell us why

I use Madills Park regularly when I take my dog for a walk, prohibiting dogs from the playing surfaces at all times is a bad idea. How can this possibly be enforced? When I am there dog owners are acting responsibly and removing droppings from the area. We pay a dog registration fee yearly, thing this area awayfrom our use seems vastly unfair.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a parent and dog owner the park is there for everyone not just Football and cricket

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are part of our family and should be allowed to continue to enjoy madills farm, we need to educate owners about looking after dogs rather than banning access

I think current rules are appropriate and do not require changes.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Owners should be fined if they don't collect poo

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Maddils farm is a community dog get together where locals on a daily basis meet and let their dogs play. Responsible dog owners always make sure to leave the park clean. It's fantastic to have public spaces that are multi-use as it creates a better local community.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There has been historical use by thousands of dog owners per week on this park every week and only a few hours per week for sports use . This is a ridiculous proposal

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs are owned by rate payers for the maintenance and upkeep of these beautiful parks and council wants to ban the people who pay for it ? Council needs to appreciate who pays the bills in this city

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We are a community and Madills is park the entire area uses for all sorts of reasons. I don’t have a dog but I think it is crucial we include our four legged friends for our families as there are no back yards anymore .

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This park can be well utilised for families and dogs, the way it is. As long as dog poop is cleaned up there should not be a problem. It’s a great area for people and dogs to meet each other and socialise. To close the field, would just further seclude people into their own bubble so to speak. I have met many other lovely other dog owners at Madills Farm while the dogs enjoy off leash play together. We truely hope the existing rules are kept.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe that this is an unnecessary change to the current dog access bylaws. Madills Farm and Glover Park are important resources for everyone. I often walked my dog at both parks and the opportunity to run off leads provides healthy exercise that walking on leesh does not. I cannot see the issue that the proposed changes to the bylaws will resolve. If the sports fields are not in use at the time then what is the issue with dogs running on them. If the issue is with regards to owners not picking up after their dog then target that poor behaviour with a bylaw specifically, but a blanket ban impacts everyone, not just inconsiderate dog owners.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm is an excellent safe off leash location because of its size and quiet surrounding roads. It’s a social hub for dogs and owners to meet and you would be removing an important part of the community. It’s also a good nearby alternative during summer when dogs are not allowed on the beach.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Stop attacking responsible dogs and their owners, start focusing on roaming dogs.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Sports fields need to be free of dog excrement.

Dogs on leash while sports fields are in use so as not to disrupt games.

Dogs permitted off leash when sports field are not in use allows well trained dogs to enjoy supervised free range exercise but remaining off any designated sports field.

It would be very helpful:

1. to be able to access an online site that indicates when sports fields are in use, so that dog owners and dog walking businesses can plan ahead.

2. to have very clear markings to indicate location of sports fields

NOTE: I have had the joy of canine companionship for almost 40 years. I am a responsible dog owner. I always pooper scoop after my dog. I take time to train my dogs so that they are obedient in all settings. I have observed runners (early morning usually) who run far ahead of their leash free dog / dogs. They are oblivious to their dog defecating, and then, do not pooper scoop. I am frustrated that the actions of these thoughtless few impact on all dog owners. Also, council provided pooper scooping bag holders do not appear to be topped up regularly. (I carry my own bags)

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.

Location 1

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

St Heliers Beach / Te Whanganui o Toi

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:Cliff Road end of the beach, past the public toilets

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

This area is not often used by beach goers.

It would be a user friendly leashfree location, esp at low tide.

Dogs can enjoy the water without impacting on swimmers.

This area is often devoid of or, has very few beach visitors.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Please refer to previous comments about runners not pooper scooping and lack of council provided poop bags

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I think this is absolutely ludicrous. This park is the main dog park for the eastern bays area and provides such community for so many dogs and owners. This would be such a horrible loss for the community if we were no longer able to let our dogs have some controlled freedom in this nice big open space! Especially in the summer when it is too hot for our dogs to walk on the concrete and they are already not allowed on the beach. Basically you wouldn't even be able to walk your dog during the daylight hours for months at a time!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe the area should be available for community use and not overly resticted primarily for use by Eastern Suburbs Football Club. The proposed amendments would effectivly restrict use of the central and safest area of Madills exclusively for football and exclude a large percentage of the local community who pay rates and have been regular users of the facilities. I am a dog owner and take my small dog off-leash daily for a run at the park. I avoid the footballers who are regularly training. My dog does not dig holes and I pick up after her. I beleieve it is not a equal sharing of community facilities for this activity to be only availbale in the usafe area of the park next to the roads.

I beleive as elected representitives you should treat all community activities fairly and not promorte a football club ahead of other activities.

When football/cricket is taking place they vitually cover the entire usable area of the park and we cannot access this area either with or without dogs- surely that is enough consideration given to minority community groups without excluding dogs when the park is not in use.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

It appears the proposed "updates" almost entirely serve to limit the off leash dog areas. The Council's approach to the provision of information is disingenuous and should state this openly. While I agree with limitations on the number of dogs a person can walk, I do not support the Council's move to reduce the areas where dogs can exercise safely and happily off leash.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Yes, the Council's animal regulatory team would do so much more good if they were to rectify the tragic circumstances in which so many Auckland dogs have to live: confined to kennels, chained up, neglected and abused. While I realise this is a not a central government issue, there is so much more that could be done at a local level.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Limited spaces for dog off lead activity. Sports ground like Madill's Farm rarely used for sport (many hours of the day it is unutilised). Issue is actually people failing to pick up after their dog - why not toughen that issue up rather than reaching for the ban word. No reasonable dog owner would disagree with harsher penalties for failing to clean up after their dog.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need to be on leash always. This park is for people and often need to avoid because of off leash dogs.make a dog section, closed off if needed

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Park is for use by all. The limitation to small subset of users from football club is unjustfied. The linkage between dogs and football injuries and maintenance costs is not justified or explained. Existing rules suffice.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There’s enough rules already. Dogs are part of families and provide so much joy. It’s all of our land to enjoy. Leashes are very limiting for people with old dogs that can’t walk fast. And cause aggression issues in some dogs when leashes tangle

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Summer hours should be reduced, and off leash allowed after 5

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#5127

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I AM NOT A DOG OWNER, BUT AM AWARE OF THE AMOUNT OF DOGS OFF LEASH IN THIS AREA, THAT ARE EITHER AGGRESSIVE TO OTHER PARK WALKERS, OTHER DOGES, AND WHO DEFECATE IN THE PARK. IF THEY ARE ON A LEASH, THE OWNER CANNOT IGNORE THEIR DOGS BEHAVIOUR BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS IT IS THEIR DOG THAT IS CRAPPING AND NOT BEING PICKED UP, OR BARKING AND BEING AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS OTHER DOGS/PEOPLE

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

For health reasons keep dogs off sports fields.

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#5133

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed full access to the park when sports fields are not in use

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs should be allowed on beaches at all times but on leash over the summer period. Also, the summer period for dogs not being allowed on beaches is too long, it should match the school holidays

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#5139

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are now so many dogs in the area and it impacts other users of the areas. While most people are conscientious about picking up poo some are not and it's not fair that kids have to run around sports field with dog **********. I have seen dogs that are not well controlled and owners are not always receptive to bringing their dog under control. I believe clarification for all users and spaces designated for off leash use would be more appropriate.

Many locals take their dogs to the beach and Churchill park so there are numerous alternatives.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

St Heliers Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to a time and season rule / Change the current time and season rule (please specify)

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:There are massive numbers of dogs on the beach, there is dog ********** on the beach and children play there.

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

I just think the times for off leash need to be a bit tighter and enforced. Some bins and bags for the ********** like there used to be would be great. Of a morning there may be 50 dogs on the beach. That's a lot of ********** in bins all day.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I'm not anti dog at all, I just think sometimes dog owners could be a bit more respectful of other users of public spaces.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Most dog owners live around the parks and are incredibly responsible in care of the park. Dog owners are rate payers who are part of the community and parks.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a local veterinarian and a parent of two children who play soccer at Madills Farm on Saturday mornings. I strongly oppose the proposed bylaw change that would prohibit dogs from being exercised off-lead on the sports fields when not in use.

The current rules strike an appropriate balance, allowing dogs to enjoy off-lead exercise when sports fields are not in use while ensuring they are leashed when activities are taking place. In my experience, this has worked well for both dog owners and sports users.

As a vet, I see firsthand how essential off-lead exercise is for dogs' physical and mental well-being. Madills Farm provides an easily accessible, flat area for dogs to exercise. Restricting off-lead access would limit opportunities for exercise and socialisation, negatively impacting our local dog community.

From a parent's perspective, I have not found the current dog use during the week to be an issue, and I believe maintaining the current rules is the best solution for all park users.

I urge the council to reconsider the proposed changes and retain the current bylaw, which allows dogs under control off-leash when sports fields are not in use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I believe that well-regulated off-lead access to parks and beaches is essential for the physical and mental well-being of dogs. Exercise, socialisation, and outdoor activity contribute significantly to dogs' overall health, and our parks and beaches provide invaluable spaces for this.

I support maintaining and, where possible, enhancing dog-friendly access across our community. I encourage the Council to work collaboratively with dog owners to promote responsible pet ownership, such as ensuring dogs are well-trained, supervised, and cleaned up after, rather than imposing overly restrictive regulations that could impact the welfare of pets and the enjoyment of their owners.

Balancing the needs of all park and beach users is important, and I believe current rules generally achieve this without unnecessary restrictions on dog owners.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Restricting dogs at all times from the sports field would have a significant impact on the wider community. The sports fields make up a huge section of the park and only very few members of our Kohimarama and St Heliers community are member of the sports club. The park is used throughout the day by a large number of dog walkers who take their daily exercise there and form community connections. Removing this would have a very negative impact on a wide range of peoples' wellbeing.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Limiting access to Glover Park for dogs off leash in marked sports areas is a massive overreach & suggests that the sole reason for this is to cater for sports players at organised events - this is just 1 part of the cohort that enjoy access to Glover Park. The vast majority of owners who exercise dogs at Glover are responsible & care for the park - their local park. Any damage to playing surfaces cannot be mainly attributed to dogs & their owners - it is due to

use of the park by many groups, football, crockets, walkers, kids playing, mountain bikers etc etc.

Millions has been spent on the improvement of the grounds at Glover and it does a good job of standing up to heavy use even in mid-winter conditions. What should dg owners be penalised? Owners who exercise dogs here are mainly local and have paid handsomely via rates for the upkeep & improvements at Glover and have a right to enjoy them - juts as much as any other locals.

Churchill park is a pastoral, open "wild" park and is enjoyed as such by walkers, dog owners and their pets. It is off leash and is enjoyed as such. Again, the vast majority of owners are responsible and respect the park and its other users. If anything, it is the grazing cattle that damage and pollute the park. Cow's defecating & urinating and turning pasture into mud in winter are a real issue here - not lightweight dogs with owners who pick up their mess.

The pollution in the waterways of the park is clear to see and stems from the cattle - why are dogs singled out & not cattle? Also, what is the arrangement with the cattle - who owns them, who pays for the damage they cause?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm was gifted as a recreation park to all Aucklanders but this change is only in favour of the sports club and is not allowing dog owners to use the fields when they are not even in use. Dog owners are predominantly responsible and keep these parks clean. There is always litter and rubbish left lying around after sports teams have used the area. Dogs are not the problem. Teams should do a warm up run around the field to check prior to playing if they are so concerned. I don't believe it is that much of a problem and that this has been exaggerated as a means to get dogs banned. There are fewer and fewer places where dogs can be exercised off leash in these suburbs and dogs need to be able to run and play. Dog owners are rate payers too and entitled to equal access to these areas. We also pay dog registration. What do the sports teams contribute? They have been trying to get rid of dogs for years so they can have exclusive access but this is clear discrimination and taking away our rights as residents. We need to preserve these areas for the benefit of everyone not just a few. They might play sport once a week for a few weeks but dog owners walk their dogs every single day, 7 days a week month after month for years rain or shine. It is a serious commitment and this council is taking away options of where we can exercise our dogs safely and in an enjoyable environment. I am totally opposed to these changes which seem to have no actual valid reason except for demands from a few (sports club) and ignores the wishes of our community. I do not think the health and safety of these sports people is at risk from dogs

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Please do not make it impossible to use these public spaces for dogs and their owners. It is very important to allow fair access to these spaces. Dogs are good for people and communities. There is an anti dog vibe from council already.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

My young children (5 & 7) learned how to ride bikes at Madills Farm and also play football on the sports fields.

Strange dogs running up, jumping on and slobbering all over my kids have always been an exceedingly unwelcome feature of our visits to Madills Farm.

Both my children were knocked off their balance bikes by dogs at Madills when learning.

I am also uncomfortable with dogs urinating and defecating over the playing surfaces that my kids play on, often with open wounds (being normal young kids).

Most dog owners are very good at cleaning up faeces but that doesn't detract from the fact that hundreds of dogs are defecating on those playing surfaces and, despite most being good, there are still routinely uncollected faeces all over the park.

Other cities have fenced areas for off-leash dogs to run around in.

There is space near the children's playgound to put an off-leash area for dogs.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Yes, please consider changes to dog access rules at Kohimarama & St Heliers Beaches and on the GI-Orakei Shared Path (Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai) that I submitted separately.

We are fed up with unwelcome encounters with off-leash dogs on the shared path and at these beaches during summer when dogs are supposed to be either on-leash or prohibited.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived next to Madills Farm reserve for 25 years. I am an involved community member and have walked our dogs over the years at least once a day at Madills Farm because it is an off-leash dog reserve. I pick up rubbish left behind by sports teams - discarded bandages, water bottles food wrapping, etc. We work from home and overlook the park seeing people of all ages enjoying this amazing green open space, many are dog walkers young and old. We happily share our reserve with ESAFC, Cricket, Touch Rugby, local schools, etc, but when does the constant push by ESAFC for complete dominance over our reserve stop? Madills Farm is not the location for a commercial sporting entity to further grow its membership and develop its semi-professional teams. ESAFC have stated in their submission 28/09/23 "The surfaces are heavily used and in some months "overused" " and "predicted usage figures indicate that improved durability surfaces and more lighting is required to meet the demand." Is this an indication that ESAFC will next be wanting artificial turf, fencing, more floodlighting towers, multi-storey clubrooms, spectator stands - as per the ESAFC previous years' submissions?

The OLB is supposed to reflect the views of the community, not an individual sports club that pays a minimal amount to lease the fields, and we the Ratepayers pay for all the maintenance of an "overused" field that is still not good enough for them. Maybe it's time ESAFC looks for a more suitable location that is equipped to provide for their predicted growth and constant turf upgrading; a location in a suitable sporting precinct that is not a community reserve surrounded by homes.

Dogs are being blamed for the increase of costs due to damage to the turf. Attached are photos from Tuesday morning 11/02/25. They clearly show damage made by football boot studs, skids with studs, worn out patches by goal posts and mid-field sections, divots and holes created by kicks from football boots - particularly noticeable where corners are taken from during football play, holes made by the sprinklers and fencing damage. This is not caused by dogs. Has the OLB considered reducing the amount of football pitches to help bring down costs?

I am a responsible dog owner. We keep our dog off designated pitches when sport is in play. I have never seen a dog digging on the turf. It would be irresponsible and stressful to suggest dogs are walked off leash around the outside of Madills Farm next to the road. Research consistently shows that off leash socialisation is the key to well-behaved dogs.

With Auckland's housing intensification and people working from home, we need more than ever green spaces that provide for our physical and mental health, safe spaces for vulnerable people where this reserve may be the only opportunity to have human interaction that day. Madills Farm is a treasure for our community and the status quo should remain so that it can be enjoyed by all people for generations to come.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No, but I have photos I will try to upload to support my submission.

#5156

One of many sprinkler holes

#5156

Fence damage in a line

#5156

Football boot skids

#5156

Fence damage

#5156

Sprigs at Corners

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Two many dogs at Maddils. Many not on leash and not under control by their owners. Goodness only knows how much damage is being done to the sports pitches.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Many owners in this area, from my own personal experience have fantastic control of their dogs, clean up after them and the dogs love running around up the hills and around the park when the sports fields are not in use. Dogs are such an important family member to so many in the Eastern Suburbs and its essential we keep these areas available for everyone to work synergistically

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm is a shared community space not just a sports field, so should be able to be accessed by all

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As rate payers we should have access with our pets to these parks

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current situation is untenable - dogs dig up the sports fields and defecate on them.

I've seen a football player dislocate their knee after landing in a hole in the pitch. I've also seen footballs with dog excrement on them. One player ended up with dog excrement on his face after heading a ball. If the status quo were to be maintained, Auckland Council could be breaching their Healthy and Safety obligations when a football player is injured/if they become sick after exposure to dog feces.

The unfortunate reality is that a small number of irresponsible dog owners are ruining it for the remainder of dog owners. Whilst almost all dog owners are responsible, I believe the minority of negligent/irresponsible owners cause these problems.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs provide comfort, positivity, company and exercise for us. We need places to go to exercise and enjoy playing with them. Madills is one of the few places in Orakei that we can do this. Dogs are an important part of our lives and we need places and spaces for them to use. Most dog owners at Madills are responsible and careful - please don't penalise the many for the few. Madills is big enough for everyone. Although perhaps if Madills wasn't used as a sports field we who don't play soccer could enjoy it more! Seems like this use outweighs any other use for it. What about other sports too like basketball? Why does soccer and children's sport have a dominant presence at Madills over all the dog owners in the area? It would be interesting to gauge how many locals would prefer dogs use it versus soccer kids using it!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in the area for 30 years and have had dogs that I walk at Madills and Glover Parks for that time. My dogs are golden retrievers who have been and still are therapy pets. I have owned 5 goldens over this period. Some 2 at a time. Their service has been and still is widely used in Auckland. We have visited Auckland hospital various areas - Starship, Heart wards, geriatric ward, Fraser MacDonald House and the mental health unit. We also have been to Oceania rest hone in Meadowbank and St John's dementia unit in Epsom. These dogs have provided much love and care for many members of our community over the past years. They have always enjoyed the ability to run, play, and roll in the grass at Madills and Glover parks particularly after they have visited many less fortunate members of the general community who wish to cuddle them and just have a non demanding friend in their lives. I also need to be able to go to these parks and meet other people who have dogs and interact with me personally for my mental wellbeing. Visiting these places can be emotionally upsetting for me too and the freedom to run, walk and play with my dogs and interact with others who have become friends over the years has been just wonderful for us all. There are other places we were able to have that freedom but they have restrictions on them now - Crossfield park, mt Wellington, Shore Road fields, Colin Maiden Park. So many restrictions for me to meet new people with common interests and for the dogs to be free to roll in the grass and socialise with other dogs and healthy people. I do not support any change to the bylaws for Madills or Glover Parks and love to see the dogs interacting with families and sports people. We all live in the same community and we all need space to walk freely with our dogs.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

The current rules appear satisfactory for our local beaches and parks. Thank you

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The current rules allowing dog off leash access to the playing fields have been in place with no significant issues for over 40 years and are a very valuable and rare option for all local dog owners the vast majority of which are resident ratepayers.

The proposed change is not supported by any properly researched reasons and those put forward do not stand up to the most simple examination.

For example the suggestion of multiple dogs digging holes is total nonsense. The holes that occur in the fields on occasion are caused by the high water level underlying the fields causing collapse of the turf and the method of treatment by putting sand in the holes is flawed as they require replacement turf.

The fields are zoned for general recreational use not just as sports fields and need to be available to all Aucklanders not just for football or cricket etc. Dog owners and walkers use the fields from dawn to dark and as a gathering and social space which is a unique and wonderful resource.

Any change will cause significant resentment and unhappiness amongst local ratepayers and could well be subject to legal challenges.

At the very least any proposed change should be deferred until a proper full review is carried out and local ratepayers are properly consulted and polled and ideally after the upcoming local body elections when this will be a significant issue in removing an existing option from ratepayers across Auckland.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
The current rules appear perfectly satisfactory.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Remove the menacing meth addicts, drunks an

Rough sleepers who pitch their tents and accost the walkers. Honestly get the priorities right for goodness sake.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a dog owner and use the park to exercise my dog off leash.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am an 80 year old owner of a Cavoodle and we both love the socialising

offered at Maddils Farm. I am still active but many who come

require a flat surface to exercise themselves and their dogs. Maddils

Farm is perfect for them. Other dog walking areas nearby are hilly and

Not suitable for the many older people.

In my experience people at Madills are thoughtful and responsible

Clearing up poop and in control of their pets.

I am vigorously opposed to any changes to the existing arrangement.

Madills Farm provides a safe and social space for dogs and dog owners alike. We have been taking our dog here for a number of years. Dog owners are careful about cleaning up after their dogs and have respect for everyone using the park. We would to have dogs continue to use Madills Farm off leash and under control as it is now.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm is for all people to use. It makes sense that while some are using it for sports games dogs should be kept off the fields that are in use for the safety and convenience of both the players and the owners. However, when fields are not in use it makes no sense to ban dogs and their owners from walking across it as the fields that are used for sports takes up a majority of the park and is in the very centre of the park. Furthermore, if they just be on leash near the fields that further limits the amount of space allowed for the dogs to be able to properly exercise. If the reason for this permanent ban is to keep the fields in a good condition by banning dogs and people From walking over them this makes no sense as it is a field and public park, not a sports arena (as has been attempted to be built in the past and was resoundingly rejected) with the added benefit of being used as a temporary space for a variety of sports games. Many people use the central part of the park for walking, running, cycling (which is not banned but would damage the grass more than a dog's paw prints), playing recreational sport that is not official and does not cordon off fields, to meet up with fellow dog owners and chat and let the dogs off leash as no games are in play, and for round the bays which sets up may tents and trucks. Notably, the water fountain for dogs is located right next to the soccer club and fields and during the summer months or hot weather dogs cannot walk on the footpath as they will get burned but need access to water so have to either go across sports fields that aren't in use or get burned which is not a fair trade off. Furthermore, when the fields are not in use, the dogs pose no inconvenience or danger to anyone as no one is playing the sport.

To conclude my submission, it makes no logical sense to ban dogs at all times on sports fields as Madills Farm is not just an area used to play sports, it is a dog park, cycle park, walking park. It is not fair to cordon off areas of the park to exclude the park's most loyal visitors (dog owners) from meeting and chatting to other dog owners and letting their dogs run about when otherwise the fields are just sitting there not in use. This amendment should not happen and I am sure there are many, many other people (both dog owners and not) who feel the same way as me. The rules as they currently stand make sense and should not be changed.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This ridiculous proposal makes some users more important in their time at the park, than others. As a long, long time resident, & ratepayer in the area, I am disgusted that not all people under this proposal will be able to use all of the publicly owned park, just because they own a dog. If the Council is worried about dog poo on the sports fields, maybe they could use the enforcement measures they already have to fine any dog owner not picking up their dog's waste, & not penalise most good dog owners. This proposal is nothing but a cop out by the Council, for not doing their job.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Dogs, with their owners should be able to have access to all parks & beaches, at all times.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It has been an off lead park for years and is enjoyed by many

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I accept the current rulings for beaches and dogs. I do not agree with making current off leash parks banned from dogs

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a kohi resident who has grown up in the area, the park is a major part of our community. By taking away essential off leash areas to dogs, you are also taking away important aspects of the community. Dogs need a big area in order to play and exercise effectively, by limiting to only on leash near the fields and no dogs on the fields you are taking this away. The Kohi community is filled with dog walkers, I have made many friends in my neighborhood by our experiences in the park with our off-leash dogs. Please do not let these restrictions happen to our parks. Thank you.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

As a local community member, and responsible dog owner I strongly oppose the dog rules that the council is looking to change at Madills Park. Covid 19 changed a lot of things for people and their dogs and being able to get out and exercise was a saving grace for many, fast forward over the last few years I have seen Madills Farm reconnect people and their dogs, especially the elderly being able to drive down, sit on a park bench whist their pooches have a run around off leash, I have also had many chats with young mums going through PND and the feeling of fresh air, walking the buggy and family pets being able to be walked off leash at the same time to give them some sort of reprieve, and then meeting with other young mums experiencing the same overwhelming feeling as the

Also I pay my ACC rates and my dog registration fees too. which confirms I am a responsible dog owner. Majority of us as dog owners respect the space, and pick up after our dogs, The Melanesia Trust also gifted this land for community use not just as a sports field, Many weekdays I walk our dog and there is no one around because the children are at school, I have no problem with dogs not being allowed off leash during sports i.e weekends during seasons but other than those times our dogs should be able to have off leash time. Research also shows if you put a number of dogs into a confined space you will create problems, anxiety, stress and then on top of that due to frustration bite attacks will happen purely from dogs not being space to run around, Please consider my thoughts

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The first question that comes to mind is WHY are changes being made to Madills Farm dog usage? What has suddenly happened to cause the change? can someone explain please.

I have been using Madill's since I bought a Cavoddle puppy some four and a half years ago. It has been a great place for dogs of all shapes and sizes to socialize and exercise. Madills is seem as a "Safe" place for both dogs and people, with the open space and shade from the larger trees. The sealed foot path offers easy access for elderly folk who have to uses walkers or mobility scooters as their dogs run freely on the grass. Fortunately although 80 next year I am still mobile.

That said there are other folk less fortunate. I know of several users of Madills farm that live close bye and the walk to Madills is within their mobility. They can walk at their comfortable pace while their dogs can enjoy a run around and socialise. Imagine the impact for some of these people if this was to change. One lady I was speaking to was in tears as she thought of an alternative if the use of Madills was to change and spoke. What am I going to do?. Unable to drive, unable to take my dog on a bus unless in a cage or muzzled. I couldn’t carry a cage it would be hard for me on my own to even get on a bus, she said let alone getting on with a cage.

Unquestionable people with their dogs at Madills are responsible people clearing up poop and being in control of their pets. It is great that Madills is utilized as much as it is. To restrict usage to the small area being suggested is as good as closing Madill’s up completely.

I challenge anyone to take a walk around Madills and find a good reason why dogs should be band.

I strongly oppose any changes to the existing situation.

Naturally I would expect dog owners, and have witnessed, owners who do not have a tight control over their dog to put them on a leash when a game is in progress.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

All dogs to be registered and chipped and aggressive dogs banned.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a dog owner and regularly use Madills Farm for off-lead exercise of our dog. My son also plays touch rugby, so I can see things from both sides.

I have noted that some other dog owners are giving others a bad name by not cleaning up after their dog. I can understand the concern of sports people potentially being impacted by irresponsible dog owners, but the effective ban would get rid of a valued resource for exercising our dog. We do things like throwing balls and keeping our dog entirely off the playing surfaces would be difficult. I've already started avoiding the playing surfaces and there is room around the outside, but a complete restriction would severely limit the use of the park. At certain times, the vast majority of park users are dog walkers and I think it it heavy-handed to ban the majority of the space for these users when the sports fields are not in use.

In my view, a proportionate response would be to allow off-lead exercise, but with an emphasis on educating owners regarding cleaning up. On-lead while games are on is reasonable. As for the playground, this is fenced, so on-lead around the playground also seems heavy-handed, especially if the playing fields are being removed from off-lead exercise. Dogs can't get through the fence, so the area outside the playground is vital for off-lead exercise.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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#5204

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm park and Glover park is there for the community whether you are a dog owner or a sports person.As a dog owner I think it is not a balanced policy to ban dogs off leash in these parks (the bulk)when it is not being used for sport. These parks are not big enough to restrict dogs and their owners like this. Who are mostly visiting these parks for the same reason as the sports people are. Recreation and socialising.As well as the fact that off leash access to the beach is very restricted in the summer months which leaves very little space for dog owners to exercise their dogs off leash.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs and their owners are entitled to fair and reasonable access off leash at the local beaches and parks.
Summer beach hours off leash have been working well with most people sticking to the rules.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It's a dog park. Dogs should be allowed on leash at all times.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Dogs should be allowed anywhere on leash.

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#5211

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Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The fields are a shared area and comprise the most surface area of the parks. These are shared amenities used mostly by dog owners. The Auckland Council has a sad legacy of discriminatory practises against law abiding and responsible dog owners. Rather toughen up the penalties against bag owners and owners of dangerous dogs than penalising all for the crimes of the few. We are rate payers too and are entitled to the amenities.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is near a playground. Fully fenced which makes its great for families to use. I do not support banning dogs from here

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Allow dogs on leach at Mission Bay at all times and off leash at certain times

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

For the most part, the dog walkers of Madills and Glover are very responsible, clearing up mess and respecting pitches when the fields are in play. The park is used constantly by dog walkers who utilise it far more than the sports teams. To remove the off leash aspect of the park seems particularly mean-spirited.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I take my dog there frequently, all the dogs there have a great time and well behaved. This proposed change is totally unnecessary .

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Because the beaches are off limits during summer there are limited places to walk a dog off leash in these areas. My kids play football at these parks and it’s an ideal time to give our dog a run so we all get some much needed exercise. Well controlled dogs don’t need leashes to stay off the fields

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These fields are the only ones of any value in this area, old people and children walk their dogs and play on the fields with balls, dogs need to be able to run and play with each other, also the fields are for everyone not just a select few, we have been paying through our rates for years so that we can play with our own dogs on this park unobstructed, this is not a Auckland Regional Park which has already banned dogs, if you want registration fees for our dogs , you need to provide some good services and leave the regulations as they are..

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I think I have said it all...
Leave the regulations as they are or give us something better without obstructions..

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Poop on the pitches is not good, residue still left on grass, even if picked up. Kids playing minutes later.

Dogs off leash running around ever night when kids play footballl, owners throwing balls everywhere . Dogs digging holes in pitches. Keep in line with other Auckland sports pitches.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have lived in kohimarama for 20 years and love walking around the park every morning watching dogs having a lovely time running around. Puts a smile on my face and many others. Great way to chat to other people and when great when you are feeling sad and lonely

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dog owners have as much right to enjoy the park as sports users and the 2 ’have coexisted for years ,

Mostly successfully. Stop imposing more and more rules on dog owners. Dogs are hugely important to many many people and and it is wonderful

To see so many of them enjoying the entire park. Impose a fine for not picking up droppings but stop at that please.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Stop making so many rules!

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These proposed changes close the park entirely to dogs off-leash.

The unintended effect will be more dogs in closer proximity to children and the elderly riding or walking along the exterior pathway. This could increase the risk of harm, should a child scare a dog, or to an elderly person if they get startled from a dog calmly walking past them.

There are very few off leash areas in this area of auckland, let's keep this one as it is for all aucklanders to enjoy in a respectful manner.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

St Heliers

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:Eastern section beyond the playground on the beach. Far side of the groin

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Allowing dogs longer beach access off leash in Summer. But still allowing for dog free areas as well

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

As previous

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Off leash parks and beaches are essential for exercising dogs. Giving them the freedom to explore and be dogs. Agreed that they should be under control.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a disgrace. No issues with off leash dogs for years. Apparently the dogs dig holes in the fields and there is a report to that effect. I asked Ōrākei Board member Angus McPhee to walk with me on Maddills on a Monday morning to find these mysterious holes dug by dogs over the weekend that apparently people fall in to & hurt themselves. He refused my offer. I spent 45 minutes walking up & down Maddills. Didn't find a single hole. Council have already made up their mind to do this & are just paying lip service to the locals who have walked their dogs there off leash for years. I thought we got rid of Nana state when we got rid of Labour. Clearly not. Bring on the October elections.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The restricted area is far too large, making the default off-leash rule almost pointless. The tiny off-leash space isn’t nearly enough for dog owners. Plus, turning the whole field into a soccer-only zone is a real waste of a great community resource and a big letdown for dog owners.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The sports area can already be effectively cordoned with simple ribbon fencing as has been done

The culture of the park is a dog park and it would harm the most regular users of the park :-)

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5257

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm was left as a reserve for the.people of kohimarama. It was being used as a place for dogs far before the council allowed a football club to be built there - just wondering how a private company can be built on a reserve btw?

They can ********** share it. They don’t own the land - it’s for the people to be shared by the people. 99% of people who walk their dogs there are decent and pick up after their dogs. Occasionally a poo gets missed - but it’s not the end of the world.

Often there are sports bottles, rubbish, beer bottles etc left by club members on the field - the dog walkers pick these up so that no one gets hurt and their dogs don’t get hurt either.

Madills farm is also used as a community meeting place for all the elderly residents to 1) socialise their dogs 2) make positive social connections themselves. It is an integral part of our community. There is already heaps of rules about the dogs on the local beaches. But the dogs aren’t the ones leaving sanitary items, plastic bottles, kids toys beer bottles and the like on the beach. We pay heaps for our dogs to be registered with you guys. Now you want to tell us we can’t exercise them in parks anymore? Fair play they shouldn’t be near kids playgrounds. But on a field?

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Keep it as it is. Fine owners for braking rules. Make owners of dangerous/aggressive breeds muzzle their dogs in public

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

I have more to do with dogs than field sports, so I do not support my rates being used for a purpose I have no interest in while denying access to one that I do. In the past I did have reason for the use of the sports fields, and at that time, the current rules were sufficient.

If sports field users want exclusive rights to an area, then they are most welcome to purchase land for private use.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not think that Madills Farm is suitable for dogs to be off leash in any area, this is due to lack of fencing near busy roads, a large sports field as part of the park and the poor compliance of dog owners generally in this park presently.

It is a park that should be on leash only.

#5265

From: [redacted]
Subject: Commercial Dog Walking / Regulation
Date: 22 March 2018 at 5:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Complete Canine Care admin@completecaninecare.co.nz, [redacted], DOGlife NZ [redacted], [redacted] dogwalkerauckland@gmail.com

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for taking the time to chat a couple of weeks ago, and again today - and I apologise for not emailing you sooner. And I am so happy to hear that the matter of regulation around commercial dog walkers is on the table within council and making some headway, hopefully we will be able to contribute to that process.

As I mentioned there are a few operators (in copy) within the (dog walking) industry who have been working together to form an independent national body (likely to be an association / society) with the main objective being to improve the standard of professional conduct within the industry.

That said we have a number of other commercial dog walkers who've expressed interest in having input around the subject of regulation, but out of the interests of keeping things manageable I have only included those involved in our process to date.

The conversation around forming such an organisation / body was born out of initial conversations about the desperate need for regulation around commercial dog walkers / businesses, and whilst we are not able to regulate the industry from the level that local body government can we feel that there is a place for an industry body. That said we have held off formalising a body so that we could communicate out plans to council and to have conversations with the right people about if there might be a need for such a body to work alongside or with council, as we recognise some areas where such an organisation may in fact be able to help administer regulation depending on how it is introduced and what the regulation looks like.

In brief our plan was to form an association, New Zealand Dog Walkers Association. The primary (top level) purposes of NZDWA would be:

// To set & provide professional standards, guidelines, support and endorsement for professional dog walkers.

// To maintain a network of like-minded dog walkers who operate under a strict code of conduct and ethics.

// To assist & educate dog owners about choosing a professional, knowledgeable and experienced dog walker.

Initially we have identified our core audiences as:

// Owners & employees of dog walking businesses.

// Dog owners.

// Regulatory agencies i.e. animal management, local & regional councils.

// Other industry sectors i.e. vets, groomers, daycares etc

I have attached copies of our (draft) rules & code of ethics, so that you get some idea of the standards we would like to implement. I have also attached a text doc with reference links that we have collated in our research around regulation and professional (self) regulation in other countries.

In respect to regulation, it would be fair to say (in terms of consensus among industry professionals that would advocate regulation) that the following areas are key (and probably somewhat urgent):

1. Numbers (being the number of dogs per. handler) in either;
Public space / land or
Private space / land

2. Compliance;
Handlers to have evidence of first aid cert and either a behaviour, training or walking qualification or suitable experience or mentoring
(refer Marin County here: https://www.marincountyparks.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-space/2017_dog_walking_update/1permitcommercialdogwalkerguidelines4final.pdf?la=en)
Handler or business has the applicable walking license or permit *and or*
Specifies the use of private land used is part of their license details
(N.B. Our belief is that under Auckland by law dog walking on private land is classified as dog day care and therefore anyone using private land for walks should get resource consent
All staff branded (or identifiable) at all times *(N.B. A condition of both Toronto and Marin County regulations)*
Best practice for health and safety standards met *(Heath & Safety standards would need to be set by either local govt / council or perhaps by the NZDWA)*

3. Transportation;
Drivers must have full drivers license *(seems like a given but it is often not the case)*
Must be adequately crated for the intended use, with adequate airflow and access to water
Staff member in attendance of the vehicle at all times; with the exception of:
Leaving vehicle momentarily to collect another dog from its home
Using a bathroom or going into a service station to pay for gas (or similar)

We also have some thoughts around welfare, which would certainly need to be evaluated more thoroughly and I am sure council / Animal Management would some significant opinions around this subject. Our top line points on welfare are:

Welfare;
Handling of dog reactive dogs
Handling of people reactive dogs
Handling of dogs subject to any council classification
Protocol in respect to any dog handling incidents i.e. dogs lost by handlers, attacks while in handler care (by dogs with a handler or a member of the public)
Protocol in respect to any public complaints (in respect to a handler)

Of course, as you can imagine these subjects expand broadly and there are certainly other points which we have all raised or have opinions around but in the essence of keeping this initial dialogue concise I am keeping to the key points identified

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Please feel free to distribute this email within the people and parties that are working on the review of the bylaws / regulation. And of course please email or call me to discuss anything related to the industry.

I think the next step would be meet and discuss aspect of regulation, to allow an open discussion so that council / local govt can understand the current industry dynamic and to get your feedback on our intent with the NZDWA (and if in fact there may be a place to work alongside each other).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,
[redacted]

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NZDWA Code of Ethics Final Draft .pdf

NZDWA Set of Rules DRAFT.pdf



Dog Walking Legislation Ref. Links

https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/responsible-pet-ownership-program/dogs-and-public-places

http://www.petcare.org.uk/index.php/new-professional-dog-walking-code-announced

http://www.maddogsdogwalking.com.au/dog-walking-sydney-north-shore/

http://www.petcare.org.uk/index.php/new-professional-dog-walking-code-announced

http://www.petcare.org.uk/

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/03/24/toronto-dog-walkers-need-permits-to-take-care-of-your-pet.html

http://dailyhive.com/toronto/toronto-animal-bylaws-dog-owners-2017

https://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/municipal-licensing-and-standards/bylaw-enforcement/waste-and-parks-enforcement/bylaw-enforcement-dog-walking-commercial-dog-walkers-in-city-parks.html

https://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/parks,-forestry-and-recreation/parks/standards-and-innovation/permits-commercial-dog-walkers-in-city-parks.html

https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/public-notices-bylaws/bylaw-enforcement/dogs-off-leash/

https://www.marincountyparks.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-space/2017_dog_walking_update/1permitcommercialdogwalkerguidelines4final.pdf?la=en

https://www.marincounty.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-space/2014/3permitcommercialdogwalkerconditionsversion4.pdf?la=en

https://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/upload/2018-CDWSUP-Application-2.pdf

https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=46523

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/forms/apply-for-a-professional-dog-walking-licence

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/lpl-professional-dog-walking-code-of-conduct.pdf

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/lpl-lambeth-dog-walking-licence-faqs.pdf

https://businessportal.sfgov.org/node/2785

http://www.sfanimalcare.org/services/dog-walkers-permit/

https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/licences-and-permits/professional-dog-walking-licences

https://businesswales.gov.wales/sites/business-wales/files/Dog%20walker.pdf

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201132/parks_and_open_spaces/2257/commercial_dog_walking_in_parks

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/4171/dog_walking_license_application_form

Health & Safety

http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/index.htm

NZ

http://www.nationaldoggroomersnz.co.nz/index

https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/home/home

Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw

	Name	Address	Feedback
1	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	I support no more than 2 dogs offleash at anyone time and no more than 4 dogs to be walked at once. I also think the under leash control statements are not enough. I have seen many dogs offleash on main roads and running into roads ..I think they should be kept onleash fully in these areas. Under leash control is not sufficient. Also a list of menacing and dangerous dogs to be made known to the public.
2	[redacted]	Papamoa	as a dog owner and recently moved from Akl to Papamoa East I am appalled at the lack of responsible dog management of dog owners here. There is a total disregard by many owners of by laws to keeping their dogs off dunes , away from families sitting on the beach, rushing up uninvited to other dogs on leash and not picking up their dog"s poop. Many residents on the dunes off Karewa Pde and Motiti Rd allow their dogs to roam off their property unsupervised to toilet on the beach and annoy other supervised dogs walking past. Also contrary to what i have read on TCC website I have been told by residents living opposite the dunes between Papamoa surf club and Taylors Rd that its ok to let your dog off the leash and chase rabbits and pheasants "it's off leash and we all do it". Every time I walk with my dog (on leash) I come across dogs roaming through with owners following in the distance. With regard to Main Beach the dog ban should be extended past Leisure Is. There is so much foot traffic in that area during cruise ship season and having dogs toilet in this area is not appropriate. There's plenty of coastline further along. Please make signs more visible and bigger....the blue "No Dogs" poles are ineffective. Same with the signs at Papamoa Domain surf club many dog owners have no idea what 200m looks like so very visible signage is needed preferably also on the beach. Responsible dog owners shouldn't be taking their dogs to the beach in summer during the hottest part of the day anyway basic commonsense re health and safety for the dog. That's something that should be done early morning or evening. As in many places in Akl summertime time restrictions are enforced and it would be preferable to have similar restrictions here along the coast from Leisure Is to Papamoa East.
3	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	The changes look sensible and fair - to both dog owners like me and to non-dog people. I am very relieved we will still have considerable freedom to excercise the dog off the leash on the beach. This is a particularly awesome feature of living in the Mount.
4	[redacted]	Papamoa	Not unhappy with anything in the bylaws or proposed. Just wanted to ask one thing, why not a decent pensioner discount provided there are no issues with the dog. Dog registration fees are very high, especially if you are on a pension. Many pensioners have their dogs for comfort and assistant while not necessarily being an official therapy dog. In reality how many pensioners dogs are impounded or have nuisance complaints against them.
5	[redacted]	Bayfair	there is no reason why dogs should be anywhere near blue penguins they should not be in the vicinity and the sign should be much larger I have told people from out of town that they will get an instant fine and I don't care because they don't think they know
6	[redacted]	Papamoa	Generally support the changes. We have a dog that we like like to take to the beach but avoid doing so at peak times in summer just to be safe with the number of people on the beach - I would support a change to on leash only for the full beach between 15Dec to 15 Feb 10am till 5pm. Don’t agree that walking 4 dogs on lead should be restricted- can’t see a good reason for it.
7	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I am against extending the dog exclusion zone 200 meters to the south of Leisure Island. Locals with dogs enjoy this stretch of coast line nearly every morning. Who is the council considering changing the laws for? Who benefits?
8	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I agree with extending the "no dog zone" past Shark Alley on Mount Main Beach. However, Tauranga is woefully understaffed and ill-equipped to handle bans already in place. I live on Victoria Road, and I see dogs on the sand at Pilot Bay ALL THE TIME, on leashes and off. I also see dogs on Main Beach all the time. So if the City cannot enforce the laws already in place, what makes you think that you will be able to enforce new rules, and fine perpetrators? You can't just put up a sign along the pathway on Marine Parade and expect people to see or read it. If you want to control dogs in sensitive areas, you need staff out there ticketing people as a deterrent. Just like you would hire "meter maids" to go out and ticket people's cars for being parked illegally or for too long, you need to do the same for dogs, or else people will just see it, as they currently do, as a risk worth taking to take their dogs to illegal areas. I've tried to call people out for taking their dogs to Pilot Bay and the owners just end up yelling at me and being nasty. You cannot expect the general population to do your job for you. Signs do nothing, and hollow threats of fines do nothing either. You need to do something more than just pass new dog-free zones and expect people to follow suit.
9	[redacted]	Matua	We own a 3.2 kg toy poodle. The bylaws read as if she carries the same risk to the public as a 60kg Rottweiler. Just as there are specific rules for dangerous breeds, in my view there should be exemptions for specific breeds from certain aspects of the bylaws. For example, one of the reasons we have not gone up the

			Mount for a while is that we can not taker her with us. I would have thought that a 3.2kg toy poodle who is scared of cats and mice, would not be a risk if she was on a leash. I do understand the difficulties of making exemptions, but it does not make sense to treat all dog breeds as the same as they are all completely different. Maybe there should be some beaks for people who have "safe" breeds.
10	[redacted]	Tauranga Central	Do not support these proposals 1. Many people own more than 2 dogs - must they take them out in cycles? 2. What about the WONDERFUL doggie walkers????? 3. Is DOG CONTROL so unable to control walkers who cant control their dogs????
11	[redacted]	Katikati	I do not support the proposed change on limiting numbers of dogs to be exercised at a time to 2 off-leash or 4 on-leash. I know several people who will be unfairly negatively impacted by this by-law; people who run dog day care/waling services and people who help rescue dogs. Being able to exercise all their animals together helps to socialise the animals so that they can better cope with lots of stimulus and external distractions, and while the dogs are under control of the experienced people walking them when back with an owner who is less experienced they may display unwanted negative behavious in areas with other dogs if they are not used to being walked together. As long as a dog is under control of the person exercising it I do not see that limiting numbers will help, all uncontrolled or problem dogs I have come across are not in a group but often on their own.
12	J[redacted]	Brookfield	Hi, I think that giving everyone free reign on where dogs can be offlead is a really terrible idea. The amount of people that think they have a well behaved dog is so high, there will be dogs running all over the place. I have an un social dog that I walk on lead, the last thing I want is another dog running up to us when we aren't in an offlead area. It won't end nicely and is a situation that I want to avoid - hence why I don't take my dog to offlead exercise areas. With the rule of 2 max off lead dogs - what does this mean for dog daycare providers? Will they get special exception? I hope so - they provide such a great service for dog owners and should be allowed to carry on their business. They are all experienced with dogs, plus I havent heard of any problems from them taking out more that 2 dogs.
13	[redacted]	Belck	Our bloody council is at it again,This ridiculous bylaw proposing only allowing 2 dogs off lead or 4 dogs on lead per person.... No no it's not right. Leave the dogs alone you big meaney. Don't change it
14	[redacted]	Tauriko	I absolutely support the changes, too many unruly dogs around with professional 'dog walkers' and a limit on numbers is a good idea. People should to walk by themselves or with just one or two dogs without being set upon.
15	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I don’t support: The restriction on number of dogs off leash. I regularly witness small dogs being walked in numbers greater than two causing zero harm. I think owners should have somewhere to allow there dogs the ability to play without 1 tied up. I don’t support: The limit on the number of dogs at 4 being on a leash. This makes no sense. I do not understand why such a limit is required. Do we regularly see on leash dogs greater than 4 out of control? I can just see the owner of 5 toy poodles getting told off. Confused: Dogs left outside a shop in a public place to stay in designated area. Will Council establish designated areas. What will these look like? Who will make sure dogs in these areas are not stolen? This does not work.
16	[redacted]	Papamoa	1. 1 fully support the control of dogs by owners. I would like to see all dogs leashes on the waterways around Papamoa as dogs aren’t and even when with their owners, they are a pain to me and my leashed dog. 2. Leash length of 2m is ridiculous, it should be 3m. 3. Be nice to see discount to annual registration for responsible owners. 4. Concern the area used by Mount Dog Club (Links Ave) that I use daily for my dog to be off leash and safely contained without risk of running into a road would no longer be available.
17	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	This is a load of crap need to put you all on leads dogs that are under control of there owners an have it all under control should be entitled to be some places are dog groups that the ppl understand the dogs anno how to read them focus in more important stuff tcc
18	[redacted]	It your business	Why should I pay a dog fee if I can’t take my dog anywhere? I have to check all the time? New Zealand should be ashamed by how badly the dogs are treated here. If this plans goes ahead I will stop paying dog fees because I can’t bloody take dog anywhere. Dog nazi

19	[redacted]	Papamoa	Unable to walk dogs on the whole beach during the summer period is a bit harsh. Dogs need to exercise and during summer the pavement and asphalt are too hot, therefore peole take their dogs to the beaches, where the can walk their pets. We don't have enough parks equipped for walking dogs and most of them are too small or too far away. I believe we pay our dog fees (that keep increasing every year) for a reason and we are allowed to enjoy being at the beach during the summer with our dogs.
20	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	I support the changes. As a beach going dog owner, signs at beaches indicating 200m from the surf clubs would be very helpful.
21	[redacted]	Otumoetai	Don't support the changes. Leash is best, dogs are part of the family these days and 99% of dog owners are responsible people. Let's all use the Mount region, including our dogs on leads, and enjoy our natural surroundings. Dogs get people and families out walking and exercising, good health all round. A dog on a lead cannot bother seals or penguins, and no one wants that either. We are responsible citizens and dog owners too. No lead areas could be further up the beach past Tay street. Keep families together and outdoors for good health and well being.
22	[redacted]	Huntly	Interesting that you've chosen to restrict the number of dogs being walked to such a low number. I walk all over the BOP/Waikato areas, and when I have come across out of control dogs 9 times out of 10 it is either a single or couple of dogs who are out of control and causing chaos. The owners of multiple dogs tend to put more time into training, have them under far better control & be more aware of their responsibilities. What are you proposing as the solution to the owners of multiple dog owners who are unable (under the proposed guidelines) to exercise them all at once? Rehome some and add to the issue of homeless dogs? Reduce the amount of exercise each gets so that they can fit everyone in separately - therefore leading to frustrated dogs with potential for an increase in behavioural challenges? Rather than restricting it solely by numbers, how about focusing on the aspects of control and those allowing their dogs to cause a nuisance? It would be a far better use of your time and make a difference rather than just cause a headache for responsible owners and handlers. Restrictions like this would definitely make me reconsider visiting the Tauranga area or recommending other dog owners visit.
23	[redacted]	Ohauiti	I do not support the following changes: 10.3- 2 or more dogs off leash 10.4- 4 or more dogs
24	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	The changes that I do not support are the extention of 255metres of Mount Main Beach to ban dogs. Can this be shorted to not include the 'rock' past leisure Island. This is a natural end point to walk dogs to and turn around at. the limit should be on the Leisure Island side of the rock with no dogs allowed past the rock but they can walk to the rock. It is unclear whether or not Dog Walkers are allowed to walk more than 4 dogs. I think professional dog walkers who apply to council should be able to do this. I would not support the time restrictions on dogs creeping into other areas of the beach. there are sufficient places now that exclude dogs, on a large stretch of coast area.
25	[redacted]	Papamoa	I have read with interest your proposed change of by laws but I dont fully understand the direction that you are heading., you seem to be limiting rather than trying to move forward . You say that you want to protect the public but I never see this city council making proposals in the right direction. have you considered setting up doggy parks (maybe you should contact the City council of Whangarei who have incredible facilities for dogs , on my recent visit I was astounded on how much they have done) I dont know the population of Whangarei but wouldn't think it as big as Tauranga area, they have catered so well for the dog caring public It was awesome to see how much it was being used by dog owners and the ideas that they had put together and I am sure the Whangarei council could provide you with details.? We keep getting told we have an influx of people moving to Tauranga area, nothing extra has really been done to take in the consideration of extra dogs now in our community with new arrivals. How about thinking outside the square and doing something constructive rather than keep putting limitations and laws on people and their animals , such as more parks, maybe run dog obedient schools for the public at a small cost , I am sure you have people that could oversee this How about we use the fees to good use and get people to understand their dogs I figure that with the additional amount you have collected from dog registration you could do this, and I am astounded at the amount we pay and what we receive in return for our fees

			Plastic bags at the end of some of the walkways to use which is quite often empty. Dog pounds but responsible owners pay to collect their dogs anyway. The statement regarding dogs must not be left alone in public places is not fair, have you considered the people who are not only walking their dog but also looking after their health by exercising maybe going to the shops to buy milk, bread etc I see a lot of elderly people walking to the shops with their dogs ,do you really want to stop this !!! If you are intent on bringing this law into place may be set up areas that dogs can be left with facilities such as Bayfair Shopping Mall does? This world has enough obese and overweight problems shouldn't we be trying to encourage people to walk to the shops or exercise not put a limit on what we can do . It is really odd how I contacted your office regarding the drainage area from Papamoa plaza to Hartford and asked if ai sign could be put up asking dog owners to not let their dogs chase the wild life or have them on a leash if they couldn't control them , I understand that this is a law anyway and maybe some people dont realise this, it just makes people aware of their responsibilities . Nothing was ever done and I have never heard from your office although i was told they could do this as it is done in other areas just so people are aware of their responsibility , I did contact you three times. I also suggested a sign down Palm Beach Blvd warning motorists of the bird life around this area and maybe to slow down but again nothing .... Regarding not being allowed to exercise more than 4 dogs is also not moving forward, most of the people exercising more than 4 dogs are normally very responsible people who do this job as a career and have dogs welfare in their mind at all times why else would they be running dog day care facilities. Isn't it better to have dogs being exercised rather than locked up in a back yard while owners are at work ....and barking . The owners that take their dogs to day care facilities are obviously thinking of their animals welfare, and your council is trying to stop this??????? All the people that I have seen walking more than 4 dogs have them controlled very well I await your comments
26	[redacted]	Otumoetai	I do not support these changes. I do not see how this will solve any issues. If a dog is agressive; they are going to demonstrate this behaviour regardless of whether they are on a lead or not. People who have nuisance dogs are not going to obide by these rules & just make people who have well trained dogs lives more difficult.
27	s[redacted]	Welcome Bay	Tay Street beach to remain dog friendly at all times. As a regular user of this area and due to the heat as much as possible frquent the area earlier in summer. My friends & I with our dogs use this area at least weekly both winter & summer and also when finished frequent the Tay St cafe, This is a lovely area for both dogs and people we wander down to 200m from Omanu surf life and back for coffee. As long as this little slice of heaven remains dog friendly i would support any other changes. People need to interact with dogs and know how to behave around them this is as much for them as for the dogs. Laws never penalise bad dog owners as it is the responsible owners who always comply. Perhaps wandering unneutered dogs should be chipped & registered prior to being returned to thier owner rather than just a fine
28	[redacted]	Tauranga	I think new bylaws would create a lot of problems because as it is, its very difficult to keep up where dogs are welcome and not welcomed. Instead of creating a safe environment more dog bans are coming into play and in the end of the day its pure discrimination and a theft of freedom. The proposed rules clearly forgets people who's bread and butter is dog walking business. Saying a person cant control more than two dogs at the time is very similar if you tried to control people who have more than two kids. It would be great to see supporting documents from the council showing off-leash or on-leash dogs have caused a significant number of problems or substantiated complaints.

			What about people who work shift work and only have time to walk their dogs during ban times purposed on beaches. Also now, people will have to travel to special dog friendly areas, increasing traffic and parking issues, also more people with dogs are going to be in the same area as well as people just wanting to go to the beach. What about if council would reconsider few dog ban areas and make them dog friendly, like Papamoa Hills etc. Or make sure that people not equipt to raise a dog would not have a right to do sop. I hear lots of stories of dog cruelty around town and the council keeps giving back the dogs because people pay the fees. What about if you dog haven't caused any troubles after 5 years and having a discount of the annual dog fee? There lots of topics to think about but the council is only interested in more bans. How about taking example from other countries and cities where dogs and people live in harmony. I'm also interested(as many dog owners) who advised of this complete nonsense?
29	[redacted]	Bethlehem	I would like to know why there are no designated off leash dog parks except the one at TECT park which is 30 mins or more drive from Tauranga. There appears to be plenty of available land and it would be great to be able to let our energetic dogs off leash to socialise with other dogs without having to worry about members of the public who are not dog lovers.
30	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Dog owners unlike other domestic pet owners pay a significant annual fee for the luxury of owning their pet. These fees generate the fund used by Council to manage animal control issues within the city. Issues also beyond dog control and particular to the fee payers. Dog owners receive little for this fee, other than harassment from Council employed dog Rangers and continued restrictions on where they can exercise their animals and how they can mange their pet. In respect to dog control the City is becoming a real Nana State. As both a Rate payer and dog owner (who pays the dog registration fee) I am totally opposed to any additional restrictions as to how I manage my pet and in particular any additional restrictions to those of us who live down town the Mount. As most of us living in the Mount pay excessive rates as it is, we should be provided with more amenities and council services, not less. To suggest that I cannot walk my pet down to the local Dairy and tie them up outside while I purchase a bottle of milk is a nonsense. Leave dog owners alone down the Mount we aren't the problem. In fact do the City a real service and abandon dog fees and get rid of the Ranger service, all they seem to be doing is writing policies at the annoyance of their employees, the dog owners or at least those that pay the fee. If Council wish to continue with dog registrations then the funds from those fees should only be spent on dog related matters, positive and proactive services to enhance the life of the dog owner and pet. If other rate payers wish to have a voice in dog control, then Animal and dog management issues must be funded from a general rate
31	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	Dogs are a valuable part of todays society. With emotional support they help people through rough times, provide security and are a friend to younger and older or sick family members. Often they motivate people to go outside to walk the dog. Without the opportunity to walk the dog people might end up sitting at home rather than spending time outside. I don't see why friendly dogs, being walked on a lead should be banned. Ban dangerous dogs altogether and while you are at it ban jetskies as well as they are a terrible nuisence. It does not make sense to try and achieve your objective of minimising danger, distress or nuisance from dogs by banning them during certain times. A dangerous dog is a dangerous dog whether before or after 5pm and whether on the beach or while roaming the neighbourhood. Ban dangerous dogs and aggressive dogs altogether. Sorted.
32	[redacted]	Gate Pa	The changes proposed are not adequate for the general population in Tauranga. Dog owners with more than one dog has the common sense to train and control their dogs in a public place. More resources need to go into educating dog owners rather than making it hard for people who are good dog owners. We (A local dog training club)train and educate dogs and owners in tauranga and we do so as a non profit organisation. To be part of our club you must have local registration as well as your dog vaccinated. We are helping responsible dog owners. The amount of dogs walking at one time would be a huge disappointment to many people - i myself walk with friends and their dogs and between us we would be over the number aloud. There are also many dog walking groups who get together. this doesn't just mean a walk for the dog but it gets people outside exercising and meeting new people helping with physical and mental health. I understand some people need to be educated on their dog behaviour in public places and fully support that. But please dont punish the good dog owners in the city by introducing these changes.

33	[redacted]	Papamoa	I do support the recommended changes however instead of all the negative points, ie. when and where dogs can't go. I would like to see a proactive attitude to create dog parks as has been done in Wellington. They have so many great walks, parks and actual dog parks that families and their dogs are welcomed to use. Dogs socialize and everyone gets some exercise. In my experience owners are responsible and clean up after and monitor their dogs behavior. Some more specific parks provide both bins for disposing of doggie do bags and the doggie bags also, but not all. Such excellent facilities for the communities. All Tauranga and WBOP seem to provide for their rate paying dog owners is what dog owners can't do and where they can't be and when. Lots of city folk have dogs and some designated community parks and walks would be a positive move. Disposal bins for doggie do bags is also a positive as it encourages dog owners to be responsible.
34	N[redacted]	Papamoa	I dont support the proposed change of an owner owning multiple dogs only being able to walk 2 off leash and 4 on leash. I dont think owners who have put the time and effort in to owning such an amount of dogs should be punished because of a few loose dogs causing havoc (generally dogs who are on their own/not with their owners). It would be stupid and a waste of time for them to only be able to take some of their dogs for a walk and not all of them at once. I also think there needs to be more dog specific parks and more native walks that you can take them on.
35	[redacted]	Otumoetai	I oppose this. As a responsible dog owner of two dogs, who are registered and microchipped I feel this is restrictive and the focus should be on providing places for dog owners to take their dogs for exercise offleash ... Give us more off lead exercise areas instead of restricting even further where and when we can exercise our dogs. This restriction would prevent my dogs from socialising and playing with other dogs that they are familiar with in open areas.
36	[redacted]	Otumoetai	I do not support the restrictions around the beach access from leisure island to Omanu. We have always spent a lot of time with our kids and dogs and have never had a problem. We always pick up any mess they make too. Why are we making it harder for families to get out and enjoy our beaches with our furry friends. RIDICULOUS. We pay so much in dog rego and rates and what do I, a responsible dog owner get? Nothing. I see that you are trying to control dangerous dogs, however we, with well behaved dogs are being punished.
37	[redacted]	Auckland	As a professional dog trainer and walker these limits to the number of dogs off lead is a very bad idea! Many trainers own more than 4 dogs and have the best trained dogs around. Control has nothing to do with numbers, and everything to do with education. NZ Farmers have had large numbers of dogs under perfect control for generations. By limiting the number of dogs, you destroy the professional dog walking industry, thus resulting in more dogs who aren't getting daily exercises or training by a professional. Therefore leading to more dog aggression and reactive dogs roaming around the streets. Lack of exercises is one of the biggest contributors to dog behavioral issues. You want dogs with more control then work on integrating dogs more into our societies not pushing them out. Like most EU countries have, dogs are allowed on public transport, in buildings to be and coexist with humans. Put funding into education not bylaws, make it illegal for dogs to be unneutered unless you have a breeding license. But stay clear of numbers based regulations as it does more harm than good!!
38	[redacted]	Tauriko	I totally support the new bylaw. As a homeowner in **redacted** Tauriko we have had too many people coming down to the reserve at the end of the street with one lady from Puppy Love Dog training bringing anywhere between 6-10 dogs and she has no control of all of these dogs off lead and can get verbally abusive when asked to put dogs on leads. Because of her, her actions and get togethers she has organised down at the reserve, I hope that this bylaw in enforced as it is people like her that make it an unpleasant experience for people that live on the street and the surrounding area. People are using the reserve as a "free for all" to bring big dogs down here to run around and most of these dogs are not on leads and have no recall. As an owner of a dog that has been attacked twice in the reserve, I believe owners of dogs need to be more accountable for their actions.
39	[redacted]	Gardner	I do not support 7.4. If this is passed I won't be able to walk my dog to the shops. I do this most weeks, the nearest shops being about 600 metres from my home. I always tie my dog up while I pop into the 4 square to buy those few items I forgot to get at the supermarket. I don't like leaving my dog alone for long, in case someone steals her.I've never had a problem. Afterwards I go to the nearby cafe for a coffee, the cafe provides water and a bowl for my dog to drink from,and provides areas for securing my dog while I pop in to order. Why should I be forced by this proposal to leave my dog at home. This is going too far.
40	[redacted]	Papamoa	I don't support the new rule of dogs being on a leash over the summer period between motiti and karewa!
41	[redacted]	Papamoa	I think the proposed having to have leads on dogs in Papamoa or being there at restricted times is absolutely ridiculous. If your dog requires a lead then it is not well trained and you can choose to use a lead. Most people especially with big dogs are well trained and respectful to other dogs. It is turning a very relaxed beach and environment into a limited environment where less people will want to bring their dogs and is being dominated by people with small, untrained and disrespectful dogs to be "in charge" the beach who are usually disrespectful owners themselves also. The beach is no one's property and should be a free place for everyone and their dogs. Our dogs have been trained for many years and have no leads ever on the beach with NO issues ever, they would have less exercise

			and overall enjoyment if they are kept on leads as well as the time frames you suggest unsuitable for most working professionals! One of our dogs is a farm dog that requires hours of excerise a day which we do by throwing the ball without a lead or taking for a run where she runs along side or ahead without a lead. You will be making many big dogs with excerise and right to a happy life limited and restricted.
42	J[redacted]	Papamoa	I support them both, however, would love more rubbish bins along the walkway for dog poop as well as more random checks as I leash my dog and I rarely come across a dog who has recall. Can papamoa have a dog park? Thanks
43	[redacted]	Papamoa	I have family members that have been attacked by dogs that have otherwise never been known to be aggressive. I appreciate the attention Tauranga city council is giving this matter and fully support all of these proposals. You have found a good balance of freedom and safety. Unfortunately, many owners trust their dogs far too much and seem to think they are incapable of wrongdoing, even owners of larger or potentially dangerous breeds. You can't say things like this in public forums without some dog owners getting hostile. I own a dog myself and I believe this will make myself and my dog safer in tauranga.
44	[redacted]	Te Puke	I support the changes proposed as dog and people populations are growing and children and adults, especially those who are afraid of dogs, need to feel safe in public places.
45	[redacted]	Papamoa	I propose that a section of the beach be allocated a "dedicated dog zone" during particular hours of the day, the same by laws could still apply however clear signage could be added that indicates this area is a dedictated dog- preference zone during that time that means dogs are likely to be off the leash and socialising with other dogs here/barking/running free etc. It wouldn't mean that people couldn't use that area just that during those times it operates on dog preference so if you are uncomfortable around dogs/ have very young children etc this would be an area to avoid during those times. That way owners with large dogs who need adequate space and time to exercise can do so confidently without being abused by members of the public who are misinformed about by-laws. It would still mean you must be in control of your dog at all times too- just a safer way to avoid confrontations among dog owners and dog fearers. In the same way dogs are banned from other areas of the beach. I think this would be a fool proof way of aiding dogs and people to grow and live in the community together. Until there are restrictions around dog ownership and breeds these issues will continue to arise and worsen. Dogs need space and time off leash to be trained
46	[redacted]	Auckland	7.1(v) People should be able to include a dog on leash in their exercise regime, if this is not a children's playground. 7.4 Dogs should be able to be tethered when to pop into a dairy for a drink or to grab a sandwich from a lunchbar. Presumably if ordering at a cafe, this would be deemed a private place? If not, same as above - since cafes often don't do table service. There should be a time restriction - e.g. 5 mins or for purpose of ordering drink/food. 10.3 Many people have more than 2 dogs to exercise and this would be very restrictive. Perhaps a licensing system for owners or dog walkers which can be revoked if dogs are not deemed to be under control. 4-6 dogs is appropriate. This should also include the dogs being under effective control - i.e. can be recalled effectively 10.4 I would recommend up to 6 dogs. Once again, could be allowed under licensing This law may set a precedence for other councils, which would have far reaching implications nationwide.
47	[redacted]	-	I support the changes, however i feel that anyone who is planning on becoming a dog owner should have to attend a quick course or sit an online test including basic welfare, basic care and basic courtiousness. It would also be nice to have dog walking parks - specifically small and large dog parks. i have a small dog and am always on my guard when taking her out as she has already been attacked once. people are so irresponsible, people need to learn to leash their dogs when approaching people and other dogs until both parties have ok'd the dogs to meet. this is how fights start between dogs and owners. just because one dog is friendly doesnt mean the other is. im am sick to death of big dogs running up to mine and the owner letting it happen. this scares my dog and myself, now. a small dog park would be brilliant, and the same for lge. i pay my registration every yr but im not sure what I, myself gains from it. my dog doesnt escape, she has never been to you, i pick up after her. i pride myself on being a responsible owner. its like paying insurance you never use and may not ever use and im sure a lot of others feel the same. so to see our $ go somewhere we can utilise would be great. and the irresponsible owners to continue to own up and pay their fines, as i would if ever in that situation. i appreciate the council and dog control staff and all that they do, but surely some money could go towards dog specific parks?
48	C[redacted]	Papamoa	I think if it's outside of a busy time a dog should be aloud off the leash as I'm sorry but I'm not being dragged into the water by my darling 11 year old boy just because of a history of idiot owners who don't train their dog properly. A dog should not be confined to a leash. I always pick up my dogs bodily products. Yet people who have not trained there dogs properly or taught kids not to approach strange dogs incidents have happened. It's not fair to punish the responsible owners.
49	[redacted]	Tauranga south	I do not support the proposed changes. There appears to be no evidence to support the necessity for these changes. Council surely has better priorities !

50	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I don’t support. I have a small bichon who runs the beach every day, we don’t take her in the summer as it’s too hot. I do understand their is a need for more control. I wonder if large dogs should stay on a leash at all times. Or maybe just open the beach to dogs over the winter and ban summer use during 9-8?
51	[redacted]	Maungatapu	I don't agree with adding an extra 255 to the prohibited area on Mount Maunganui Main Beach. In winter the area is vacant most of the time, as long as people pick up after their dog their shouldn't be a problem. This is only making things harder for dog owners in the Mount area. The short period of summer may be different but for most of the year it shouldn't be a problem.
52	[redacted]	Bethlehem,	I do not support the Dogs being allowed off leash in Public Places but must be under control. Unfortunately not being Under Control is identified after the dog has attacked another animal or person, which is too late for both parties. I cannot understand the logic behind dogs being allowed off leash but under control. Very simple law should be that All Dogs should be Leashed in all public places and build leash free areas so dogs can run free and socialise. This way everyone benefits.
53	[redacted]	Ohauiti,	Proposed rule: Extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 255m further south along the beach past Moturiki (Leisure Island). Why: To ensure that dogs are further prevented from accessing Moturiki (Leisure Island). This change is not needed. The existing line of rocks and access path at Moturiki are a very clear indication of the point where dogs are not allowed. Far clearer than a line in the sand. So why move a very clear existing line to a unclear point on the beach. The only change needed is clear signage.
54	[redacted]	Papamoa	I have lived in the Royal Palms area of Papamoa for many years. Our closest beach is the Harrisons Cut area. We have spent lots of time on this beach, bringing up young kids, fishing and body boarding and relaxing on the sand. In the summer we rarely go to this beach nowadays as no matter where you put your towel down, there is the stench of dog urine and feceas. There is always a lot of dogs running free. I have seen dogs urinating on peoples towels, on the back of peoples seats while they are sitting in them and something that really worries me is that every day you see children building sand castles, running down to the water then back again to carry on playing, but in the meantime a dog has urinated on their sand castle. They carry on playing unaware anything has happened. This is happening all the time and to me is third world hygiene. We walk on the beach but as far as sitting on the beach, those days are gone because of dogs. I think dog owners should only be able to exercise their dogs on the beach before 9.00am and after 5.00 pm over the summer months.
55	[redacted]	Papamoa	Dogs need to be on leads at ALL times in a public place! I do not want to encounter a dog off a lead, make a dog park if you want to have dogs off leads
56	[redacted]d	Paengaroa	Good Morning, I object to the following two bylaws: In the instance where you have 3 dogs and are playing fetch with them, why would you have one on the lead when the others are chasing a ball. Unfair, restrictive and unrealistic for dog owners where their dogs are well behaved and are always respectful of other people, conservation areas and animals. We often exercise our dogs together with friends dogs, its a time to catch up and they love interacting with each other and the children. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. This rule also appears restrictive, if you have multiple small dogs on a lead that are well behaved and you are in control (pack leader) why shouldn't you have as many as you like. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than four dogs on leash in a public place at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. Issues that would be better addressed are having dogs spayed/neutered as a requirement. That dogs are to be unleashed at a distance from leisure bathers, children or fishermen. Things that we always adhere to when out in public.
57	[redacted]	Whakamarama	I object to the proposal to extend 255m dog restriction south of Moturiki Island. The current policy/Bylaw enables dog walkers to exit the beach opposite Moturiki Island and cross safely to the other side of the road using the designated crossing. The proposal to extend would encompass the foreshore thereby preventing dog owners from using the designated crossing. To access the shops in town or cafes near the mount would mean owners and their dogs would have to cross without the aid of the crossing. This would be dangerous as visibility and access is poor. The owner and dog would have to negotiate drivers reversing from the parking spaces beside the grassed foreshore and bike users on the bike path. The current system is safe and practical. This is an over-reaction to a very small problem as I walk my dog there many times per week and have never witnessed a dog on Moturiki Island. Signage is poor for dog owners and very

			misleading so I suggest focus is given to educate dog owners rather than penalise them. I already am made to feel like a second class citizen when walking my dog in that area. When I am with my dog I am unable to access two separate toilet blocks, one opposite Commons Ave and the other near the surf club. I am unable to access all public drinking fountains in this area and when my dog fowls I am unable to dispose of the bag on the side of the Marine Parade that you restrict me to. Ironically I have to cross to the restricted side to access a waste bin. I've seen retired NZ tourists arriving at the mount in their camper vans, with dog, completely frustrated by the experience - come on Taurange City Council - let common sense prevail.
58	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	All dogs should be restrained in public, simple as that! The amount of anxiety that unrestrained dogs gives people is unfair. They are a nuisance on the beach when they run up to you and run all over your towels etc. There are too many dogs now and these changes are weak. I used to enjoy the beach but dogs are running around everywhere and it is no longer the same. I have lived here since I was born and I have seen the decline, there are too many people with dogs, leaving restraining judgement up to their owners is unrealistic. The amount of mess they are leaving all over the beaches is disgusting also, the dogs probably do that when they run ahead of the owners?the owners who casually turn a blind eye?...another thing, why am I seeing so many dogs at Pilot Bay and up the Mount???why are these rules not enforced and people penalised?.
59	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	I don't support the changes to the bylaw enlarging the area where dogs are able to be taken, either on leash or off leash. I am very nervous around dogs and prefer to go where dogs are not allowed. I accept that lots of people love dogs and like to walk them. I completely understand and accept this but I really don't want some of the few places where I don't have to worry about walking into a dog to go. As it is I am already too nervous to ride a bike especially on my own as I keep seeing dogs off leash on the bike paths. But a lot of places where dogs are allowed only on a leash that seems to be ignored and the dog is free running. If it is mentioned to the person (overheard by others) they always say that their dog is safe and they are comfortable having it running free even as its snapping at another dog.
60	T[redacted]	Pyes Pa	Dogs should be able to be off their leads. Or there should be designated parks where it's ok at least. Like yatton! Or the lakes! Dogs need exercise and just being on the leash doesn't allow them to run!
61	x	y	As a dog owner for many years, back in Europe, Christchurch and in Western Bay, I am surprised not more accidents have happened on the beach. While some dogs may be well socialised, others - especially visiting dogs- may not be as socialised and likely to be intimidating or annoyed by small yuppy dogs approaching them too closely with owners suddenly concerned about their pooch.... Considering there is usually wind going on beaches, it can be difficult to call your dog and while being a gentle dog, the dog can get distracted by all other dogs, run in a different direction for a while and frighten other people.... I learned to have a big rope with me 10m or so, enabling to keep them under control and able to pull back when the miniatures ones or people cross.... so believe taking responsibility. What though annoys me parking the car at Omanu beach and walking down to the beach or other areas with dog on lead and realising all these restrictions.... I would propose for those keen on letting dogs run to look at areas with less people, may be closer to naturalist area, for free running and remove all restrictions for the rest of the beach but require them to be on a lead/ rope, in a controlled matter. This would make it easier to go for a coffee etc.... considering many of us are immigrants and used to take their dog in public transport, restaurants and cafes... it would also educe the number of dogs in cars or van while their owners go for a tour around the Mount. Let's keep it simple.... dogs should be controlled in urban areas and beaches and unless their owners do not have full control, they get max 2 warnings and then a fine.
62	[redacted]	Pyes Pa,	I do not support some aspects of the Draft Dog Management Bylaw 2018 as I believe that they are discriminatory to dog owners/ dog handlers who have a responsibility to look after the health (including exercising) of dogs in their charge. I have some objections and questions relating to the Draft Dog Management Bylaw 2018 as outlined below: + Section 4 PURPOSE Subsection 4.1 "The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote the control of dogs to minimise danger, distress, or nuisance by dogs to the public. It also aims to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and socialisation needs of dogs." Too strong an emphasis has been placed on the control of dogs rather than the provision of adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise, recreational, and socialisation needs of dogs. This unbalanced emphasis continues throughout the Bylaw draft. This should be re-written to allow an equal emphasis on the opportunities as well as dog control, or reverted to the original purpose statement "The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational/ socialisation needs of dogs, and their owners, while minimising any danger, distress, or nuisance caused by dogs to the public."

			+ Section 6.1 LEASH CONTROL Sub-section 6.3 (iii) - Pāpāmoa Beach in the vicinity of Motiti Road and Karewa Parade between the beach access markers Pāpāmoa Beach Access 0018 and Pāpāmoa Beach Access 0025, including all of Motiti Reserve, as show on the map at schedule one. Summer season restrictions. I disagree with leash control, but do agree that dogs should be kept under control. Many families like to go to the beach during the Summer season. As many dogs are part of the family this may restrict whether a family can go to the beach. There is also a danger that dogs will be left in hot cars. Is there a possibility of having an area of the beach allocated for families with dogs, with transit rights (on leash) over other areas of the beach so that people can also walk their dogs in order to exercise them? + Section 7 DOG PROHIBITED AREAS Sub-section 7.1 (i) - Dogs should be allowed on the Pilot Bay boardwalk on a leash. This is a beautiful area and prevents people with dogs from enjoying the area. I am not aware of any wildlife on the boardwalk area. If I am incorrect and dogs could be a threat to wildlife on the boardwalk, then please ignore this point. Subsection 7.4 "No dog shall be left unattended in a public place, whether secured or not, unless the dog is secured in a designated area which provides separation from the dog and members of the public". This is discriminatory to people who walk to the shops/ pharmacy/ take away restaurants etc. and take their dog with them. If a dog cannot be secured whilst the owner/ dog handler goes into a shop/ pharmacy/ take-away restaurant etc., then this prevents people going about their every day business. If this sub-section is placed into the Bylaw then the Council should provide designated areas for dog owners/ dog handlers to secure their dogs outside all local amenities. + Section 8 DOG EXERCISE AREAS Why has this section been removed from the Bylaw? This should be re-instated under a separate section (if necessary) but should not be totally removed. There should be designated dog exercise areas where dogs are allowed to be exercised off leash. There should be clear signs so that members of the public are fully aware that dogs are allowed off leash to avoid any confusion. + Section 10 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF DOGS Sub-sections 10.3 and 10.4 - I disagree that there should be a limit on the number of dogs that can be walked either on or off leash. So long as dogs are kept under control of the owner/ dog handler then there should not be a restricted number.
63	[redacted]	Auckland	Do not support 10.3 and 10.4 Commercial dog walkers should be exempt from this rule. Several owners also own more than two dogs and should be exempt. Dog walkers are a necessity in this day and age and demand for their services will only increase with time. They need to make a living and two dogs at a time will not allow that. Consider looking at issuing permits to commercial dog walkers. Greater Wellington Regional council are doing a great job of managing commercial dog walkers, consulting with them could help.
64	[redacted]	Auckland	I do not support the proposed changes of having max 4 dogs on lead and 2 dogs off lead. I am a dog walker and if this law comes into place, it would not be profitable for my business. The dogs I take out are well trained and under control. Please do not penalise the responsible dog walkers. Dog walkers are so important for dogs socialisation and exercise. Many dogs can't go to day care for various reasons, so dog walkers are very important.
65	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	There are a couple changes/policies I do not support which I will outline below: I consider the existing restriction on dogs on the Pilot Bay boardwalk is an unnecessary burden on recreation dog owners in Mount Maunganui. Providing one off-road walking space for dogs on-leash in the northern mount will give a significant number of residents and visitors a chance to enjoy this area and enhance overall compliance with the Bylaw rather than a blanket ban in this area. The boardwalk sits within a highly modified and generous grassed area, away from the beach. This is a suitable path for dogs on lead, especially as bikes are already restricted from this path. I also do not support the addition of the beach/foreshore 255m south(-east?) of Moturiki to the prohibited area. I consider that an on-leash restriction would be adequate here. This rule is in response to the high use of this area during peak summer periods and an on-leash restriction will provide adequate levels of control to manage this. A ban on dogs restricts a significant portion of the population with dogs from accessing a public area which should be avoided if possible, where

			this can be appropriately managed through and on-leash restriction. A ban has negative social effects and in this case will likely lead to on-going compliance issues.
66	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	What I would like to see is that the Council actually use their teeth. So the existing laws are not enforced or enacted and they should be. We live in the area, try to be good responsible dog owners including picking up others poop at times, if I can stomach it, only to see people blatantly going where they shouldn't....often belligerent if you mention it, and no one giving out fines! I don't mention it now as too frightening at times. Instead of extending the areas, how about policing what we have
67	[redacted]	Matua	Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I feel the changes that you have suggested in terms of the number of dogs that can be exercised one way or another in a public park or reserve are very timely. The parks are all becoming more intensely used as the city grows and with it are a rising number of "professional" dog walkers. As I understand it, anyone can become a "professional" dog walker, it is merely another name for a person whose business it is to walk dogs for other people. There was an article in the Bay of Plenty Times this week suggesting that such "professional" people have total control of their dogs and that incidents do not occur. I can attest that this is simply not true. It is quite daunting for people anywhere to see and hear a group of large dogs being let off together and only under the eye of one person. There is also another point to consider, most businesses who nominate a public park in which to carry out their business have to pay a fee to the council for the privilege. This is not the case for "professional" dog walkers and I do not believe that the Council has any obligation to them. I would also like to see some comment about people who insist on riding bicycles or driving cars with dogs running off lead behind. This is not only very cruel but there is no way that fouling can be observed or picked up and needless to say these people have absolutely no control over their dogs should something happen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council for the ability to freely exercise and socialise our beloved dogs, without this privilege, their lives and ours would be all the poorer for it.
68	[redacted]	Papamoa	Note that I am a dog owner myself. I live in Papamoa, so my submission can be read with this in mind. I thank the council for a common sense & well balanced approach to dog ownership in Tauranga. Compared to some other councils, the basis of the policy & bylaws for dog management is fair & reasonable taking into account the needs of all users of public areas. I would like to submit some comments & suggestions regarding several of the proposed changes: Policy Dog safe communities - Public education for dog owners is very important to encourage responsible ownership, especially for first time dog owners. Could some form of education requirement be a requirement for owning a dog, possibly part of the a first time dog registration? This must be something simple & not so onerous as to discourage registration. Bylaws 200m restriction around Omanu & Papamoa surf clubs - Judging 200m has always been difficult & is applied somewhat subjectively, so a defined area is a definite improvement. The council must ensure that there is ample signage to inform owners of the restricted areas & their responsibilities in them. Seasonal on-leash restriction between Motiti Rd & Karewa Parade - This doesn't reflect the reality of the beach in the summer season. While the area does have many people, it is not like the area around the surf club. Both families & individuals spread themselves along the entire beach. Imposing additional rules on dog walkers for this one area doesn't seem to make a lot of sense. In addition, informing dog walkers of this rule is difficult for those who have walked a distance along the beach to this area. The rule that your dog must be under effective control at all times should be sufficient here without additional restrictions on dog walkers. Dogs left unattended in public places - On the surface this is a very good rule & I wholeheartedly support the intention of it. The difficulty is the availability of designated areas; the number of these areas provided by council must be sufficent to be fair on dog owners using public areas without imposing too much of a burden. I believe that providing a fair number of areas isn't possible. A reasonable approach would be a requirement for owners to ensure their dog is secured in a place separated from members of the public as much as is practical, removing the requirement for designated areas. In addition, the rule requiring effective contol "so that no dog can cause nuisance or danger to any person or other animal..." covers this. Dogs classified as menacing must be neutered - I believe this rule needs to be changed, to be extended to require all dogs, rather than just a small group, to be neutered. A provision for owners to apply for an exemption that will be granted for all reasonable requests e.g. responsible breeders, must be included. While responsible dog owners do neuter their animals, there are irresponsible owners who don't. Requiring dogs to be neutered under threat of penalty would help

			improve the general welfare of dogs & reduce the number of unwanted puppies. It could also be used as a means to effectively ban any puppy mills within the council's area. I hope that my feedback will be taken into account when finalising the proposed changes & thank the council for this opportunity to submit my comments on them.
69	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support the proposed changes but wish to suggest they go further with respect to leash control. I believe that all dogs should be on a leash between the Papamoa Surf Club 'No Go Area' and the Omanu Surf Club 'No Go Area' - on the beach and reserves. The council should also look at setting up additional areas elsewhere that are more easily controlled (smaller areas) for dogs to roam off the leash.
70	[redacted]	Matua,	Our specific wish is to provide feedback on how walkers and cyclists (which we are) could be less effected by dogs, unleashed, but even leashed, in public parks. What we would suggest is that a park specifically for dogs is designated as Hamilton CC has done. If this dog park existed, we suspect that the pressure of too many dogs on designated walkways and cycleways would at least be minimised.
71	[redacted]	Papamoa	Set up a dog area at the far end of Papamoa beach. There are so many dogs rooming on our beautiful beaches and my children are now frightened to go to the beach after several encounters of unleached dogs running up to them. Children before dogs please. The area around surf clubs should be 500 either side and be policed.
72	S[redacted]	Papamoa	Yes I support the new proposed changes to both the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018. There also needs to be more full time paid dog officers who could be both bylaw officers and dog officers, available for instant contact and availability when needed or requested by the general public, especially when we are faced with dangerous or concerning situations. I and our children have unfortunately witnessed two dogs mauling each other (with one seriously injured and requiring emergency neck repairs from vicious biting and tearing - had this have been a child they would have likely died) This terrible situation was due to both dogs just walking past each other with owners and both owners not having their dogs on a leash. We also have to walk around and through lots of dog waste going to the beach (via beach access) as it seems many owners don't pick up waste after their dogs and currently there are no doggy poo bags available encouraging owners and certainly nobody available to fine for these ongoing pretty disgusting ongoing offences. There needs to be serious enforcing and fining for breaking of laws including the above and barking and disturbing of the peace at night, and appropriately trained council staff available to take immediate action - hence why I would think dog owners pay a registration in the first place - so there is money available and actually used for hands on dog control and management, keeping our community clean, safe and a pleasant place for all residents and visitors to enjoy.
73	[redacted]	Greerton	I am a dog owner and I think dogs all should be on a leash in a public place other than designated areas for exercise as allowed by the council.
74	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support something being done in the control of dogs and designated areas being established especially on the Papamoa beach were I find most people have no control of there dog at all. I live in the Pacific Coast Village and unfortunately a lot of owners bring there dogs to the board walk and just let them off creating all sorts of problems in the dunes and on the beach.
75	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	As a GP at the Mt, I deal with a significant number of people who have been bitten by dogs, mostly in public places. These injuries can be very significant and slow to heal especially on the lower legs. I also walk on the beach most lunchtimes and am often appalled at the lax attitude of dog owners - often ignoring their defecations (dog faeces are on most of the entry tracks to the beach that we use). Worse is the attitude of dog owners who do very little to keep their dogs under any semblance of control, allowing them to run at other people including children, and at the wildlife on the beach. I feel strongly that dogs on the beach should not be allowed to approach other people or wildlife and that if the owner does not have sufficient control of their dog to ensure this, then the dog should be on a leash.
76	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I don't know what the money from dog registration fees are used for. In my opinion most dogs are taken care of physically and mentally and are well socialised. Do these owners pay fees for you to manage the few that flaunt the act? I feel it is ridiculous to confine owners to two dogs off leash and four on leash. Dog owners should be trusted to make sure they are in control of the dogs they are exercising. I have seen one lady unable to control one small dog, however I have also seen someone walking six dogs on lead and being perfectly in control. I would like to see more areas for dogs only. Both Hibiscus reserve and Ocean Downs reserve are hardly ever used and with a little of the dog registration fees spent on fencing, drainage and planting.
77	[redacted]	Otumoetai	As a responsible dog owner I oppose these policies/bylaws. I have three small dogs (approved by Council) and cannot see any legitimate reason to prevent me from exercising my dogs offleash in designated public spaces. My dogs are well behaved, always under control and pose no danger to any members of the

			public or other animals. Why would the Council provide special permission, including a site visit to my property, for me to have a third dog if they then revoke this basic right as a responsible pet owner?
78	[redacted]	Papamoa	It is absurd to stop people from tying their dog up while they pop into a shop while on a walk around the streets. The best way to exercise your dog for a lot of people with busy lives is taking it for a walk to the shops to pick up bread / milk or other bits and pieces. There has never been any reports of dog attacks when dogs are tied up outside a shop. If anything, the bylaw should read that any dog tied up outside a shop should not be approached by members of the general public. You are already taking away more and more of the beaches they can walk on so why take away the ability to be able to walk to the shops for an ice cream or what ever. Thats just wrong.
79	[redacted]	Papamoa Beach	I do not support the rule for on-leash restrictions that apply to papamoa dunes area, nor the proposed rule of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for papamoa beach. This is unfair to dogs and dog owners, dogs should be allowed to exercise off leash on Papamoa beach freely all year, at all times.
80	[redacted]	Hairini,	I support the majority of the changes to the by law except for the requirement for a person not to have more than 2 dogs off leash or 4 dogs on leash at a time. There are many responsible dog owners that this would impede activities with their dogs, and socialising with other dogs.
81	[redacted]	Papamoa	Why can't we be like other popular beaches in NZ,that don't allow dogs on the beach between the hours of 9am to 5pm during the summer months. I can't walk on the beach alone as I have had three accasions in Papamoa where dogs have not been on a leash and have had nasty frights.One being with my granddaughter who fell over when the dog charged at us and ended up standing right over the top of her.she was holding my hand at the time. The owner yelled at us telling us to look after our children. ??? If the current situation continues it will become impossible to go down on the beach and enjoy what is very special to us living in the area.
82	s[redacted]	, Greerton	I support the limitation of off lead dogs and on lead dogs
83	C[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I'm a little disappointed the beach ban will be extended from Leisure Island for approx 255 metres however I understand it as during summer time this is a very busy area. May I suggest you introduce busy and non-busy periods whereby some restrictions are lifted in the non-busy times. I was in Wellington recently and noticed on Oriental Bay they allow dogs on the beach during non Daylight Saving time. Perhaps we could do something similar. I walk my dog at 6:30am all year round and can tell you that during winter there is not many people enjoying the beach! You could even take it one step further and allow people access up till 9am during winter and from 6pm. I don't just mean for the Main Beach area but for all beach access and Pilot Bay. The other thing I would like to see is Dog Rangers actually doing something proactive. It gets very frustrating as a responsible dog owner when I constantly see other people walking on the boardwalks, the Main beach, running loose through the dunes, running up to strangers, owners not picking up after them etc etc. More needs to be done to curb this.
84	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	Dear Steve, I am sure the TCC will sort out the management policy & bylaws eventually. In the meantime I am concerned that a large area of the beach allocated for the dogs is opposite highly populated Retirement Villages. Many of the elderly love the fresh air & freedom of a stroll along the beach near home. We now feel insecure when dogs are racing around (many of them friendly critters & that is nice) but when we are not as firm on our feet as we used to be we can become nervous & vulnerable. Some dogs do jump up & are friendly. Nice - but we can be overwhelmed & knocked over. Then there are others who think the beach is their territory. (The dogs of bad owners, & their are still too many of their ilk.) I am just asking that the elderly folk in our wonderful community also be considered by the decision makers. We are here too. I would like you to speak up for us. Thankyou.
85	S[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Being a dog owner living in central Mount Maunganui is becoming increasingly difficult, and while I understand keeping dogs off some of the more popular beaches I have very little understanding for the reasoning behind keeping them off the boardwalk when on a leash and under control - especially when you consider there are no bins on the footpaths running parallel to the boardwalk on the pilot bay side (as not picking up after your dog and disposing in a 'hygienic manner' is a fineable offence, it seems only logical to have bins where dogs are allowed). I would like dogs being able to be walked on the boardwalk to be considered.
86	S[redacted]	Papamoa	Some of the proposed changes will have a massive impact on dog owners. - Proposed summer season December 15 - February 15 This is a massive restriction for people with high-energy dogs and puppies as it wouldn't be sufficient to exercise them on leash. It is also discriminating dog owners taking their right away to exercise their dogs, when appropriate on certain parts of the beach. You wouldn't implement restrictions for families with children. I understand that it would make sense to have restrictions during the Christmas period being quite a busy time but suggest to loosen the restrictions after New Years Day, when most people return to work. At least during the week, it would be appreciated to be able to walk dogs off leash at any time.

	[redacted]		- The proposed summer times also have a massive impact on dog owners as for many of us the beach is the only area where we actually can exercise and socialise our dogs off-leash appropriately due to Tauranga Council not providing any alternative dog exercise areas. The TECT Park is a longer drive from most of the suburbs. The dog exercise area is tiny, not well maintained (i.e. overgrown every time I went there), not suitable for longer runs and socialising due to its layout and it doesn't offer any shady spots so not suitable in summer at all. Looking at Rotorua with the Scion Dog Park (and other dog parks) and Napier with the Napier Dog Park it would be appreciated, if something similar (i.e. fenced, water options, enough space to exercise and socialise dogs) could be considered for Tauranga as well, especially if the proposed summer times are put in place. - Proposed change dogs cannot be left unattended in public places I don't understand what the issue is. Currently, I have the freedom to walk my dog and quickly pop into the post office or diary on the way home. I think, people with nervous dogs etc. wouldn't do this and people rarely tie-up their dogs to go for a big shop. So why taking away this little bit of freedom from dog owners who have well-trained dogs?
87	D	Mt Maunganui	Largely support the policy changes as proposed but have concerns about the dog on a leash unattended in a public place. I have been a responsible dog owner for the last 27 years. I take my dog for walks when doing chores. Posting parcels, going to the supermarket, chemist etc. I tie him up away from entry points while I complete my chore. This will mean I would change this behaviour. It will mean I will need to walk the dog seperately. This added time will mean I take the car as I would not add a second walk due to time pressures. The dogs I have owned have generally had someone patting them when I've returned. I believe approaching a tied up dog unknown to you is risky but should not result in them being banned from public leashing. That's is for parents to educate on the risk and the rest of the public to assess or leave them alone. I personally do not approach others dogs unless they are showing eagerness to be patted. A public education process about the dangers of leashed dogs would be fairer for s low frequency problem.
88	G C	?	I have read the proposed amendments in respect of dog ownership. The changes are largely positive in my view, however can you advise why dogs are now banned on the street across the Rd from the Mt Surf club? We are responsible dog owners and it is frankly lovely to be able to have lunch or coffee under the Towers with our dog like many other owners. In all of the years we have been going there I have never seen any issue or problem with the dogs. They have all been well behaved and under control at all times.
89	M	Otumoetai	Yes i agree completely. i would rather see this implemented full time, not just over summer. There needs to be more policing somehow as Tauranga seems notorious in general for people walking dogs around without a lead on.
90	D ell	Papamoa	I am pleased with the changes made. I have not been able to walk on the beach with my small dog who is now 12 years old on account of the bigger dogs off leash who run up to him, which he does not like. When the leash control comes into effect it will be very pleasant to go on the sand. So thank you.
91	ke	Ohauiti	Please dont take it away from us. we love our dog and moved here so we can enjoy her on the beach with us as a family. there is never any issued down on the beach with dogs all running around and enough areas you can go which are dog free. why make a problem when theres none.
92	r l	Mount Maunganui	keep it simple No dates amd times just one clear rule. provide decenr signage. main beach signage re dogs could not be more obscure if you tried.
93	St	Papamoa	I do not support the changes relating to restrictions at Papamoa Beach East. Ref; Statement of proposal for the Dog management Bylaw 2018 & draft Dog Management Policy. 4) Purpose 4.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote the control of dogs to minimise danger, distress, or nuisance by dogs to the public. Firstly, the above document refers the reader, for submissions to the Councils website www.tauranga.govt.nz/dogs however I found that the submission form was not available for download and printing, submission could only be submitted" online". Unless you have computer, skills or are prepared to drive over to Tauranga City Council offices on Willow Street, you cannot make a submission, consequently I suggest that a number of would be submitters may well have given up at this point. In other words, it has not been made easy for the average resident to make a submission. Council convinces itself that it has meet the consultation requirements, however elderly dog owners and people without the necessary computer skills or access do not have a voice. I am a dog owner living within the proposed leasing area, Motiti Road to Karewa Parade and adjacent the Papamoa Dune area. I exercise my dog twice daily and with a number of other local residents/dog owners who are exercising their dogs off lead. The dogs meet, socialise and generally run around play in a way that dogs of all shapes and sizes enjoy. I do not believe that my dog is in any way "causing distress, danger or nuisance to any member of the public and is therefore compliant with Dog Management Policy/Bylaw and should not be subject to leashing proposals. With reference to the leasing requirement for leashing within the Papamoa Dune area, the policy does not make it clear why dogs have to be leashed. If however the legislation and management policy applies "distress or nuisance" as relating to wildlife then my question is does the Council enforce a policy on prohibiting cats from this area with corresponding penalties as applied to dog owners. Cats as we all know are nocturnal hunters which kill anything they can find. If as I

			suspect there are no such Bylaws and Policies for cats, then I do not believe that leashing requirements should apply to dogs. With reference to “minimising danger, distress or nuisance” to the Public, although not part of the Dog Management Policy, is the Council putting in place and policies for the management of Quad Bikes, which in my area are steadily increasing in numbers and do not appear to have any limitation on where they can operate. I witness these vehicles running along the beach every day and sometimes at what I consider to be dangerous speed. Whilst I have no vendetta against quad bike owners, I believe that these vehicles pose a greater threat to the Public in terms of “danger distress and nuisance, than an unleashed dog. I also regularly seen horses on the beach, within the proposed dog leashing area Motiti/Karew Parade, I believe that these animals may also be a threat to the public in terms of danger, distress and nuisance and from the piles I see on the beach’ the owners do not “scoop the poop! I am not familiar with any the legislation relating to horses, however I assume fooling the beach is an offence ? In my area there are families which are dog owners, the dog is an integral part of the family and therefore joins Mum Dad and the Kids at the beach, the kids of course like to throw a ball for the dogs a take the dog to play in the sea. Consequently, I believe that the leashing proposal for Motiti-Karewa Parade coastal will cause a nuisance and distress, to the children because their dog will probably be left at home. The proposal will also cause distress to the dog who is left at home and as a result may well bark, which would be is in breach of the Dog Management Bylaw and as such may causing nuisance and distress to the public, which may lead to a noise compliant to Council. A report to Council of a barking dog on a Sunday afternoon may well cause a nuisance and distress to the enforcement officer who has to investigate the matter. In fact, the snowball effect may result in post from President Trump on twitter. I am also concerned this is only the first step, which may lead to a total and/or extended dog ban over the summer months. I have been a dog owner for many years and pay the mandatory registration fee as do the thousands of other law-abiding owners, which clearly collectively amounts to a large chunk of money. I was pondering this whole dog issue thing when it dawned on me that in all those years the only thing that I get for my $87 is a small coloured plastic tag, that I fit to my dogs’ collar!! So may I suggest that Council spends the remaining $86 dollars supporting the rights and privileges of dogs and their owners. In conclusion the Dog Management Policy will significantly restrict my options and times to exercise my dog off lead within my local area, consequently I register my opposition to the leashing requirements indicated in the Councils Dog Management Policy for the Motiti/Karewa Parade beach area and the Papamoa Dune areas. As a final comment other than the main Mount beach, Leisure Island, Pilot Bay and Surf Clubs, Papamoa East appears to be the only area with dog controls, why?
94	[redacted]	Tauranga central	I do not support the following: Have your say! We’re proposing that over the busy summer period our furry friends must be on-leash if they’re on the beach between Motiti Road and Karewa Parade (including Motiti Reserve). The restriction would only apply between 10am and 5pm, 15 December to 15 February. The proposed change is part of our dog management policy and bylaw review. All proposed changes are at www.tauranga.govt.nz/dogs where you can also make a submission before 17 September. I also laugh at the bureaucracy involved in gathering the feedback. You make it so complex. Just use the Facebook feedback
95		Papamoa	If an own has no control of his or her dog then they shouldn’t be letting them running wild, how ever I enjoy taking my dog for walks everyday around our beautiful beachs and to be restructured seems a shame. I clean up after her, she comes to my call. I also take my dog for runs twice a week with no lead and have never had a problem. In this case I’m for having full access across all our beaches and parks.
96		Matua	In general I approve the proposed changes. The one item I object is that of leaving a dog unattended in a public place. If I were to adhere to this rule then I would no longer be able to walk to my local shops or cafe and tie my dog outside even for a short time without breaking the law!! Tauranga is a city which says it encourages residents to walk and enjoy the outdoors .. I believe this proposed change would restrict the freedom of meant dog owners to do that. In my 12 years of living in Tauranga I have seen many dogs left outside shops including my own Hungarian Viszlas and my overwhelming conclusion is that this brings joy to most people who witness this. Seeing a happy dog greeting passers by while waiting for it's owner to return is one of life's small (free) pleasures. Making this unlawful seems draconian, unnecessary and impractical. Provided (as always) that the dog owner has been responsible in placement of the dog I cannot imagine why this amendment would be desirable, necessary or practical. I strongly suggest that if this goes ahead, Tauranga will be creating a substantial underground of law breakers!!
97		Pyes Pa	I fully support changes. No dog should be off lease in a public area.

98	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I wish to voice my concern re the proposal to extend the dog exercising area 255m south of Moturiki. As a disabled person using a mobility scooter and with the new seal/matt i will be able to access the beach at low tide for the first time to exercise my dog. Once i have accessed the beach i can proceed south with the dog however it would require me to transit the restricted area. I would appreciate your consideration
99		Papamoa	The changes are fine and make sense. I have two comments overall: 1. The 'on leash' requirement for the Papamoa Dune wilderness area between Papamoa domain and Taylors Road needs to change. This a great 'off leash' area. The beach itself could remain 'on leash' but the sand dune track parallel to the beach is a perfect 'off leash' area and used frequently by many dog owners. 2. There are insufficient large 'off leash' areas. There need to be some large wilderness type spaces (in the bush, alongside rivers, tracks and trails) where dogs can run free under the control of their owners. Ideally these will not intersect with cycle trails.
100		Pyes Pa	As a owner of 3 dogs who are exercised together, I am not impressed with the idea that multiple dog owners will be unable to take all their dogs out at the same time to exercise. Where is the statistics to back up the need for this? Frequently I have had issues with people with their dogs (MOSTLY ONE DOG) approaching my dogs when off lead which are near me and under my control. I do not have time to exercise dogs multiple times nor drive to Tect park where I found was even worse as idiot owners believe they have the right to let their dogs behave under control off lead as it's a "OFF LEAD AREA". I don't see how this is good, leaving a dog at home only means it's likely to make more noise and be frustrated if it's not had exercise. Common sense is used on my part when we are out, see other people/dogs etc put dogs on lead when needed. It doesn't help that idiots on occasions sneak up on you when they have a whole park and can avoid close proximity to you yet come within a meter of you and your dogs which they don't know. What I'm trying to say is that there needs to be more education to both dog owners and public about sharing spaces. I spend a lot of time with my dogs and I am involved with a club, I go to agility events most weekends where there are hundreds of dogs and we all seem to be able to safely walk around etc. Where is the education in TGA does the council like councils in Auckland provide a few free sessions? We certainly don't have RDO certifications for cheaper regos which not only educates people but gives them an incentive to read and learn about caring and ownership for dogs. I don't even walk my dogs in the area I live in due to the number of owners which let their dogs off with little control. Where is the dog control to police dog owners?
101		Tauranga south	S.9 How can you or anyone else tell what is approximately 255 m south of Moturiki? You would have to put up a sign in which case the policy would have to refer to the sign. Similarly what does in the vicinity of Omanu SLC mean?. I also though you were changing the rules here? When is acceptable to have a dog off the leash i.e. how is the boundary of "vicinity" to be determined by a dog owner? Specifying limits in terms of metres is incredibly hard for most people to judge. Much better to give a physical description. I think it will be hard for people to reference the numbers of the Beach Access points so again a sign would be a better alternative. Otherwise I support the proposed changes. 7.4 seems unreasonable. Surely if a dog is secured you should be able to go into a shop to buy a paper, or somesuch. Perhaps specifying a time limit would be a more reasonable approach.
102		Matua	I have a dog who is walked from time to time by a Professional dog walker. If you restrict the number of dogs she is able to walk this will impact on her business and ability to walk the dogs. She has total control of the dogs and chooses appropriate large spaces to exercise them happily. The dogs interact with each other and learn good socializing skills. Not all groups of dogs mean TROUBLE.
103		Papamoa	Great idea, which we follow to the letter. However we have seen dogs on the walk around Mauao. Also many many dogs on boardwalks both along Main Beach, and Pilot Bay. The signs are too high, and too small. If visitors access the boardwalk where there is no sign, how are they supposed to know no dogs are allowed? The stencilled signs on the actual boardwalk are very faint, and too far apart. The beaches are a nightmare with dogs running around off leash. We need some volunteer dog patrollers to point out to locals and visitors, what the regulations are. Pilot Bay grass area, always has at least one dog sitting with the owners. Not fair on the rest of us who obey the rules to the letter!
104		-	Morning, MY view is doggs are fine.. IM suggesting all the dickheads that work related to building consents be used as tests to see whether the pounds are suitable..

	[redacted]		Tossers... Regards;; Dr Dave...
105	[redacted]	Judea	As a dog owner, I support these proposed changes. They make sense and continue to allow for dogs to be exercised off the lead while managing potential conflicts between those who do not own/like dogs.
106	[redacted]	Bethlehem	I tink that you have a difficult task in front of you trying to balance the needs of the public (dog owners and non-dog owners alike) and the environment and in general the rules are more inclusive here of dogs owners then other areas I have been to. So well done. I walk my dogs along Mount Maunganui beach a lot and have yet to see a dog on Leisure Island and so I am not sure that it is necessary to add a further restriction on dogs in that area. I think a small sign at the start of the island that said "dogs prohibted" is a sufficient reminder to the public to keep dogs away but allowing access to the beach. i think most dog owners are sensible but I know that there are a few that are not but I think by putting out a blanket statement of you cannot exercise more than two dogs off leash or four on leash is not addressing the problems of the people that are not sensible owners. I have seen people with more than 4 dogs off lead that cause no problems and I know one owner whose one dog does more damage to trhe wildlife and people's nerves than a pack of dogs put together. You mention in your dog management policy that you have fines for owners that dont take dogs to mandated obedience classes but don't state the terms under which those fines can be given out. I would rather see a dog ranger patrolling parks and giving out fines to owners whose dogs are being a nuisance and educating the public at the same time. You mention public education on dog ownership but as a resident (and dog owner) of Tauranga for nearly six years I have no idea where that public education takes place. So right there you have a communication problem. Do you offer dog obedience classes for people who want the companionship of an animal but might be financially stretched to get to and pay for an obedience class? When you send out registration notices do you mention this public education service ? The short answer is no. Use the tools you already have to better educate and inform raher than penalise and be visible in the public eye. Lastly, I am not sure whose brain wave it was to put a dog park 30 minutes outside of Tauranga at TECT park. If there was a city dog park where dogs could go to socialise it would be used unlike TECT. There would be an area where dogs could be dogs without disturbing non dog walkers. E.g.reclaim the swamp land between the bus stop on Carmichael Reserve and the speed bumps near CarMichael/Sta Pauls, get the geese off, put a fence up, have some covered area for winter/summer use (and to keep geese off) and let the dogs go free. There are a few grassy areas along Daisy Hardwick walk that would also work, beside 4th ave and Takitimu Drive, K Valley Road and so on. In other words don't get more punitive be creative and make Tauranga a dog friendly city.
107	[redacted]	Papamoa	No I do not support alot of the changes.. Maybe as a start you need to set up more dog parks around the areas, you seem to have a million playgrounds for kids why can't you do the same for dogs? as the number of people who now live in Tauranga, Mt Maunganui and Papamoas areas have increased council needs to move with the times and provide more for dog owners. I think instead of putting limitations on people and their animals such as more parks, maybe run dog obedient schools for the public at a small cost, I am sure you have people that could oversee this and god knows us dog owners pay enough for fees surely money could go towards this because I have no idea on what my dog fees go towards (and might I add they cost more than a car to register) The statement regarding dogs must not be left alone in public places is not fair, have you considered the people who are not only walking their dog but also looking after their health by exercising maybe going to the shops to buy essential items. In regards to points Addition of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road (beach access point 0018) and the end of Karewa Parade (beach access point 0025), including Motiti Reserve and Define the summer season as 15 December to 15 February between the hours of 10am and 5pm this is crazy.. maybe you should do the same for people with kids,!! I have seen more out of control children on beaches with beach toys with no regards to other people trying to enjoy their day as I have seen with people with dogs, us dog owners tend to be alot more considerate! You as a council need to seriously change your attitudes towards dog owners, we are being penalised for those ignorant people out there who have no idea at all!
108	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I'm worried that dogs on leash In papamoa is a trial for a wider policy. Tauranga is very special in that dogs and owners can both enjoy the outdoors. Please leave as is.
109	[redacted]	Papamoa	With regard to proposed rule: Addition of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road (beach access point 0018) and the end of Karewa Parade (beach access point 0025), including Motiti Reserve. Refer to map in bylaw. Why: To protect people's safety on a popular spot of the beach during the busy summer period. Why not introduce a time for this to allow off leash (similar to Auckland rules where after 7pm and before 10am dogs can be off leash). I understand the desire to impose restrictions over the "summer months" due to crowded beaches however this is unlikely to be an issue after 7pm.

110	M	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	The proposed changes are infringing on peoples ability to exercise their dogs and stimulate them. I would propose offering a dedicated dog park in the Tauranga and Mt Maunganui areas as this is the areas where you are reducing areas to use. Its unfair to dogs and their owners. If you are concerned with public safety perhaps offering better education in schools so younger people know how to safely approach a strange dog and what to do in the highly unlikely event of a dog attack. The bylaws offer nothing in recompense for all the restrictions that are proposed to be implemented. Take a lesson from more established European cities which allow dogs more areas to roam, in and out of shops and restaurants. They are considered mans best friend for a reason. If the council only wishes to impose for rules then the annual fees for dogs should be fairly reduced.
111	D	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	I do not support this. People that are not responsible with their dogs should be fined. Instead of responsible dog owners. Over legislation is a sign of weakness, I have spent many days on the beach and never seen dog waste, never seen dogs fighting and never seen dogs attacking people. So for what reasons are these laws being put in place? Is this being done to please a few people? Their had to be good and strong reasons for this. Are the people requesting this going to pay for the signs and policing of these laws? The money will in no doubt come from dog owners pockets all because of a few. My wife and myself strongly stand against these changes!!!
112		[redacted]	Matua	Ref Clause 7.4 "No dog shall be left unattended in a public place, whether secured or not, unless the dog is secured in a designated area which is provides separation from the dog and members of the public." If this means I am no longer legally able to stop at a cafe during walks and tether my dogs to a table outside while I order coffee, then I strongly object to clause 7.4 as currently drafted. I often patronise local cafes on walks with the dogs and I am sure the cafes are glad of the business. Many others dog owners do the same. For fear of the dogs being stolen, at such times I like to maintain a clear line of sight to them, I am usually within 10-15 metres of them, able to issue voice commands if need be and back by their sides within a few minutes. I would also add I have never actually witnessed problems with dogs tethered outside supermarkets or dairies, though these are not places I'd leave my own dogs unattended. Is there a particular problem you are trying to avoid with this clause? Have their been instances of harm you feel you need to legislate against? If so, please would you ensure that in the process of "protecting" the public, your bylaw doesn't unnecessarily penalise caring and responsible dog owners, or adversely impact local businesses.
113	K	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I am supportive of the rationale regarding the changes to the policy and bylaw however I find the proposed amendment "Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded) " to be overly restrictive and detrimental to the wider community. Walking a dog to the corner shop (dairy as opposed to a mall situation) and tying it up outside should be encouraged. For some residents this make be their only exercise for the day and it socialises the dog along the way. A tired pooch is one that isn't at home barking! If you look more broadly at policy around loneliness, social isolation, benefits of being physically active for older people, I think it is important to allow this to occur. Perhaps it could be couched in terms of distance...i.e you are within 25 meters of an unattended dog. The coffee industry at the Mount will fade away if you enforce this rule.
114	T	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support most of both documents, particularly the restrictions near our surf clubs. I suggest that dogs should be allowed to walk on lead near children's playgrounds so their owner can dispose of dog poo in the council bin. Alternatively, place the council bin at a greater distance from the playground. I suggest that a council dog bag dispenser be placed in the Links Avenue football club next to the existing rubbish bin adjacent to the sealed car park. I do not agree with 10.3 that an owner may only have two dogs off leash. If the dogs are under control, by voice or whistle and the owner is carrying leads then I think this number should be higher, at least 3 dogs off leash. I think the restriction should be applied in the case of paid dog walkers. They do not have the control necessary to have more than 2 dogs off lead. Further, I think that the paid dog walkers must apply for a license from council and pass a test where they demonstrate that they can control dogs in their cars. I totally agree with 14.2 that menacing dogs must be neutered.

115	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I do not agree with the idea that you can't leave a dog unattended in a public place. I often walk my dog to Bayfair and the local dairy. I always tie my dog to a bike rack or pole (or utilise the Bayfair dog-parking facility) so he is not causing nuisance to anyone. Please consider changing this to "unleashed dogs left unattended" as this makes more sense. I have a 6 month old daughter so I am busy enough without having to make separate trips to walk the dog and do shopping. Also the one about dogs within 10m of a playground- often the only bin in a park is right next to the playground, so to drop off dog poop I need to go to within 10m of the playground. Thank you.
116		Mount Maunganui	Dogs not being allowed tied up outside stores bylaw. Dogs are part of people's family's and when out for a walk and need to do an errand like running in to a store there is alternative buy to leave your tied up outside for a short time. People can see the dog and easily keep away from it if they want to because it is tied up. I have two little kids and we often walk our dog but drop in to post shop or dairy to get milk while out. This bylaw would mean either a) our dog can't come on our family walks. Or b) we can not do a quick errand while out walking our dog. This bylaw would have a big effect on dog owners and minimal impact to safety of other people because the dog is tied up.
117		Papamoa	I do not support the new additions to the bylaws, they are overkill and too restrictive. Why do we need this blanket restriction? The over all cases of dog attacks, dog nuisance incidents, dog damage or dog waste on these stretches of beach would be at the least negligible and at the most minimal, if that's why you are proposing the changes. (TCC please supply any data and rational for the changes). I am referring to the Summer Dog on a leash by lay between Karewa Pde and Motiti, and also all around dog on a leash by law from Domain to Taylor reserve. I am a dog owner and I live in Papamoa East. Our family and dog (he's tiny) walk the beach daily mostly from Karewa Pde's most eastern access towards Motiti Reserve, it is the one time of the day he is allowed off the leash to run free and he loves it more than anything. He isn't aggressive, he isn't a nuisance, and we clean up after him if he messes. All other dog owners we come across on the beach are the same. We have never in our dogs life had a problem with him or other dogs not being on a leash. Yes the Karewa/Motiti part of the beach has become more populated since our dog was born but it's still pretty quite, often deserted as it has always been, depending on the time of day you walk. Why should he be restricted from playing in his own back yard just because more people have decided to move here, that's not fair. We already experience that the Tauranga City Council laws are very discriminatory against dogs, as other places we'd love to walk him are no dog zones I.e Mount Beach, Pilot Bay, Papamoa Hills etc etc. and now you want to restrict him closer to his home, no I am not a fan of this bylaw at all. Furthermore the other area you propose between Taylor Reserve and Domain is another area we let our dog run free why are you restricting that area? We walk from The end of Parton Rd towards domain and it's very often deserted so again I'm not sure why this restriction is being proposed. Unless the Council can come up with some hard evidence based on reliable data on the impact of unleashed dogs on the environment and the citizens of Papamoa Beach to form the basis of a good rationale as to why we need these bylaws then I oppose these changes.
118		Mount Maunganui	K support the proposals wholeheartedly big believe more should be done. The beach is being over run with dogs. Unfortunately in my experience the majority of dog owners are not actively involved with their dogs exercising and the dogs invade family areas and are a nuisance. Not only that but I see terrified toddlers and young children. Auckland beaches do not allow dogs off the lease in summer between certain hours. Why can't this be done? You cannot avoid a dog bounding up to you when at the beach and when there are so many on the beach there is always a group playing/barking - humans are in the minority and it's dangeeous and intimidating for small children.

30.8.18

Submission to: The Draft Dog Management Policy and to the Dog By Laws
From: The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc – Tauranga Branch

We wish to be heard.

Address for contact: [redacted]

DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. We support all of Council's proposals with the exception of the amendments or additions requested below:

2. The existing definition of "Under Effective Control" should include 'leashing, tethering and containment' of dogs. i.e.

Preferred definition:
"*Means to leash, tether, contain and to manage, influence or determine the activities of all dogs in a person's possession, whether by voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means, so that no dog can cause nuisance or danger to any person or other animal and cannot enter or interfere with private property and includes the physical ability to restrain all dogs in a person's possession".*

The existing definition is a great excuse for dog owners to have their dogs free to roam to the extent that the enjoyment of reserves by other members of the public is spoilt.

3. The principle 4.1
that: "*dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where required to protect public safety and wildlife*' is, in our view, woefully deficient. The existing principle does not take into account the enjoyment of reserves and amenities by other members of the public. It also ignores the health risks from exercising of dogs on sports playing fields.

Preferred principle:

- *dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where there is a requirement to protect public safety, health and enjoyment of reserves or facilities, and to protect native wildlife and their habitat*

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4. **POLICY STATEMENT 5.1**

that : "*Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, Council does not restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed*."

This existing policy includes neither the existing or the requested principles, discussed in No.2 above, which identify where it is inappropriate to have freely roaming dogs.

Preferred Policy 5.1:

"Dogs in public places

- Dogs ~~need~~ enjoy the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, Council does not solely restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in some public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed.

5. Further Policy statement requested.

Council is faced with a conflict between the desire to provide free exercising of dogs and the need to restrict this ability to protect the enjoyment by a majority of the public of civic amenities that are free of intrusive dog behaviour. Other Councils acknowledge this problem by introducing areas of reserves fenced for freedom-exercising of dogs. Council needs a policy to provide this service. As a dog owner I am not aware of any fenced dog exercise areas provided by Council.

Requested new Policy 5.1.3:

"Council will progressively provide fenced dog exercise areas to facilitate unrestrained exercise of dogs and the peaceful enjoyment of other reserve amenities by the public."

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6. Existing Policy 5.1.1 says: "*Dogs can be exercised unleashed in public places except in those areas included in Schedule 1 of this policy and the Dog Management Bylaw 2018."*

Schedule 1 does not give effect to protecting human health (playing fields), or to protecting significant areas of native wildlife and their habitat.

Preferred amendments to Schedule 1:

(a) Prohibited – *"All grounds used by the public for sport within reserves or educational facilities"*

(b) On Leash- "• *On footpaths and in the road reserve • Papamoa Dune Wilderness Area (being that area of dune from Papamoa Domain to Taylor Road) • Matua Salt Marsh Yorke Park •Carmichael Reserve . Kopureroa valley reserve The beach between Motiti Road beach access marker 0018 and the Karewa Parade beach access marker 0025, including Motiti Reserve from 15 December to 15 February between the hours of 10am and 5pm. • Any flagged lifeguard area on the beach not specifically listed above."*

The reserves added to the existing list have all been developed as native wildlife habitat. Matua wetland, Yorke Park and Carmichael Reserve are effectively an entity of continuous or connected wildlife habitat. The Kopureroa valley is going to be the biggest habitat within the City. Threatened species that are present and vulnerable to dogs roaming freely include banded rail, fern bird, black teal, and dabchicks. Council has a responsibility preparing the City for "Predator free New Zealand".

PROPOSED CHANGES TO DOG BY LAWS

7. Proposed rule: *"Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded).***"**

It seems reasonable to drop into a dairy for a bottle of milk if your dog is tethered outside. The risk or safety issues from a tethered dog is not too different to those from a leashed dog being walked in a public place.

Preferred amendment:

"Dogs cannot be left untethered and unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded)."

Attachment: F&B Policy on dogs.

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Forest & Bird Conservation Policy - Dogs

Forest & Bird recognises that dog owners and dog regulations have an important role to play in protecting some of our special wildlife and therefore supports the -

1. Prohibition of dogs from areas of public land with high biodiversity value, particularly where there are species present that are vulnerable to dogs. Dogs should also be required to be on a leash in public spaces adjacent to such areas.
2. Requirement that dogs be on a leash in bush areas where they may contribute to the spread of disease such as kauri die back, cause other damage to a fragile environment, or represent a threat to ground based wildlife.
3. Adequate financing for the public education about, and enforcement of, dog regulations.
4. Provision of informative and visible signage to raise the public's understanding of biodiversity values and to clearly inform dog owners of regulations to protect these values.

Adopted December 2017

Forest & Bird Conservation Policy - Dogs

Policy Background

Purpose

The purpose of this dog policy is:

- To inform the public of Forest & Bird's position on dogs.
- To advocate for effective management of dogs in areas where they are likely to threaten important animal species and habitats.
- To assist F&B staff, and branches and members with submissions on council and local board plans, dog control bylaw reviews etc.

Context

What is Forest & Bird?

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's independent voice for nature. It is a national non-government organisation, with 50 branches throughout New Zealand with a supporter base of around 70,000. Forest & Bird's mission is *To protect and restore nature in Aotearoa/New Zealand.*

What is unique about Aotearoa/New Zealand?

Unlike the rest of the world, New Zealand's fauna evolved without mammalian predators. They developed unique characteristics, like flightlessness, that makes them especially vulnerable to disturbance by introduced mammalian predators. The arrival of humans, and the mammals we brought with us, has had a devastating impact on our native species.

A large number of our native species have already become extinct and many are struggling. While rats, mice, mustelids, possums, hedgehogs and feral cats are recognised as significant predators, there are many ground dwelling or ground nesting species that are particularly vulnerable to dogs.

A great deal of success has been had in dealing with introduced predators particularly on off shore islands and mainland fenced sanctuaries. However the problem is an ongoing one as the introduced species reproduce rapidly and have few natural controls on their populations. There are great difficulties in managing introduced predators in the extensive conservation areas. Currently large numbers of volunteers spend many hours doing pest control, while in parts of the conservation estate introduced predators are managed by DOC. Long term the

Predator Free New Zealand initiative aims to eradicate all introduced predators. This approach will require us to work together towards an environment where people, their domestic animals, pets and native species can co-exist. Dog owners have an important part to play in this long term protection of our native species.

Many conservation areas administered by DOC are closed to dogs, or have leash or permit requirements.

Why have a policy on dogs?

Forest & Bird recognises the important role dogs play in New Zealand society. Dogs provide companionship and other positive benefits. Many Forest & Bird members own dogs.

However dogs can have a negative impact on some of our native species through predation or disturbance. Flightless birds such as kiwi and weka, and birds that nest, breed and feed on our beaches, estuaries and braided rivers, such as dotterel, blue penguin, godwits and oyster catchers, and ground dwelling lizards are particularly vulnerable to dogs.

This policy is about the ways in which dog owners and dog regulation policy can do their part to avoid the impact of dogs on native species in New Zealand, particularly on publicly owned DOC land, Local Government Reserves, estuaries and foreshores.

Councils have an important role in protecting the environment including native species, providing public amenities and providing for domestic animals needs under the Animal Welfare Act. Forest & Bird encourages Councils to set aside appropriate areas for dogs to run and identify alternate locations to dog owners to avoid conflicts with protected bird breeding and wildlife areas.

Policy Detail

1. Dogs should be prohibited from areas of public land with high biodiversity value, particularly where there are species present that are vulnerable to dogs. Dogs should also be required to be on a leash in public spaces adjacent to such areas.

Protected bird species that are particularly vulnerable to dogs are those that nest, roost, breed or feed in wetland or inter-tidal areas, as well as ground dwelling birds such as kiwi.

Disturbance by dogs can cause ground-nesting and other birds (including the New Zealand Dotterel) to **leave their nests**, resulting in loss of clutches and broods. These species have been predated by dogs. (1) The parent leaving the nest can increase the risk of eggs or chicks being predated. Nesting success in areas where dogs are permitted is low or nil (2, 3, 4).

Estuaries are an important food source for shorebirds. Disturbance can **disrupt feeding** which is particularly important for migratory birds. Godwits feed on the intertidal mud flats. Seeking food is an important, intensive process requiring access to the intertidal zones. They can be seen until March before their long migration to Alaska. Disturbance by dogs at this time could

be critical to their flight plans. Shorebirds need a lot of undisturbed time to forage for small invertebrates in the sand and mud. The continual presence of dogs can **stress birds** and their presence could jeopardize a bird's ability to put on the correct weight in preparation for a very long migratory journey.

Endangered shore birds are very vulnerable to continual disturbance which **can lead to territorial disputes** if young birds are forced into other birds' territories.

All dogs on beaches disturb shorebirds. It has been well-documented scientifically that their mere presence is enough to stress birds and impair their foraging efficiency. Off-leash dogs that chase birds have an even greater impact by interrupting the foraging and resting time of shorebirds. In addition the birds burn off valuable calories and **expend large amounts of energy** escaping pursuing dogs.

Council support of the provision of a corridor of safe habitats for native wildlife (eg Auckland's North-West Wild Link (NWWL)) is undermined when dogs are permitted in bush reserves and intertidal areas. Dogs will render these habitats unsafe for the envisaged "spillover" of native birds from land and island sanctuaries, as many of these species spend a lot of time on or near the ground.

Dogs can be a major predator of kiwi. The Department of Conservation Draft Kiwi Recovery Plan 2017 – 2027 makes particular mention of the issue of dogs as a menace to kiwi. For example, section 5.3.4 states: "For some populations (e.g. in Northland), dogs have surpassed mustelids as the main agent of decline." Section 3.1.5 states: "Predation of adult kiwi by dogs and ferrets can cause catastrophic declines in local populations and strongly influence population trends by significantly reducing the life expectancy of adults in some areas."

Many conservation areas administered by DOC are closed to dogs, or have leash or permit requirements. However these are often not well known, advertised, adherred to, monitored or enforced. People should check whether dogs are permitted before visiting conservation areas http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/dog-access/ There should be greater publicity and clear sign posting on site as to whether dogs are premitted, required to have a permit or be on leash. Greater monitoring and enforcement of restrictions on conservation land is needed.

Forest & Bird supports the role of kiwi aversion training, but notes that it is not fail safe (hence the reason conservation dogs wear muzzles) and needs to be repeated regularly, which is often not done in practice. Dogs should be prohibited from National Parks and other conservation land with vulnerable birds, reptiles and invertebrates, unless they are clearly for the purpose of biodiversity protection.

There should be restrictions on dogs in areas adjacent to high biodiversity sites, including on leash requirements on public land and limits on dog ownership on private land. These resrictions can also help to protect dogs and their owners from severe penalities under s57 of the Dog Control Act by removing the opportunity for dogs to attack protected wildlife.

2. Requirement that dogs be on a leash in bush areas where they may contribute to the spread of disease such as kauri die back, cause other damage to a fragile environment, or represent a threat to ground based wildlife.

In areas of high use dogs can trample plants, erode stream banks and muddy streams. The silting can have a detrimental impact on native fish and other aquatic life. Kauri Die Back is a soil born disease and can be distributed by people and animals, including dogs. Dogs should therefore not be running free in kauri areas.

3. There should be adequate financing for the public education about, and enforcement of, dog regulations.

Restrictions on dogs in Council reserves and DOC conservation land are often ignored and breached, resulting in disturbance of the wildlife they are intended to protect.
Dog owners should be accountable for understanding and meeting restrictions on dogs in public areas. Enforcement of breaches of restrictions should occur.

F&B advocates the proper financing and use of local dog rangers, honorary dog control officers, spot fines, and adequate signage.
Failure to comply can and should lead to conviction under the Dog Control Act or the Wildlife Act, to protect our native wildlife.

4. Informative and visible signage should be provided to raise the public's understanding of biodiversity values and to clearly inform dog owners of regulations to protect these values.

F&B suports significant effort being made to raise public awareness of biodiversity values and the impacts of humans and dogs on those values. On site signage is particularly important to raise awareness, to enable the public to encourage others to comply with restrictions, and for enforcement.

Outcomes – What we want to see

- Reduced native wildlife disturbance and deaths from dogs
- Public awareness and compliance with dog management
- Clear signage regarding dog rules in appropriate locations.
- Strong enforcement of dog restrictions

Relevant National Policy/Legislation

1. The Resource Management Act provides for the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (biological diversity), section 6(c). Council plans generally seek to identify such areas and either list them or identify them in their Regional and District Plans.

Regional Policy Statements set out the Regions objectives and policies for protection of biodiversity and direct responsibilities to both regional and district councils.

The "**New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010**" directs both regional and district councils in terms of protecting biological diversity within the coastal environment. Of particular relevance is the requirement under policy 11 to avoid adverse effects on threatened or at risk species.

The objectives and policies in **Regional and District Plans** which set out how council will protect indigenous biodiversity provide useful reference when advocating to council on the effects of dogs on indigenous fauna.

Regional Councils must have a pest management strategy under the Biosecurity Act. However these deal with non-domesticated pests and do not include dogs.

Subdivision and Consent Notices - Pursuant to s.221 of the RMA, Councils can impose consent notice conditions on new Certificates of Title. For example, consent notice conditions to prohibit the keeping of dogs, cats and mustelids. Historically this has been a popular method to manage the adverse effects of subdivision and development on kiwi. The efficacy of consent notices is directly linked to monitoring and enforcement. For an example see Far North District Council Environment court decision APPLICATION NUMBERS RC-2170133, RC-2160327 and RC-2150179.

2. The Local Government Act (LGA) provides councils powers to make bylaws. And it is under Bylaws that dog restrictions are usually made.

Bylaws can be used to control and restrict dogs in locations where they are likely to have an adverse effect on biological diversity. This is especially important in terms of both regional council responsibilities to protect biological diversity as set out in 1. above. The use of bylaws and education is also important in limiting the occurrence of offences.

District Councils have the responsibility to enforce bylaws in respect of the offences set out in the LGA and under the Dog Control Act.

The Department of Conservation has responsibility on conservation land and may identify dog control areas under the Conservation Act 1987 as well as exclude dogs from wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife refuge and wildlife management reserves under the Wildlife Act.

3. Under the Dog Control Act 1996, it is an offence to allow dogs to roam or attack protected wildlife. Penalties include seizure and destruction of the dog, owner imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or a fine not exceeding $20,000, or both.

4. The Wildlife Act 1953: Under section 63 it is an offence to kill or disturb wildlife. Penalties for individuals include imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding $100,000, or both.

5. The Marine Important Bird Areas – particularly **Document 2, Sites on Land, Rivers, Estuaries, Coastal Lagoons and Harbours** - identifies many areas of important mangrove habitat e.g. Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaipara Harbour etc. These sites are globally important for seabird and often other birds are included during the assessment eg bittern.
http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/important-bird-areas

Species threat status list

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120	[redacted]	Papamoa	In regards to dogs being left on side walks while owners shop... I believe the council then should require public shopping areas and malls to provide dog parking areas which meet this standard. By saying owners can't walk down to a local shopping area to pop in to collect their shopping and park their dog for a short time, defeats the clean, green and active lifestyle we have living in the bay.
121	[redacted]	Tauranga	As a responsible dogowner and TCC rate payer I oppose the following bylaws: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). - This prevents any person from walking their dog to the supermarket and tying them up outside the supermarket while purchasing something. We should be encouraging all dog owners to walk their dogs as much as possible, this prevents unsociable behavior such as barking, wandering etc. An alternative would be to ensure the dog is securely tied up, and if a dog has been classified as dangerous then it should not be left unattended in public places. No person may exercise more than two dogs off-leash in a reserve at any one time. No person may exercise more than four dogs on-leash in a public place at any one time. This unfairly disadvantages dog owners with more than one dog, most public places state that dogs should be on a leash or controlled by the owner, which covers having control over dogs, no matter the number. Please don't disadvantage responsible owners of dogs in favor of having blanket policies that pre-empt possible incidences, rather than dealing with the odd uncommon incident as it occurs and placing restrictions on the particular animal and owner involved in the incident.
122	[redacted]	Papamoa	I agree totally with the proposed on leash area on Papamoa Beach. I feel that the timeframes are fair, still plenty of time in the morning to walk your dog and evening. And it only covers the busy period of the year for people on the beach. I feel it is a fair compromise by still allowing leashed dogs in the area.
123	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I do not support the following proposed changes: -10.3 -10.4
124	[redacted]	Greerton,	I do not agree with the following proposal: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). I can't see the harm in tying my dog up outside the dairy or a café while I pop in and quickly pick up an item/takeaway coffee. I think the proposal is overly restrictive, and would be very inconvenient. I (along with the majority of other dog owners) are respectful of the needs of others, would never leave our dogs for longer than a minute or two, and already do as much as we can to minimise risk to the public. I also think, if a policy like this was introduced, you'd find dogs being left in cars more often, and this is certainly not in a dog's best interests.
125	[redacted]	Ohauiti	I disagree with the change to CLAUSE 10.4 : the number of dogs to be walked at one time. Responsible persons should be able to walk more than four leashed dogs provided person is in control of the dogs.
126	[redacted] n	Avenues	I am in agreement to the changes on the Dog Management bylaw 2018 except with regard to tying a dog up for a quick shop. It would be most inconvenient to most responsible dog owners if this was made illegal as there are very few if any designated areas for dogs in retail settings. Regards Margaret Mollison
127	[redacted]	Macmillan	All changes seem reasonable except for those dictating the amount of dogs that can be exercised. I think that limiting the amount of dogs a person can exercise either leased or unleashed is unreasonable.
128	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	I have read through both docs and think they are reasonable for both dog owners and to the public. I think dog owners need to be responsible and considerate. Overall I am in agreement with the policies. I have one question and that is why is this clause proposed to be crossed off as it backs up dog owners rights to exercise their dogs off the leach in public areas but still maintaining control of the dog and being considerate to public> I have had non-dog owners demand unreasonably that dogs be on leach when it was their behaviour of riding their bike very fast on a walk way around a blind corner that was the problem. They almost knock me over and then my dog and then blamed us for the incident and took no responsibility for their actions . We need this clause to stay so to protect dog owner rights against unfair demands from public non- dog owners. 8. DOG EXERCISE AREAS 8.1 Dogs are able to be exercised off a leash in public places, including parks and reserves, except in areas identified as prohibited in

	[redacted]		this bylaw so long as when circumstances such as those set out in sections 7 and 8 require, the dog can be leashed and kept under the control of the owner. I do not think this clause should be taken off or out of the policy - it should stay.
129		Judea	I support the proposed changes. However, please ensure that there is adequate signage up in the 'no dog areas' so everyone, especially holiday makers are aware of the areas where dogs are prohibited. The zones allow walkers and visitors to enjoy the touristy areas of Tauranga and the Mount without the worry of dogs (I am a dog owner too).
130		Papamoa	I am a dog owner and I am in support of these changes, but I DO have some concerns about how effective the penalties will be considering there must be some number of "dog owners" who are not legally/properly classified as such. While on the topic of penalties, I also worry about those dog owners who do not know about local dog rules. I can 150% say with confidence that when I first visited Maunganui in summer of 2017 the signage of the dog ban was so extremely lacking and small that the local motel owner felt the need to explain this to guests. Regardless of whatever change you proceed with, if any, we really do need signage that is more visible. I have also noticed a recent trend in dog walkers leaving filled poo-bags to be picked up "on the way back" from their walk. While I admit that I have never seen a dog owner be dishonest about this practice, I DO think that it needs explicit definition as it certainly does not constitute as "hygienic". I also understand and am in support of temporary-on-leash or temporary-ban areas for dogs for the interests of safety for dogs and people, but my concern will be lack of signage or lack of notification or lack of definition in terms of how long "temporary" is. An example is the temporary fire ban on the beach, a very visible sign which I have seen since moving here in January right through the wettest, coldest and darkest parts of winter which leads me to question the appropriateness of using the word "temporary", and then the use of the word "permanent" for the permanent dog ban around the Maunganui Mauo, beach, boardwalk, Pilot Bay etc but where the signage is smaller than the size of a street-sign and also placed at a height that is ideal for a 3 year old and not a 30 year old to see - you would not NOT noticed this sign even if you crossed the road. On the subject of temporary dog ban areas, I would like to see automated text-messages or the ability to receive an automatic email. My own dog, and myself, have been attacked and bitten until bloodied by the same dog three times this year due to a roaming dog which was not controlled by appropriate gating and fencing. I would like to see tougher penalties and rules on this, and I am a staunch believer that all owners of medium-large dogs must have 1.5m gating and fencing and all small-dog owners must also have total sealing of the gap under the fence and gate; alternatively, or in addition, I think if a dog is caught/allowed to roam then in addition to any fines/impound fees the owner should be forced to construct such fencing/gating. On the subject of ban areas, does this proposal mean that dogs are banned from Blake Park?
131		Mount Maunganui	Better signage on the beach near the dunes would help people know where the areas start and stop. Information on the hours that dogs need to be on leash at every beach access will ensure that all dog owners are aware of hours, dates etc therefore having no excuse of being ignorant. The amount of people who are unaware of where dogs are not allowed and why is prolifient in the Mount and Papamoa, especially those people who have moved to the area. More patrolling of the no dog zones would also be helpful, especially during peak times of use on the beach.
132		Papamoa	I strongly disagree with the proposed change to the Motiti to kawera beach and Motiti reserve that dogs be kept on a leash at the summer time. I am a resident on Motiti beach for the last 18 years and have never had any concern regarding dogs off a leash in this area. All the dogs that currently exercise in this area are never a nusience to people as all the owners I have encountered know their dogs and control them in a very sensible manner and I doubt their have ever been a problem in this area. Just more RED Tape and loss of freedom. Jane Davis
133		Mount Maunganui	I recently just got back from America. Over there dogs live in harmony with people. They are allowed to go anywhere people are, they can even catch planes with their owners. The same in Europe you see them in malls and on the subway. No one in these places are scared of dogs because they are everywhere. I think by banning dogs from certain areas you just make people scared of dogs because it makes them feel like there must be something to be scared of. Dogs are awesome and should be allowed anywhere as long as the owner is responsible. If the owner is not responsible and their dog causes a nuisance then come down hard but well behaved dogs should be given benefit of the doubt.
134		Papamoa	For the leashed dog hours I think 5 pm in Summer is too late. A lot of people like myself like to take the kids and the dog down the beach after school. Our dog will literally cry and break out of the section to follow us if she know she is going. I think 4pm is a more fairer time. I am just out of the area outlined thank goodness and I would be gutted if i lived in the zoned area. I just hope it doesn't push more people to my area which is not a patrolled area in the summer.
135		Bethlehem	The proposed changes to the Dog management Policy seem fair and reasonable. I agree whole heartedly with exclusion zones on the beach for dogs.We also enjoy going to the beach with our dog as it is one of the few places left he can exersize off leash.We also enjoy time on the beach without dogs and having the ability to choose a dog free area would be great.

136	[redacted]		Briggs	Is there any proposal to not allow dogs onto Mount Maunganui Main Beach up to Omanu Beach during the summer months, i.e. say 9am thru to 3pm as per Whangamata Beach. Dogs are a nuisance for beachgoers during these hours. Can they exercise on the beach before 9am and after 3pm? Also I am tired of picking up dog faeces from my front lawn / bank from dogs not on leashes. Is it mandatory for dogs to always be on a leash when out walking along footpaths? So many owners allow their dogs free rein to deposit anywhere while the owners are not in the least bit concerned or even carry a "poo bag". More than happy if they are on a leash. Finally I am beginning to see dogs on the grassed area / boardwalks of Main Mount Beach plus grassed area / boardwalk in Pilot Bay? No one can see the very small notices or more likely ignore notices. I reprimanded an adult holding his dog up to the public water fountain on Main Mount Beach and was told off! Charming!.
137	[redacted]	k	Otumoetai	In regards to the exercising of dogs the proposed change is ridiculous. I do dog walking and my maximum number of dogs tends to be 3 but have done 4. Only allowing 2 dogs off leash at one time means that I either have to do multiple walks in 1 day or I have to put 1 or 2 dogs on lead in order to exercise 2. I think you haven't taken in to consideration people that run dog walking businesses. However personally I think having more than 4 off lead is not a good thing. I also have friends and family that have more than 2 dogs and it will also mean that they can no longer take their dogs out for a run due to these restrictions. Also 10 meters from a playground is also ridiculous - I have worked passed some playgrounds where I would have to walk on the other side of the road to avoid being stuck within the 10 meter zone or I have I have had to go back down a path as the path in some reserves come right out next to playgrounds. Christchurch it is only 2 meters which is doable - I don't even think Auckland has 10 meters. I think that it is a bit excessive especially if I am out with my daughter - I will have to tie my dog up 10 meters away so she can go play and I can be within distance to watch her.
138	[redacted]		Welcome bay	These need removing: 5.1.2 Dogs must be under leash control on footpaths and in the road reserve. So how are people going to run their dogs from a bike now? if you train your dog then this is not required. 5.3.4 All dogs classified as menacing under sections 33A or 33C of the Dog Control Act The whole breed thing shouldn't exist in the first place. They are dogs not wolves. They act how they are brought up. Failure to carry a leash in public $100 fine. If they are trained they do not need a leash.
139	[redacted]		Welcome Bay	I am in full support of this and hope you go ahead with it.
140	[redacted]		Brookfield	I often combine walking my dog and doing errands at the same time...ie going to post office ,popping into the shop or buying lunch at a cafe. As i am usually on my own I tied my dog up and quickly purchase what I need .If I drive to shops and it is hot I remove my dog from the hot car and tie him up in a shady spot while I quickly do errands.I never leave him for long as I am afraid he may be stolen. Many outdoor cafes are dog friendly...how can I purchase my food and coffee inside when I can't leave my dog outsde while I place my order and pay? With you proposed changes I will not be able to take my dog with me anywhere where I need to leave him tied up unattended for a short time.??? My dog like many others I have seen,sits outside quietly waits and causes no nuisance to anyone. Also you often see a lot of elderly people that use mobility scooter walking their pets while heading to do errands at shops...This will mean they can't leave their dogs with their scooters outside diary or supermarkets. I hope you will consider my and other dog owners feedback before changing these laws. Thanks Jo Laurenson Responsilble dog owner
141	[redacted]	ir-	Mt Maunganui	I have no problem with the majority of the changes proposed they seem sensible and I am happy to support them. My main concern is the change to no more than 4 dogs on a leash and 2 dogs off a leash. I am a responsible dog owner and when I am away from the house for work (I work from home) for more than 3 or 4 hours I arrange a dog walker/dog sitter to take my dogs so that they are not at home alone. This person is a professional and does a fantastic job of walking dogs/exercising/entertaining them. The proposed changes could effect her business and her ability to be able to provide this service plus give my dog the opportunity to socialise with other dogs which is hugely important. I do not support either of these two changes and do not think that they are necessary.
142	[redacted]		Papamoa	I live close to the motiti/karewa stretch of beach mentioned in the byelaw draft. I do not support the new byelaw. The reasons are: a) If council want to encourage more people to the area then Council will need to do something about the amount of litter that the temporary residents/visitors at that time year leave behind (primarily around the beach fronting the Christian camp). b) If Council want to take care of the dunes and natural areas then dogs are the least of the problem. STOP USING ROUND UP AND CHEMICAL WEED TREADMENTS. Lizards and other rare creatures are particularly affected.
143	[redacted]		-	Please accept my thoughts as I do totally agree with the TCC's idea that dogs should be on a lead (between Motiti Road and Karewa Parade).
144	[redacted]		396a Devonport Rd	Years ago owners of dogs registered with the Tga Council were given a dispensation (discount on their annual registration fee) if their dog(s) were kept in a fully fenced property.

	[redacted]		I would like the council to reconsider this; there a large number of properties where they are not fenced in nor kept secure.. unfair on many of us who have fully enclosed in, and fenced properties and keep our animals in a secure environment. It is unfair that we look after our animals in a secure environment – I am totally disgusted at the number of dogs that just roam the streets, and being a nuisance or worse still, tied up on short leads, in an unfenced property especially in the rain or worse, in the outdoor heat of the summer. A dispensation would assist the elderly who find comfort in having a pet as their only companion
145		not supplied	Thank you for sending through the amended bylaw changes for dogs. I have a couple of questions regarding the first change. Restricted areas around Mauao and Mount Maunganui: Will the dogs still be allowed on the opposite side of the road to beach (path to the cafes?) Will dogs be allowed through Maunganui town on a lead?
146		not supplied	Thank you for the opportunity to review and submit feedback - I have read through the docs and have summitted feedback on the proposed changes to the docs. I just want to say the plastic bag dispenses are great and I use them a lot. Often I will purposely take my dog for a walk where there is a dispenser available. I think they are a great idea . Just letting you know that the dispenser at Papamoa beach near the surf life saver building has been empty for a month. Thanks again , the council is doing a great job keeping our community dog friendly and supporting the owners to be responsible and considerate in public.
147	-	not supplied	Thank you for the submission form. I am satisfied that they recommendations are very good.
148		not supplied	Tena koutou, Reading through these changes I would like to endorse them, especially those concerning the control of dogs round the surf life saving areas at the Mount and Papamoa, leaving dogs outside shops unattended, and control of and minimising the amount of dogs on/off leads. People have become less concerned re picking up their dogs' □ and children step in it especially around the popular swimming areas. I say yes to all changes. We are owners of two Beagles and I have often had to ask people not to allow their dogs to run up to ours as they do not like it. Thank you for the care for our wider community,
149	l	not supplied	Hi there - absolutely support all the suggestions in your proposal for " Dog Management" I especially appreciate the curent rule re dogs kept a decent distance from childrens play areas - as in Yatton Park & Memorial Park. I frequently take my two little grand-daughters (6 & 7)to both these areas - with my little dog. It is not difficult to keep her on a leash while in these areas - but many don't bother. Can be scary for all concerned.... I usually let her have a runaround on the foreshore area before leashing her and going to the playground. Soooo many children are terrified of dogs - large and small - and they deserve a safe stress free area to play in. Cheers and thanks for the email - appreciated
150		not supplied	Yes I agree with these changes especially on the beach I would like to see dogs on a lease on beaches. Regarding around playgrounds maybe they could be there if on shortened leaches
151		not supplied	I have no problem with dogs being banned from Mauao or even Main beach but insisting they be kept on a lead during summer in the quieter parts of the beach seems over-kill. What problem are you responding to by doing this? Are you able to tell us how many reports of dog attacks there have been in this part of the beach over the last 10 years please?
152		not supplied	Hello Please can you consider at least one totally fenced space (1/2 acre is plenty) in one of the city parks where many dogs are exercised eg. Yatton Park for safe off-leash spaces for small dogs. My maltese has been attacked as have other small or elderly dogs - they and we NEED secure areas where larger or scary dogs cant touch our pets. Opportunity for dialogue concerning such a facility would be appreciated.
153	d	not supplied	I am an owner of a Schnoodle Whom I walk regularly. I have a passion and respect for all our 4 legged friends. At Papamoa here, we are highly populated with little dogs.

	[redacted]		All of who appear to be loved and cared for. I do have a suggestion & a question for the animal team. Wouldn't it be great for pet owners too have off leach parks around Tauranga in the suburbs. We travel to Brisbane every year. All my brothers have dogs, In all of their suburbs they have off leach parks. I am constantly in awe of how successful these parks are. They have a fenced area, for small & big breeds. Every day my brother meets up with a group of neighbours, who walk their dogs too their park. A Water tap & bowl is provided. The dogs socialize & tear around with each other, and also the owners socialize. The council have provided benches to sit on. Its a great community gathering. And so good for these dogs, to get this form of exercise. There is plenty of land out here at Papamoa, where this could be provided. We are certainly paying enough in our rates and dog registration, (which we receive nothing in return for.) The expense involved in setting up an off leach park is minimal, compared too the benefits for dogs, and the community. SO WHY is this NOT happening in our city ??????????. I look forward to your response
154	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Overall I support the proposed changes however believe given the number of families including small children within the area of Tay Street Beach down to Hart Street Beach, that all dogs should be leashed over the summer period similar to what you are putting at place at Karewa Parade and Motiti Taylor Road beaches. We are home and dog owners and walk our dog regularly between these junctions. From about mid Dec through until March, this area is enjoyed by a high volume of people. Many a time have we witnessed uncontrolled dogs running up to small children, through picnics and being a general nuisence impacting on the enjoyment and safety of others. Owners that let their dogs run free here are also not picking up after them when unrulely dogs rush up to them whllst their owners are oblivious or have no control. Leshes in this area is essential I believe to the ongoing enjoyment of beach goers at this time of the year.
155	[redacted]	yes Pa	I have been offered the opportunity to speak at a council meeting on Oct1 and wish to accept the invitation. I would like to speak about the value of a fenced off leash area for small dogs. Please keep me in touch.
156	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	10.3 currently reads 10.3 No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a public place or reserve at any one time. and like 10.4 should surely have added "and all dogs must be under effective control of the owner at all times."
157	[redacted]	yes Pa	I agree with all changes, excepting the following: Dog Management Bylaw 2018 sec 5.2.2 I disagree with the change. "..Respond appropriately" is too open to personal interpretation. The response process needs to be clearly defined to avoid an allowance of negligent or minimal response on the part of the Council. Police don't necessarily need notification, and the council taking charge of investigating complaints of dog aggression is fine. But the suggested amendment is too vague.
158	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	As dog owners and Mt Maunganui residents, my husband and I totally support the proposals. It makes a lot of sense to apply these rules during the busiest season of the year to minimise any potential harm from uncontrolled dogs to young children and other animals. We would support regulations all year round. Our dog is always on a leash and as it is a long extendable is perfectly adequate for exercise. It is our experience that many people often bring large dogs (often multiple) to the beach for exercise and do not restrict them from harassing wildlife and other smaller dogs as they become over-excited. Many of these owners are often distracted whilst checking their phones or talking to friends and don't notice what's going on.

159	[redacted]	Papamoa	In regards to 6.3 iii - do not support this proposed change as do not believe the restriction is needed. If it was to be introduced, believe it should be reduced to only the area of Motiti Reserve/early Karewa Parade as the most popular area out from the shopping area of Golden Sands.
160	[redacted]	Tauriko	I totally support the new Dog Management Bylaw 2018, especially clause 10.3 and 10.4. I live on **REDACTED** and regularly walk my dog down at Miles Lane Reserve . I have come across a professional dog walker who has many dogs, between 8 and 15 at one time, not on leads and definitely not controlled harass me and my dog. They seem aggressive and are large dogs. The walker, when asked to put her dogs on a lead, has been verbally abusive and is intimidating. Many people and groups use the reserve and it is a shame that one person has the ability to ruin a good thing, and that is why I support this amendment to set clear, easy to measure, standards of what is acceptable/not acceptable behaviour from the humans and the dogs. Most people I meet at the river are lovely, well mannered people who have control of their dogs. (many breeds) Thank you for asking for input.
161	[redacted]	Ohauiti	Why can you only walk 2 dogs off leash - I quite often look after my friends dog and I then have 3 dogs off leash they are well behaved and dont cause any problems - for instance what happens if somebody takes a photo of me with my dogs and sends it to council and complains because its now a bylaw a ridiculous bylaw how is this going to work? What about professional dog walkers that let the dogs run and play how does this work for them? I look forward to your comments
162	[redacted]	Welcome Bay Community Centre 242 Welcome Bay Rd	Proposed rule: Council to have authority to apply temporary restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural, or sporting events in parks and reserves, or where necessary to protect wildlife. Why: To ensure that dogs can be managed when events are hosted in our parks, and ensure that we can better protect wildlife from predators. As an organisation that holds events on public land (Tye Park and Waitaha Reserve), having the ability to restrict dogs at an event is most beneficial. Our main event at Tye Park involves fireworks and we do not believe it is appropriate for dogs to be present. Feedback from other family events suggests that there are attendees who do not like dogs at these events. While we do not necessarily wish to exclude dogs, we would like to have the authority to insist that dogs are leashed and controlled.
163	[redacted]	Tauranga central	All dog owners must have a fully fenced property regardless of financial ability. No sure if this is in one of the by -laws Also cats should be kept in their own property for that matter.
164	j[redacted]	Papamoa	I do not support the changes to the bylaws. Please look at the dates for keeping dogs leashed on the beach. We have a huge coastline and we want to enjoy it with our dog being able to run with our whanau on the beach and in the water. I've been on parts of the beach up until Christmas and they are pretty empty. Perhaps an amendment could be to school holidays? Even then I'm not happy. The idea of restricting to 4 dogs is somewhat ridiculous, if they are leashed then what is the problem? Not being able to leave a dig briefly in a public space could be difficult when in summer it's too hot to leave them in the car! I agree that dog management is important and dogs should be kept under control but please don't legislate for the difficult few.
165	[redacted]	Matapihi	I totally disagree with this new bylaw, as a responsible dog ownner, I feel this is very unfair, Tauranga dosnt have enough of leash parks for dogs, and the beach is such a huge part of all our lives so not allowing our dogs of leash in certain time of the year will majorly impact a lot of tax paying family's lives! For the worst, I'm guessing this is coming about because of irresponsible dog owners and aggressive dogs, these people and dogs will continue to be in our community and will never change. The only thing that will change is for all the responsible dog owners and dogs, once again we all get punished for the few idiots out there! Please please please don't go ahead with the new proposed by law.
166	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I disagree with dogs being prohibited up to 255m south of Leisure Island. At the moment, Leisure Island is a very clear marker that dogs aren't allowed past, so we keep well clear of it. Adding an extra 255m onto this makes the mark very unclear. This area is less populated than other busy areas of the beach which makes it a great spot for dogs. There is plenty of dog-free beach space on Pilot Bay, Main beach, and near surf clubs. I disagree with dogs being banned in Papamoa (Motiti Road/Karewa Parade vicinity) over the summer season. This is a ridiculous demand for Papamoa residents, at least allow off leash dog walking in the early AM and late PM.
167	[redacted]	Covell	I do not support the following changes: - Extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 225m further south along the beach -Replace the 200m restriction around the Omanu & Papamoa surf lifesaving clubs with a defined area -Addition of new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road and the end of Karewa Parade -Prohibit dogs 10 metres from exercise equipment in reserves

			-Council to have authority to apply temp restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural or sporting events -Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place -No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve -No person may exercise more than four dogs off leash in a public place
168	M [redacted] rn	Gate Pā	DEAR IDIOTS AT TCC You guys are a bunch of idiots, you don't need to amend the current policy, you just need to employ some one with half a brain to tell you guys how to utilise the current bylaw. I have a dog living next door that barks and barks all bloody day & night, despite multiple complaints from me and my neighbours, you do nothing at all, despite this dog being a Pitbull cross, is dangerous and I have to keep my kids away from the fence and you are aware of this, you still do nothing. Despite the dog owners telling me that the dog is not going anywhere, that it has always barked, that I need to get over it and again you are aware of it, you still do nothing. So, tell me, what do you hope to achieve by amending the current bylaw? Especially when you state you won't be changing much in the reform? We have a dog, we keep it in accordance to the bylaws. It seldom barks, if it does we stop it or bring it inside, we are constantly asking the neighbours if the dog is quite while we are at work. That's what responsible dog owners do. But no, you guys are more interested in looking after a mut like the one next door & the arrogant owners who think their neighbours should just have to get use to their dog barking…incredible! Why do you idiots make things so hard, why do you continue to do nothing about the things we pay you incredibly expensive rates to manage? Honestly you guys at TCC are incredibly incompetent at anything you are charged to manage. Why don't you just all quite your jobs, that way I won't have to waste 3K on rates that achieve nothing but frustration. YOUR JUST A BUNCH OF BLOODY IDIOTS!
169	Ja [redacted] orfer	Matua	The proposed change that dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from members of the public means that I will no longer be able to walk my dog to a dairy to buy milk or stop at a local cafe for a coffee, as dogs owners sit at the tables on the footpath with their dogs. This proposed change seems rather restrictive. Many dog owners will be affected. I would like to know the number of incidents in these circumstances that have resulted in injury to the public. I oppose this change for the reasons outlined above. Surely it should be permitted to leave leashed dogs unattended for as long as it takes to purchase milk or an ice cream or order a coffee.
170	P [redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I fully understand the need to comply with rules around dogs and dog ownership, and by and large, agree with your proposed changes. However, the proposed change that "Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded)" is very disappointing. For many dog owners, part of the pleasure in owning a dog, and exercising it, entails taking that dog with you. Yes, tying it sensibly is important, but to prohibit dogs from being allowed to accompany their owners to the shops as they run errands, is overly authoritarian and I sincerely hope you will re-consider any change to the ability to do this, very carefully. Additionally, your proposed rule around people exercising more than two, or four dogs on and off leash in certain places, is extremely disappointing. Many people take their dogs to dog daycare facilities: these are people who are being very responsible dog owners, ensuring their animals are well cared for, exercised and socialized. Prohibiting the dog daycare owners from taking these dogs out and about, in a well supervised manner, is again overly officious. Why not assess this more carefully?
171	N [redacted]	Papamoa	It would appear that the writers are not conversant with the issue at Papamoa. It is normal to see 1 dog for every 10 people. At peek times the restricted area requires extending along the beach from adjacent to Alan Place including in front of the Camping Ground. Over the holiday period this area of the beach is full and not just concentrated around the Surf Club area. Every year the numbers utilizing this area of the beach is increasing and at times would well exceed more than 1000 people. In these circumstances it is not compatible to have dogs running loose amongst the public. I personally have been knocked over by a dog leaping up on me on the beach. My wife has been attacked by a dog on the beach requiring hospitalization and many months of convalescence. I therefore have strong reservations on the proposals forwarded.
172	R [redacted]	Otumoetai	Overall the policies and bylaws seem to be tackling perceived issues that don't appear to be backed up with any evidence- like leaving dogs tied up outside shops or some arbitrary limit on the number of dogs one person is capable of walking. The statement of proposal provides no evidence of the thinking behind these changes and Councillors should be thoughtful about making rules that create a lot more compliance for officers without good (or in this case any) justification.

			Proposed rule: Amend current wording to: Dogs in public places – Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, council does not restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed and under effective control. Why: To provide a general approach to dog access and dog exercise areas in Tauranga. Response: Support the changed wording- this is the only positive statement- the only part where consideration is given to the vast majority of dogs in the city, that are well behaved, cared for and not a problem to anyone. Proposed rule: Amend current wording to: Dog safe communities – Public education programmes for dog owners and the wider community are available to ensure that potential conflicts are managed in a way that balances the interests of all people in the community. Why: To recognise council's responsibility to provide details of dog owner education programmes Response: Support the changed wording- I feel that I pay dog registration for very little benefit. I'm essentially paying for other people's dogs to be locked up. I think Council could be more proactive by having positive and supportive programmes for dog owners. Proposed changes to the bylaw, and why we want to make them Proposed rule: Minor amendment to the definition of the Mount Maunganui Dog Prohibited Area (which covers Waikorire [Pilot Bay], Mount Maunganui, Moturiki [Leisure Island] and Mauao). Refer to maps in bylaw. Why: To clarify that dogs are prohibited from all areas of Mauao. Response: Support the changed wording Proposed rule: Extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 255m further south along the beach past Moturiki (Leisure Island). Why: To ensure that dogs are further prevented from accessing Moturiki (Leisure Island). Response: I don't agree with this- why is the boundary 255m away to prevent dogs from accessing Moturiki- that's a very large distance which isn't warranted by the reason stated. In the bylaw there is a 10m space for exercise equipment- its quite inconsistent. Suggest this restriction is in place from 15 Dec to 15 Feb as is the proposed restriction elsewhere and the distance is much less. Proposed rule: Addition of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road (beach access point 0018) and the end of Karewa Parade (beach access point 0025), including Motiti Reserve. Refer to map in bylaw. Why: To protect people's safety on a popular spot of the beach during the busy summer period. as above Proposed rule: Define the summer season as 15 December to 15 February between the hours of 10am and 5pm. Why: To ensure that dogs are controlled during the peak summer season when there are more people, particularly children, on the beach. This proposed summer season aligns with the proposed definition of in the draft Beaches Bylaw 2018. Response: this summer timeframe and hours seems reasonable but its likely the next time the policy is reviewed that it will be made longer in duration. I do not support the extension of this timeframe, dog walkers are the predominant beach users outside of the Christmas peak. Proposed rule: Prohibit dogs 10 metres from exercise equipment in reserves. Why: To align with current uses of parks and reserves. Response this is unenforceable- for example in Kulim Park where the older people's exercise facility is located- consideration should be given to moving exercise equipment so that dog walkers can comply with what is an excessive distance. I recommend a two metre rule. Fergusson Park has a lot of decaying exercise equipment along the footpath and the edges of the park- this rule would essentially ban off-leash exercise for dogs at Fergusson Park. It lacks transparency if that is the intention. Proposed rule: Council to have authority to apply temporary restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural, or sporting events in parks and reserves, or where necessary to protect wildlife. Why: To ensure that dogs can be managed when events are hosted in our parks, and ensure that we can better protect wildlife from predators. Response- please delete this rule to restrictive and gives Council officers too much power. An example might be a ban on dogs at Fergusson Park during the

	[redacted]		soccer season, again banning dogs from a popular area without consultation. Proposed rule: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). Why: To minimise any risk or safety issues from dogs being left unattended and uncontrolled on the footpath while their owners shop. Response- please delete this rule to restrictive, what is meant by a designated area- and the alternative in summer is to the dog in the car which could kill it. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. Response- please delete I do not support this, Council will not enforce it and for people like myself with two small dogs its just silly and arbitrary. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than four dogs on leash in a public place at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. Response- please delete I do not support this, Council will not enforce it and for people like myself with two small dogs its just silly. I am more than capable of controlling five chihuahuas on leads if I needed to. I don't clearly see the issue here- unless Council is reacting to a one-off scenario. Proposed rule: All dogs classified as menacing must be neutered, including dogs that are transferred to our district. Why: To encourage responsible dog ownership and take all reasonable steps to ensure that dogs do not cause a nuisance. Response support this completely, but seeing as they tend not to be registered anyway it seems a bit pointless.
173		Welcome Bay	Proposed rule: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). Why: To minimise any risk or safety issues from dogs being left unattended and uncontrolled on the footpath while their owners shop. There needs to be more designated places where dogs can be tied up and left unattended for short amounts of time as in summer it is too hot to leave dogs in cars. Bayfair shopping centre is a good example of a designated area for dogs while owner goes into the shopping centre. Even a more simple structure similar to a bike stand would be useful as owners do sometimes need to leave there dogs for short amount of time especially if they are needing to use the public toilet and the car is too hot. Or need to go to the post office or library etc.
174		Welcome Bay	Section 6.2 If a dog is well trained and under the full control of the owner they shouldn't have to be on a leash when walking on a public footpath, near a road etc. Good dog owners know their dogs. If a dog is under 'effective control' and they don't need a leash then they should be allowed to walk on a public footpath without fear of being fined YES It would be fantastic to be allowed dogs on a leash around Surf Clubs. We go there with the whole family and our dog is part of our family. Is there no longer a fine for owners who do not pick up their dogs poop?
175		Bethlehem	Hello, thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. I support the changes to both the policy and bylaws as these are both relevant and necessary. I have recently been to Whangarei and while out walking stopped to admire their dog exercise area that contained a largish area with obstacles and seating - fantastic for dogs and their owners. This is similar to the dog parks in Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North (there are probably more). I would love to see Tauranga incorporate something similar in our city planning. There are a lot of open spaces within the city boundaries that would be perfect for this - i.e., a portion of the unused land within the Carmichael Reserve in Bethlehem. I understand from my neighbours that this has been raised before but nothing has eventuated so I thought I would raise it again.
176		Papamoa	Papamoa East surely has the greatest number of dogs per capita in New Zealand. Small dogs are exercised on leash and under control by their owners. Large dogs when unleashed are up to 100 meters in front of or BEHIND their owners. At this distance their poo is not able to be found by their owner for bagging.

	[redacted]		The Wairakei River reserve in Palm Springs and probably other areas also is a nesting area at this time of year for chicks of Ducks, Pukeko, Plover and other birds. The chicks get a hard introduction to life from the unleashed dogs. This is a new subdivision area and people do not immediately have fences. Dog owners of unleashed dogs have no respect for home owner personal property. If dogs can pee on my fence and plants can I ask the owner for their address so I can go and pee on their fence.
177	Ja	Tauranga	I would like to see a break down of where the money from our dog registration fees goes. They are very expensive now and I'd like to see where the money is spent.
178	Ja	Papamoa	The beach is the only place I see dogs locally being able to be off the leash and have the freedom to run that they need. 99 percent of dog owners are respectful of others. The ones you need to target won't care about any rule changes. I don't want dogs to be required to be leashed on the beach.
179	An	Papamoa	I wish to make submissions in respect of the Council's proposed amendments to Dog Managament Policy and Dog Managament Bylaw 2018. Our family and our dog will be greatly affected if the proposed Papamoa Beach Seasonal Dog Leash area becomes a reality. A primary reason for adopting our rescue dog in March of this year was to encourage us to spend more time together as a family whilst we walked our dog on the beach. I personally get a great deal of enjoyment seeing our dog enjoying himself off leash on the beach, socialising with other dogs, whilst I talk to their owners. Our local vet has commented that she loves how well Papamoa dogs are socialised, which she attributes to the amount of time they spend running around with other dogs on the beach. My objections to the Papamoa Beach Seasonal dog leash area are as follows:- 1. The proposed area is too large; Our family lives in a property that backs onto Motiti Reserve and hence I am aware that is a very popular destination for local families. Many people bring their children to the playground then use the walkway down to the beach. For this reason I would support the beach area fronting Motiti Reserve being included in the Papamoa Beach seasonal dog leash area. However, I do not believe that other parts of the beach are as well utilised by children and their families over the Summer months and could be made available for owners to walk their dogs off leash. I am amazed by the number of dog owners who use Motiti Reserve and its surrounding beach access ways to access Papamoa Beach. Most of them are on foot, already having walked from homes that are located further back from the beach. Like myself, many would find that by the time they walked to a beach access point outside the proposed area it would be time to turn around and go home again. Their dogs wouldn't have the opportunity to walk off leash unless their owners hopped in their cars and drove to an access point outside the proposed zone. 2. The proposed time frame does not allow dog owners the flexibility to walk their dogs off leash according to the tides; I keep the tide time charts stored on my phone and always aim to walk our dog at low tide. I have a bad back and hips and find that walking on soft sand or a steeply sloping beach aggravates my condition. If low tide fell between 10am and 5pm, I would need to drive to an area of the beach where I could start to walk my dog off leash. 3. There are few alternative areas available to dog owners in Papamoa where they may exercise their dogs off leash. If the Council is minded to impose such onerous restrictions on dog owners during the Summer months, then they must provide an alternative venue for residents to walk their dogs off leash in Papamoa. I do not walk my dog off leash along the waterways as I am on a footpath and my dog soon grows bored of chasing a ball at the park. He wants to go for a walk, sniff logs and meet other dogs. At present, the only fenced dog walking area in the Tauranga area is at the TECT park. People are not going to travel there from Papamoa on a daily basis to walk their dogs off leash. Consideration should also be given as to how the proposals will affect elderly dog owners. I have been surprised by the number of elderly dog owners that I meet on the beach. It can be difficult for them to walk great distances to the beach, and some of them no longer have a drivers license. Due to physical limitations, many of them can only walk on the firm sand at low tide but they still toddle down to the beach each day to walk their dogs and let them off leash so that they can run around with other dogs. It is a matter of balancing the concerns and interests of all beach users. I am aware that some members of the public don't like dogs and therefore don't want them to be walked off leash on the beach at all. I personally don't like fisherman leaving their fish heads below the high tide mark or driving their quad bikes

	[redacted]		along the beach. But I don't own the beach, it is there for all of us to enjoy and requires tolerance on my part towards other beach users. My other objection relates to the clause 10.3 and 10.4 of the Draft Dog Management Bylaw 2018. I believe that these clauses are onerous and will unfairly impact upon the livelihood of professional dog sitters and walkers. Our local dog sitter chooses to only look after obedient, well mannered dogs that he is able to walk without incident. He doesn't charge a lot so is not uncommon for him have three dogs in his care on any given day. I suspect that the majority of dog control complaints to the Council would be in relation to dogs whose owners have allowed them to wander from insecure sections. Those irresponsible owners would rarely bother walking their dogs on or off leash and have no regard for dog control bylaws. By comparison, I would be interested to know how many complaints are received by the Council in relation to dogs that are in the care of paid dog sitters or dog walkers. Probably not enough to worry legislating against. Thank you for the time you have taken to consider my submissions. Please feel free to contact me with any queries you may have.
180		Papamoa	I don't support the proposed changes. The only areas for dogs not to be allowed are any patrolled beaches. For many kiwi families, taking their four legged member of the family to the beach is a way to spend summer holidays. We can't keep them on leashes for hours and dogs should be allowed to enjoy a play with their family and children. I love going to the beach and playing with dogs but I am also part of the Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club - it will be great not the have dogs near the patrolled beach but dogs need to exercise and cool off just like we do. Leave the rest of the beaches for dogs to be free. Maybe they should be on leashes in the streets but not on the beach where there is no designated swimming area. But the owners should be made to pick up the dog's poos and not leave the plastic bags on the beach. Please don't ruin summer holidays for us kids - we want to include our dogs when we go and spend the day at the beach. We should all be encouraged to spend more time outdoors. Most of the time the beaches are busy only during the Christmas period and then are mostly empty. Banning those that want to go and exercise or spend time outdoors for those that want to sit on the beach for few days over the summer is unfair and if all dogs just go to the same small area there might not be happy. Banning dogs from the patrolled only areas is better.
181		Ohauiti	Re: dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place. - could this be amended to allow them for short periods of time, or as long as they're securely tied with a short leash (like less than 1m) or as long as they aren't in the way of pedestrians? I'm thinking in summer it's too hot to leave my dog in the car, and if I can't pop into a dairy with him tied up outside for 3 mins it will be a real nuisance, especially since we live a while away from town. And what if i needed to use a public restroom while walking my dog? This proposed bylaw change is far too restrictive. Re: excercising a certain number of dogs off leash (2) or on leash (4) - this makes sense for the average dog owner but I feel like for dog walkers as an example this won't work. Perhaps they could apply for special dispensation to walk a larger number of dogs.
182		Judea	The proposed by law change for dogs saying that "dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place" I feel is a little bit over the top. If a dog is left tired up while owner goes into shop (so long as it isn't for hours) and it is not lose quiet it should not be a big problem. I myself do this rush into supermarket/get coffee on a walk. I also see a lot of elderly people who do this tire up their dog outside supermarket and it is their way of exercising and socialization their dogs. In making changes the first thought I would have thought would be for the dog and what is best for their welfare. The feeling I have is the more we restrict dogs from being socialization in their lives the more problems in the long run we will create. The more training and socialization of dogs is foremost the answer to well behaviour dogs and top this with education of owners and the general public . Not by punishing good owners and their goog dogs.
183		Papamoa	The proposal for only walking 4 dogs on lead or two off lead (10.4 and 10.3 respectively) is over prescriptive. It doesn't take into account the walker's experience and skill to control the dogs. I have a dog walker who takes my dog along with several others for a walk off lead each week in areas without many people. She has the skills and control of the dogs to be able to manage more than 2 off a lead and has managed this without incident for several years. I also object to the clause 7.4 whereby a dog cannot be left unattended in a public place. It is very common for dog owners to go and pick up a coffee or milk whilst taking their dog for a walk and this is over the top to not allow them to be tied up outside a shop for 5 minutes. This could impact local business owners who are dog friendly and make them lose customers. Not only this but I also take my dog away in my campervan over summer. Whilst this isn't in Tauranga there would be several others in similar situations and rather than leaving their dog in a hot car whilst getting supplies their owners prefer to take them with them and

	[redacted]		tie then up outside the shop. Enforcing this clause could potentially alienate tourists to our area as well as put dogs at increased risk of heat related death. Overall I find Tauranga a reasonably dog friendly city to live in however these proposed policies are actually pushing Tauranga backwards. Dogs are becoming more and more common in peoples lives and increasingly live as part of the family, not just a dog that's left outside. I have spent a lot of time overseas and found so many international cities to be so much more accepting of dogs in public places, on public transport, in shopping centres, in restaurants and because the dogs are allowed in there it's just part of every day life and they become accustomed to this. To restrict dogs and their owners further such as your proposed policies will alienate people further and prevent Tauranga from becoming a progressive city to be proud of.
184	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	i don't support the changes to the bylaw about 1 person, only having 2 dogs off leash in an exercise area. i know plenty of people who walk with 3 or more dogs, as do i, and the dogs are under voice control and we always have leashes handy if needed.
185	[redacted]	-	While I don't have anything against the pending changes I do want to know what is being done to 'teach' 'non dog' people that THEY are the problem .....NOT the dog. I used-to live with (a shadow) Duke, a very large German shepherd/Irish woof hound who was rescued from a bad start to his life. He was afraid of butterflies, would have told a buglar where the spare key was hid, loved to be loved, didn't know he was a dog..... let alone a big one and scary. I trained him to NOT go up to people even to sniff at close range but even still at 50 paces a lady climbed a 6 foot wooden fence backwards screaming to get away from him while out walking in the street. I dare not think what was going on in Dukes mind as to what the woman was let alone doing..... what message did her actions (Soooooooo a drama queen) give Duke, Duke the gentle giant. Rather than cater to one eyed folk with hang-ups I'd like to see 'dog friendly' classes for them who may have a real fear, but so not necessary, to show them what they are missing out on..... the unconditional love from a dog..... N O T H I N G beats the love from a dog, not even ice cream. Marley is a big black mussel with a leg on each corner but I can't walk him because people are so rude and accusing of him in a negative way. (he has a whole section to 'chat to the birds, next door talk to him every day, a male who visits and ruff houses with him and small children who visit him. They do have a fear of dogs past on from a parent who didn't grow up with animals..... long story and not fit for print..... but parent is doing best to over come that fear and the children soon forget the far and pull Marley's tail, feed him and play with/bath him. He is big and mussely (spelling) so is watched with the little ones like any small children should be. In 5 years there has NEVER been a concern. Bottom line..... don't keep blaming/penalizing the dog for narrow minded/deprived folk. Spleen vented. Thank you.
186	[redacted]	Papamoa	I do not support the bylaw change which states dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place. I walk my two dogs to the supermarket and tie them up outside. They are not a danger to anybody and sit and wait patiently for the five minutes I am inside.
187	[redacted]	Papamoa	The area for dogs on leash around Papamoa Surf Club should extend north to Hartford Avenue, and MUST be policed. Dog owners frequently park at the Surf Club, let the dogs out and they run onto the beach. So much for the 200 metres exclusion area. My wife and I walk on the beach in that area almost daily, and 99% of the dogs are not controlled. This is the prime swimming beach for Papamoa residents in summer including large numbers of children. The loose dogs are an absolute disgrace and dog owners know they won't be caught so don't care.
188	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I live near the beach and I have a wonderful dog. I think dogs should be permitted in all areas out os season including pilot bay with acception of Mauao and leisure island because of livestock and bird life/seals. During peak season I think dogs should be allowed at pilot bay(on leash) and beach areas 200 metre from surf club. Dogs should be under control and kept on a lease when walking through these areas. There are so many more people with dogs and we need areas to exercise. I would love to see papamoa hills open to dog owners as it's provides an alternative to beach walks. On lease or off. I would also like to see more shaded areas for dogs For those hot summer days. As a rate payer and dog owner lisence holder I would also like to see more bins provided for dog waste and fuelling stations so dogs can grab a drink.
189	[redacted]	Golden Sands	We support the changes. We have been living in Papamoa since 2008 and the increase in dogs accessing the beach between motiti and karewa parade has increased to a ridiculous level over the past 18months interfering with our fun at the beach. Our children are expected to "put up" with dogs unleashed interrupting their beach cricket games, sniffing in our picnic dinners, urinating in the sandcastle creations at the water's edge and feeling intimidated by them rushing towards them when playing in the sand or water. We have never let our children interfere with other people's enjoyment at the beach so why should dogs be allowed to? I understand it is a wonderful environment for dogs to run and play but popular beach areas should be exempt at popular times as you have suggested. We are so lucky to have such a paradise on our doorstep however our children are now put off going to the beach due to the dogs and our 7 year old is scared. We as parents find this VERY frustrating!! Summertime is such a special fun time for familiea. Dog owners can still walk their dogs morning or night. There are plenty of other beach areas further along that they can be unleashed to play with their owners/family that is less obtrusive to other beach goers.
190	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	If there was going to be any changes to dogs on the Mount maunganui beach , I am strongly against totally prohibiting them . I walk every morning and night and 90% of usuage would be dog owners and they are all courteous and are proactive with collection of their dog waste. But I would agree to hours of access. In fact if you stop dog owners, you will find the beach will remain littered with rubbish form party goers. As I know 100s of dog owners that pick up other party

	[redacted]		goers rubbish . ie cans, bottles, BK wrappers etc ie dogs on beach before 10am, and after 3pm in winter. and in summer take these hours out further (9am-5pm). main beach could still stay dog free, but I think Pilot bay should be opened up to dogs between certain hours , similar to the sea side .
191		Mt Maunganui	5.2.1 do not remove 'free' it should be free for dog owners who pay their registration I would like to see the 10 meter to a playground rule reduced to 5 meters for well controlled dogs. Dogs are part of families and as a family we like to use the playground. I would like to see better use of email and phone calls around dog registration. Physical addresses change more frequently than emails and reminders should be sent there. Cold calling at home should be a very last resort, waste of dog owners money to do cold calls for registration follow ups (and giving on the spot fines, rather than listening to a persons situation). If we had of received a reminder by phone/text it would have saved everyone money. It seems Council can have multiple customer information points, so changing an address for rates may not change for dog rego (we got caught up with that last year). Need to LEAN (efficiency tool) your systems! It is unfair to have a fine of $100 for failure to notify change of address when your system isn't smart enough to change an address across your whole system. Apparently we had 5 different addresses against our name at the council. In addition I would like to see a large reduction in fee's according to breed/microchip/vaccinated/neutered dogs. A small miniature dachshund who is all of those things will never require dog 'services' nor contribute to any dog menacing. A portion of current dog rego fee's should be dispersed across all rate payers, as it is a societal issue, not a responsible dog owner issue.
192		ocean crest	The changes seem good especially defining the areas around popular beaches/parks and recreational grounds Infringement penalties - regarding these -is there a clear stated penalty for not cleaning up after your dog messes in a public place? or for allowing your dog to poo on others private property without cleaning it up? - possibly some of these penalties are a catch 22, people that can't afford to register their dog will not have the money to pay a fine as well, instead why not remove the dog until such time they front up with the registration. if they don't microchip- remove dog from their care, chip it and they pay the chip fee to get their dog back? for failure to provide proper care/food/attention, a fine won't help the dog but possibly the removal of the animals and risk of prosecution would. also statement 5.22- why is it now not a requirement for council to report to police a serious harm incident? this clause should be reinstated as council should have duty of care to report such incidents
193		Maungatapu	Tauranga City Council has a data base of all registered dog owners and yet this has not been used to advise all dog owners that there was a proposed change to the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw. It is my belief that dog owners should have been consulted of the proposed changes in a more effective and transparent way. Many owners I have spoken to over the last few weeks were unaware of any proposed changes therefore, would not have an opportunity to provide feedback or make submissions. Ii only found out about it when it was shared by a concerned dog owner on Facebook. I believe the council could do a far better job at targeting the people these changes will impact on directly.
194			Schedule 1. 5.3.1 - council encourages dog owners to attend dog obedience courses to assist in the training and socialising of dogs. I belong to a local Dog Training Club and as yet there has been no formal request from council regarding this matter. It would be great to see a partnership between the two main Dog Training Clubs and the council to provide information and education to new dog owners. Tokoroa Council have an excellent relationship with the Tokoroa Dog ?Training Club, provide excellent facilities ro ensure dog training is effective and accessible for all. They have in the past provided sponsorship for their championship Agility shows. Perhaps Tauranga Council could contact Tokoroa Council and see if they were able to provide useful ideas on building positive relationships and partnerships with their local dog training clubs. 5.3.4 frat to see that all menacing dogs must be neutered. I think it could go further to ensure public and other animal safety by making it compulsory for them to be secured on a lead at all times and muzzled if off lead. Once a dog has attacked another dog, the behaviour is never fixed it just needs to be managed effectively.
195			Schedule 2 Failure to undertake dog owner education programme or dog obedience course. $300 fine. Please clarify if the council will be offering these programmes or courses? If they are expecting the local Dog Training Clubs to offer this service then it would be fantastic to have asome sort of formal partnership with the council. I would imagine there would need to be some sort of formal certification to show they had achieved a certain level of education? Bylaw 4.3

	[redacted]		I don't understand why the Bylaw doesn't apply to Dog Daycares and Kennels. Some Dog Day cares take dogs to parks to exercise them. I see them turn up on occasion, the dogs are let out of the vehicle, very little control is evident. 10:3 No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash at any one time. With the exception of Dog Walkers and Dog Day Cares, most people who legally have more than two dogs have them for a reason be it Breed Showing, Obedience or Agility to name a few. These dogs are generally extremely well socialised and trained. I feel good dog owners are being unfairly victimised with this proposal. If there is a group that is causing a problem, target them. Don't make a blanket rule that disadvantages all of the good owners (these are generally the ones who register their dogs, train them, exercise them and clean up after them) 10:4 no person may exercise more than 4 dogs at any time in a public place or reserve, and all dogs must be under effective control of the owner at all times. Interesting to use the term 'owner' at all times. I am assuming by use of this term 'Dog walkers' may be exempt? Again I believe good owners are being unfairly targeted because of a few irresponsible owners. As a responsible dog owner who competes in dog sports, I get the general feeling that while Tauranga Council is happy to take our annual registration fee, There is a general and growing consensus amongst local dog owners that Tauranga Council is becoming an anti dog Council. This is quite sad especially when I see the joy owning a dog brings to many people.
196		Greerton	I do not support the changes. Tauranga is becoming one of the most dog unfriendly cities in New Zealand. Dog owning rates payers should get a discount on their rates as they are now barred from a lot of the community services whilst accompanied by a recreatational companion.
197		Bethlehem	either remove this clause from both documents "That part of the beach and foreshore approximately 255 metres south of Moturiki" or add in the following 7.6 Clause 7.1(i) does not prohibit a dog transiting through these areas so long as the dog is controlled on a leash and does not cause a nuisance or danger to any person or animal.
198		Greerton	Re the 'Dog Management' policy under Council review.As can be seen from the emails I have sent to council on behalf of neighbours closer to the dog problem I described in them,the current person in charge of the current policy is completely ineffective.The tone of one letter he sent out to me was an insult to anyone's intelligence and indicated a lack of preparedness on his part to take really effective management action on his part.The dog's owners at 18 B,as a consequence of direct face to face interactions with some neighbours, including us,do take the dogs to another property but return them again from time to time and the barking begins again.The dogs have been a nuisance in anyone's understanding of the word and it's obvious the owners have taken no notice of any meaningful suggestions ,if any, the council have given.I hope any review of dog 'management' will be more than words on the Council's behalf....no one on the Council would be prepared to put up with the noise if it was happening in their patch!
199		Pyes Pa	I am an owner of 4 dogs, I have a council license to have these animals. my husband and I where possible walk these dogs together, but there are times when one or other is away and the dogs need to get out, with your proposed changes I would not be able to take my 4 to a filed for off leash time. if I separate the group they become noisy and unsettled and that would be the only thing to do is walk them in sets of two, which is ridiculous. maybe a suggestion I can make is to enforce the current by laws that are often not adhered to, I see people out all the time with dangerous dogs, unleashed, not desexed, not having control over the dog, they cause a nuisance in the parks. my dogs loved going to Yatton park, it is a great area, until my cocker spaniel got attacked by a group of off leash dogs, I got him under control and the other owners found it funny that he was still barking at them, they did nothing to control there dogs, they even followed me back to my car. I took him to the vet luckily he had just scratches, he is now terrified of other dogs and reacts now, he can no longer be off lead due to this, I do not wish him or other animals to come to any harm. (unless we are swimming) my other 3 at this time were concerned and worried for him and were making a lot of noise. that park is dangerous and needs better control. when I called the council to report this when I got home, I was told by the help desk I could leave a message on an answer machine, which I did, no one ever called me. I was let down by the system, and now the same system wants to take away even more. I do hope not to see these changes come into force, our dogs are important to us and walking them is supposed to be relaxing, now it is causing increased anxiety.
200		Papamoa	I am not opposed to the new policy's of leads on dogs between December and Feb at papamoa end exit and motiti reserve. I am a dog owner and feel this is appropriate. But i would like to raise the issue of the increased amount of quad bikes on the beach over this period and that there may need to be an increased area that these are not allowed over that period. Currently there are long lines and quad bikes on all of the beach and i would like to request that these are banned from the main beach areas over the summer months as well. Often a long line is put out directly by people swimming ..I have been caught in one myself . I regularly (at least every second day when i walk over this period of year) pick up hook long line attachments off the beach both baited and not baited. Many off the fishermen leave all the fish remains lying on the beach as well.
201		Mount Maunganui	• Be able to exercise on leash on boardwalk as near rubbish bins

	[redacted]		• No extension past Moturiki (perhaps summer season only) • If prohibition between Motiti and Karewa Parade should be until 4pm. • Council to provide dog designated areas outside service centres, libraries, and community facilities • Provision of dog poo bags at Mount Maunganui and a water bowl • Option of tag or disc • Discount on dog registration with a responsible dog owner certificate
202	T	Papamoa	The people on the beach next to Karewa Pde have to deal with quad bikes, horses, dogs off leashes, and of course vehicles as well, So incorporating controls all year round would be very helpful. If there is no form of policeing then there will be no enforcement and the dogs and their owners will do little to dicipline their pets.
203	G	Oropi	I absolutely do not support the proposed changes. Specifically 'No person to exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve' I have three dogs and exercise them off leash in the reserve next to my house in Oropi Downs. My neighbours all do the same. No more than four dogs on a leash at any one time- ie no more than four dogs UNDER CONTROL at any one time. What sort of Nanny state are you trying to impose? I have great issue with these proposed changes. If you want to make changes have you considered positive ones such as a fenced dog park?
204	K B	Papamoa	We strongly disagree with the bylaw change that you cannot leave a dog unattended in any public place. This is completely unfeasible. We have a massive obesity problem and the government wants us to exercise more. Getting out and doing errands and walking your dog is great for your health and also provides social interactions for people (like older people who can get lonely). You should be allowed to tie your dog up outside a post office or shop (obviously allowing people to enter and exit without coming into contact with the dog). Also can you please make sure that there are plenty of signs designating the no dogs allowed portions of the Papamoa beach as if you are walking the length of the beach this will be difficult to tell (i.e: signs need to be at the start and end of beach access ways so they can be visible, not just on the roadside). There needs to be more management of vicious and roaming dogs. In Papamoa there have been pitbulls and a rottweiler seen roaming for over a year. People call the council but they are so far away that by the time they get here the dogs have disappeared. My family and I were almost attacked by a roaming staffie last November and had to be assisted by people driving past. This was very frightening and still affects us. Can you also expand the menacing dog breed definition for neutering to include more breeds or at least make sure they are muzzled as per other countries policies. American pit bull terrier English bull terrier Staffordshire bull terrier Bull mastiff Dobermann pinscher German shepherd (Alsatian) Rhodesian ridgeback Rottweiler Japanese akita Japanese tosa Bandog
205	D	Mount Maunganui	It is ridiculous that you can only have 4 dogs on lead. If they are on lead, they are controlled. This change would eliminate the valuable work of dog walkers, resulting in dogs being unexercised. The beach is a perfect place for dogs off leash so they can run and explore unhindered and cool off in the sea when they get too hot. People on the beach are much more menacing than dogs. It is peculiar that dogs are not welcome around the surf clubs yet this is where the doggy bags have been put!
206		Tauriko	I am against bylaws further prohibiting dogs from Mount Maunganui. In particular the extension of the exclusion zone past leisure island. Reason for this is you are pushing us out further and further because of dogs. We want to enjoy the beach and town with our dog when we go to the mount. Your reasoning for the extension is fake. Extending the exclusion zone will not change wether someone brings a dog on leisure island. You have no real reason to extend the exclusion zone so do not.

207	[redacted]	Pyes Pa..	I do not support the proposed rule that Dogs won't be allowed to be tied up in a public place such as footpath etc. The reason is - dogs are able to be with owners in these places so it stands to reason that at times an owner may need to leave their dog for a short time by it's self. Being tied up at a location in public is part of what makes a dog sociable. I would like to know why this rule is being considered as there needs to be proof that there is an actual risk of people being harmed by dogs tied in public. Without proof, this just appears as yet another pointless rule depriving responsible dog owners of rights. - Remember, - it is the owners of registered dogs who currently fund the whole dog control programme. I would also like to add that it is high time to spread the cost of dog registration across all rate payers. The reason is that issues relating to dogs are every bodies problem and dog owners who currently register their dogs are being financially penalised for basically being honest. It is the irresponsible owners who are a cost - both financially and physically. Currently most dog owners are literally paying for nothing - other than trying to keep the bad dog owners in line.
208		Greerton	I am a dog owner of 2 well behaved pups. I disagree with the change regarding walking groups of dogs. My dogs have been with a trained handler many times both on and off lead with a group of dogs in the handlers care... if this goes ahead dog walking and groups will end which would be very sad. While I understand the importance of keeping the dogs together; being off lead and having a good run within my control is something my dogs love... I think unless proven otherwise owners and handlers should be allowed to walk dogs in groups and off lead where is safe and possible.
209		Greerton	Hi I am Writing in response to a recent letter I received detailing the changes proposed. While I think most of these are a good idea for a our growing population one I certainly disagree with. Being unable to leave my dog tied up briefly in a safe spot while I pop into dairy or shop seems extremely unreasonable. It seems that you are trying to make dogs as unwelcome as possible in our community. I don’t understand how you think this will be policed and also what you think it will achieve. I would like to know has there been attacks from Dogs tied up and when and where these were?. I feel like as a responsible dog owner I am being punished. I don’t make a habit of tying my dog up but from Time to time it is necessary while I am out trying to exercise him and do a few errands. I also believe this is good for his socialisation. It seems like a ridiculous thing to do. Also you mentioned designated areas ? Where would these be and how would they be safer ? I strongly disagree with this attempt to make our city less dog friendly . Would you rather dogs are left in cars ?
210		Brookfield	I am generally supportive and applaud the ballanced approach in the policy and bylaw. As the owner of a gentle Labrador who needs plenty of exercise I am pleased the default remains allowing unleashed pooches in open spaces. I support the proposed penalties for those unwilling to raise and care for animals in the correct manner. In my experience dogs can bring people together, create light moments and remind us all what is important. Generally, dog owners exercise more and connect more across social and economic divides. Dogs provide companionship for the elderly and services to those in need. Please maintain the current ballance.
211		Papamoa	More areas with dogs in leashes the better. My family avoid areas with dogs off leash aND as rate payers want to be able to relax on the beach without dogs!
212		Pyes Pa	Section 5.4 states " Council places a high priority on ensuring dogs within the city boundaries are registered." It is my firm view that unregistered dogs are responsible for a significant percentage of biting or attacks on other dogs, their owners & the public in general. I would have liked to see in Section 5.4, a 5 to 6 point strategy outlining a plan that will be used/implemented to ensure the "high priority" is kept in the tightest of focus. The plan to reduce unregistered dogs should be made public & progress on the "priority" should be measured & publicised. By publicising progress it would ensure more than "lip service" was paid to this very important issue.
213		Papamoa	I don’t support current changes. Poor behaviour of owners in consideration of others is the issue. Policing this is not something our district can afford considering our roads are the mess we currently have. Education of owners is required not punishment for good dog owners who consider others now. The bad dog owners will continue to ignore the rules.

214	[redacted]	-	I am just writing to say what a sad city this is that you ban dogs from more and more places. I have recently returned from overseas France, Germany, Croatia and more and it was lovely to see dogs with their owners absolutely everywhere. Buses, trams shops and eateries. Nobody has died from dog poisoning or lost an arm or leg and no dog poop anywhere either. I have for almost 45 years paid my dog registration, I have never had any of my dogs cause any sort of nuisance and yet I receive nothing for this, recently some free plastic bags in memorial park and it is a hefty fee to help give owners of dangerous dogs free sterilisation. I have always paid my own as due most people why should irresponsible owners receive benefits such as this. If I do ever get another dog I certainly will not be registering it, you would never know as they don't roam, bark unnecessarily or bite anyone. Start rewarding good people,
215	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	You are making impractical proposals! Who decides "when circumstances require"?At Omanu, how will dogs know the new defined area when off the leash? When the full tide is in, where will the transit area be? How will the dogs off leash know? Wnen and how will this be enforced? What happens after 5 o'clock in the summer season, when owners bring their dogs to the beach after work? Will the new law be enforced-to date it has not been! Many dogs are off leash in the carpark and roaming freely on the beach in spite of signage! The beach needs to be clean and healthy-there are many access points in Oceanbeach Road away from Omanu beach.
216	[redacted]	Papamoa	I generally support the changes, with the following feedback: 1. Provide a secure, off-leash dog park in Papamoa, away from the beach. 2. If the Papamoa Surf Club has a patrol at Papamoa East in summer, include the area being patrolled as leash-only while patrol is in action (this is at Taylor Reserve so is outside the proposed new on-leash area) 3. Better enforcement, particularly on the beach. As seen on Papamoa social media, some dog owners intend to blatantly ignore any new rules, and already ignore existing rules. It's a major flash-point of division/anger in the community. I walk through the dunes Wilderness Area most days, and even though there are signs at our access point, dogs are never leashed. It's frustrating because we have spent many hours volunteering to help restore the dunes, and off-lead dogs undo that work. 3. Could we have beach/dog ambassadors handing out educational material and discussing rules the over summer? This could be members of the community, preferably other dog owners to avoid the label of "dog haters". It's in the interests of responsible dog owners to get everyone on the same page.
217	[redacted]	Papamoa	Please provide more rubbish bins along Papamoa Beach. All the public would appreciate this along every well signed beach access to the beach. For example where the beautiful boardwalk to the beach is between Sunrise Ave and Sandhurst Drive there is no rubbish bin. Have heard a lot of locals and some visitors complaining about the lack of rubbish bins. If you want to encourage responsible owners of dogs than strongly suggest you promote the more bins the better policy.
218	[redacted]	Papamoa	We are so limited on places to walk our dogs as it is I tauranga and papamoa. Why restrict the good owners and good dogs to limitations? I do not agree with the policy or bad. This council are making it so hard and it seems to be that you are satisfying a few not the masses. All of my dog owner friends are so braised off with tga city council and their own management of responsible owners. Why dont you put some effort into the BAD owners who dont pay registrations and are responsible. Il continue to walk my well behaved dog where I like. I pay rates and dog registration.
219	[redacted]	Papamoa	Regarding this proposal Proposed rule: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). Why: To minimise any risk or safety issues from dogs being left unattended and uncontrolled on the footpath while their owners shop. I often walk my dog to the shops and tie her up outside in a spot well clear of the entrance while I pop in for a few minutes. I want to be able to continue to do this, so feel that the law should allow for this provided she is clear of the door and people are not forced to get close to her to enter the store. This way people can choose to avoid her or go up and say hello. Will it be up to individual stores to choose if they have a designated dog area? It would be such a shame not to be able to pop to the shops and combine it with a dog walk. It will mean we use the car more for these short trips. I've never seen a menacing dog tied up outside a shop, so is this currently even an issue? I've never heard anyone even talk about this subject before.
220	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support any changes that mean I can go back to the beach again and feel safe. Dogs should not be off leash at any time, nor any place, but especially not on the beach. Problem with Papamoa is that there are too many folks who don't give a damn about their dogs behaviours. Having seen a friend of mine suffer for months and months after a random dog ran over and took a chunk out of her calf, all she was doing was chatting to a couple of friends and her life changed forever. Intolerable pain, several skin grafts, horrendous scarring. - and that is just one person of many who have been affected by dogs not on leash on the beach. I am too scared to even venture near the beach now, I will only go to Pilot Bay where dogs are not allowed!
221	[redacted]	Papamoa	Dogs SHOULD be allowed to be tied up outside dairy's, cafes etc

222	[redacted]	Papamoa	I dont support any of the changes except for dog free area directly in front of Motiti Park on the beach. I have a small well behaved dog who most people cooo over. I also have two young kids and so already I have to tie up our well behaved and registered dog 10 meters from where playgrounds are but under this new law I cant even take him with us!! I think the council needs to acknowledge that there is a very small proportion of dogs that cause issues. 90% of people pay expensive dog registration and are basically paying for unregistered and/or irresponsible dog owners. I particularly disagree with not being able to tie up a dog securely and responsibly in a public place for a brief period to pop into a shop (if need be just put a time limit on such as 10mins).
223		Mt Maunganui.	To whom this may concern, Dog Management Policy If feel this needs to be revised to have the following rule: -Throughout the summer months (dec, jan, feb, mar) dogs must not be allowed on the beach between the hours of 10am - 5pm. and in conjunction with the above.... -Throughout the summer months (dec, jan, feb, mar) dogs be on a leash between the hours of 9am - 10am and 5pm - 6pm. I spend a lot of time along the beach which runs from the Mt Maunganui to Papamoa and have experience feeling very uneasy that there have been big dogs running along the beach with no leash or constraint when I have two little boys at preschool and beginning of school ages on the beach with me. We have had a family friend malled to death by a dog and this is no matter to consider lightly. There are many dog owners out there who like to let their dogs run free and get a kick out of seeing people scared of them. We have experienced a very rude dog owner on this beach that didn't care that her huge dog ran straight up to my boys and scared them. A horrible experience for a small child!!!!!! This is dangerous and this must be avoided. This relaxed and dangerous 'dog/ beach policy' you have must be changed immediately before some child gets seriously hurt. Why would you be so lenient?... I just don't understand. I hope you can sympathise with this for the benefit of the community and holiday makers.
224		Papamoa	We disagree with sections 6.2 and 7.4. Dogs should be able to be left briefly unattended in a public place if they are reliably secured, as long as they are secured a minimum of 2 meters from the entrance to a building. Being able to socialise dogs takes time and occasions like walking kids to school/daycare or going to a cafe is a good way to do this and leaving a dog responsibly secured is not putting other people at risk. Bayfair Shopping Centre has even encouraged it by providing 'rest stops' for dogs with water and shade 6.2: A dog should be able to be walked off leash on footpaths if they are under efficient control and an owner carries a lead. Also many extension leads that are sold in shops go up to 3-4m so a 2 meter rule is unrealistic to enforce.
225		Mount Maunganui	Dogs should not be permitted on the beach (even with a leash) during the hours of 9am-6pm for many reasons. 1. spread of germs, disease 2. scare children 3. owners do not clean up after them It is a very common practice for beaches to not allow dogs during the day time because of the public. The beaches should be a safe and clean place for adults and children and it is difficult to be safe and clean when you have owners who let their dogs run wild on the beach and do not clean up after them. Would you like to sit on the beach next to where a dog peed or pooed??

	[redacted]		The public will understand because it is only a matter of time before such laws take effect as our beaches become more popular.
226	[redacted]	-	I understand the need for some bylaws but most seem to become restrictive to the majority of GOOD or responsible dog owners. One bad owner and everyone is labelled. Eg: I have seen responsible dog walkers with 6-8 dogs and all well behaved. Joggers with dogs who do not "pick up" after their dogs.
227	[redacted]	Tauriko	I would like to protest the change to animals (dogs) having the use of council buildings, especially the use of Council community centres. For the purposes of training an dog there is need for an indoor venue as we cant always rely on the weather being good outside. Most if not all dog groups are responsible members of the community and keep community centres clean after use. Our own group uses carpet to protect any floors that may be vulnerable to scratching ect. I sure you would agree that a dog that has had good training is better for society and there for better for the community. I would urge you to please reconsider changing the bylaw and letting dog groups use the community halls. Thanks Debra Mitchell
228	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	Would it be possible for dog owners to have to have their dogs on leads (compulsory) while getting to the beach on the access ways from the road or car parks. At least then the owners would know they had a lead. My point being that the dogs race off down to the beach and the owners don't know what their dogs are up. Just today we saw a dog chasing the oystercatchers (birds) with no owner in sight - what if it had been jumping up on an unsuspecting child. Also there is always heaps of defecating/fouling on the access tracks - we assume the owners don't know it is happening. Richard.
229	[redacted]	Papamoa	Point 10.3 It should not be against the law to have more than 2 dogs off the lead in a public place. As long as they are all under control it should not be a problem. Control is nothing to do with numbers
230	[redacted]	Otumoetai.	While most of the bylaw seems appropriate and well thought out, I believe the following two parts need to be revoked as there are too many situations and implications for the responsible dog owner. 10.3 No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a public place or reserve at any one time. 10.4 No person may exercise more than four dogs at any time in a public place or reserve, and all dogs must be under effective control of the owner at all times. Would the issues surrounding the reasoning for this not be covered by ensuring dogs are under your control at all times, not causing a public nuisance and/or a danger to public and property? I certainly like to take 3-4 dogs off leash for a play in a nearby park when it's quiet/empty or if any other dog owners are happy they all play together. Think about it. Don't penalise everyone for the few irresponsible owners (and ones who would completely disregard the law anyway) Can you also look into treating dog barking complaints the same way you would treat any other noise complaint. One can receive a dog complaint without any evidence (if the neighbour takes issue with you etc) and when you have constantly loud public nuisance neighbours who party with excessively loud music til 5am it's near impossible for one to get anything done about it. Seems it causes the same issue but treated entirely differently.
231	[redacted]	Papamoa	We walk everyday on Papamoa Beach along with many other regulars I don't feel there is any need to restrict this area. Any dog owners who are not confident keep their dogs on a leash
232	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I applaud the extension of areas where dogs are prohibited at all times and hope that this will result in more shorebirds nesting on the beach. It was remarkable to see variable oystercatchers nesting and raising chicks on the main Mount beach and also NZ dotterel nesting there, even though their chicks did not survive. This shows that these endangered native birds need protected space for nesting and they can cope with human activity nearby. With just a single tape to protect their nesting area it was very encouraging to see how the public respected that space and the vital issue was the complete absence of dogs on site. With the population growing so fast in the Mount/Papamoa/Tauranga area more and more dogs are present and it is Council's responsibility to take a strong stand on control and responsible behaviour from dog owners. I am also keen to see Council take more responsibility for dog control in conservation areas generally and be proactive in putting out a strong message to dog owners at registration time that dogs are a very real threat to wildlife, especially kiwi.
233	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Hello and thank you for the opportunity to provide commentary on the Dog Management Policy and Bylaw documents. My thoughts are as follows: 1/ Both documents suggest Council is giving the issue of dogs in public places serious consideration. That's good. However, it needs more than this; it needs action and implementation. 2/ I am strongly of the opinion that both documents don't go far enough in their intent and have not addressed many of the real issues. I ask the Council to be MUCH bolder with the Bylaw. 3/ Before going further, I confirm I like dogs. Our three adult children each own dogs, our Grand Children are growing up with them and we have owned a dog (now deceased) for 15 years.

			4/ We have witnessed multiple dog related issues on the beach primarily between Omanu Surf Club and Papamoa Domain. These include all the usual.....dogs pushing over children, dog excrement not being picked up, dog fights, dogs frightening elderly as they jump up near them etc etc What we have witnessed is socially irresponsible behaviour by dogs and their owners. This is age of "safe passage." 5/ On multiple trips to Whangamata and Pauanui over summer months, we continue to be impressed by the TCDC Bylaw relating to dogs. In short, dogs are allowed on the beach over the busy months until 9am and after 6pm each day. This system works well, infact very well. I can confirm by discussion that our friends (representing the public) and our children (as dogs owners) are both very comfortable with this approach. 6/ The TCDC Dog Bylaw works. I am very strongly of the view that dogs should not be on ANY Mt Maunganui beach between 9am and 6pm during the summer season (until the end Easter). 7/ It strikes me that Tauranga City Council have been remiss todate with policy and Bylaw regarding dogs on beaches. The opportunity now exists to mirror what works at the other close-by popular summer beaches during the peak season. 8/ The instances witnessed by us last summer of daytime dog-related issues in the region mentioned above dictate it's time to be "more relevant" with your dog management. In short, we are peeved off (kind words) with what we saw last summer on the beach area described and we are dog friendly. PLEASE COUNCIL, SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE CURRENT AND RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE WITH YOUR POLICY AND BYLAW. You have been out of touch with modern societal expectations. 9/ Please demonstrate your reslolve!! 10/ Lastly, I fully support the areas being proposed as totally out of bounds for dogs as per the two documents. As for the rest of the Mt/Papamoa beaches, no dogs should be allowed on the beach between 9am and 6pm!
234	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above proposed documents and the opportunity to speak at a Council hearing. Unfortunately I am going to be overseas on October 1st, otherwise I would have attended. I would like my email to the CEO to accompany this document which states why I object so strongly to dogs on the beaches, in the summer months irrespective of whether they are on a leash or not. In my short time as an owner of a beach property on the Mount, I am alarmed at the irresponsible dog owners and their poor attitude to picking up their dogs faeces and disregard for the distress of others. I can't understand why this Council to date, appears to have supported dog owners rights to a greater degree than to those of dogless citizens. In my email, I have provided many examples of why I feel dogs need to be banned from the beach in the summer months between the hours of 9- 6pm. I have been a dog owner in the past so I don't consider my concerns unreasonable. I have read through the above 2 documents and am horrified to see that you have limited the prohibited areas for dogs over the summer months. This in fact makes a mockery of this draft, in that how can any by-laws be managed and enforced when there are some areas covered on a beach and other areas excluded. (Draft Dog Management Policy, Schedule 1, Dog Access rules). I live at 439B Ocean Beach Road, which is between the Omanu Surf Life Saving Premises and the Papamoa Domain and this area is excluded. What are you thinking?? Please advise why the 'summer months' are proposed as 10am - 5pm. I strongly urge this to be adjusted to 9am - 6pm as the case in other beaches throughout NZ. I ask that you please do fair due diligence and have some consistency throughout the country. There are many people out enjoying the beach from 7.30am onwards, particularly children who are up and out early to avoid the hot sun and dogs are just as much a menace from 7.30am - 10am. Surely this needs to be more restricted. The Papamoa Domain is a wonderful place for dogs to meet and socialise. There is no sand for their faeces to be hidden and foster the dangerous hookworm. I'm assuming you are aware of the hookworm threat, whereby eggs are within the dog faeces, and develop into infectious larvae within 1 - 2 weeks, and can burrow into the skin of children playing in the sand. The larvae migrate through the body causing rashes, skin sores, and at the very worst blindness. Medical opinion would be able to support and verify these concerns. Please don't make me regret purchasing property in your district.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject: Re: Mount Mauganui beach safety concern

[redacted]

Dear Lyn
I will look into this issue when I return to work on 22 January.
Regards
Garry

Sent from my iPad

On 17/01/2018, at 11:08 AM, Lyn Kirkham <[redacted] w[redacted]

Dear Garry,

Provided below is an email forwarded to your Customer Services Department on the 16th January including its response on the 17th.

I feel the contents of my email are of significant importance and should be brought to the attention of the CEO and Council for future policy consideration, as opposed to being forwarded to the Animal Services Department (ASD) where it could potentially be sidelined and therefore that Department is not the ideal, or preferred end point.

My natural conclusion is that emails from the public expressing the same concerns may never be given the exposure they deserve and ask that you please investigate this further with the ASD.

I have taken the liberty of copying in Mayor Brownless and Councillor Morris (our ward representative).

I look forward to your response/s and thank you in anticipation.

Kindest regards
Lyn Kirkham

[redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

From: "TaurangaCityCouncil" <INFO@TAURANGA.GOVT.NZ>
Subject: RE: PLEASE, PLEASE.....DOGS ON THE BEACH IN SUMMER MONTHS [#1BD15F]
Date: 17 January 2018 6:28:07 am NZDT
[redacted]
Resent-From: <info@tauranga.govt.nz>

Dear Lyn

Thank you for your enquiry.

I have passed your request on to our Animal Services Department, under reference no: 697646. They will contact you shortly.

If you have any further enquiries you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us on Ph: 07 577 7000 or email us at info@tauranga.govt.nz and an Advisor will be available to help you.

Regards

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 8:37 a.m.
To: "info@tauranga.govt.nz" <info@tauranga.govt.nz>
Subject: PLEASE, PLEASE.....DOGS ON THE BEACH IN SUMMER MONTHS

To whom it may concern

I very proudly purchased a property on [redacted] in 2017 after vacillating about which beach to buy at for many years, spending summers in Pauanui, whangamata and Waihi.
This is a family beach house enjoyed by many and of special note, is how my two grandsons aged 5 and 3 have absolutely flourished in this new environment.

However, there is one major problem which I am very embarrassed about as a property owner with friends and family visiting, so much so, I am motivated to write.

The embarrassment and problem is DOGS on the beach, most often than not, off leads throughout the entire summer's day, over the summer season. I find this lack of control and supervision astounding and ask that you please consider implementing dog control as the case in other beach resorts.

We have experienced small dogs urinating on the sandcastles the boys are in the process of making.
we have experienced large dogs, higher than both boys, running at them to the point now that they are continually looking around them and can't relax when they see dogs on the beach, which is constant.
We have experienced dogs defecating in the sand with the owners walking on ahead blissfully unaware that their dog has now just deposited an unhygienic lump on the beach.
We have experienced dogs swimming beside children resulting in the children leaving the water. (I have also heard that the smell of dogs swimming attracts sharks ??)
We have experienced watching a dog owner throwing his dog's excrement into the sea.
We have experienced two very aggressive dogs, being yelled at by their owner, off leads.

I have observed other children reacting in the same way as my two grandsons, with very concerned parents placing themselves between the child and the dog/s.
Surely we have had enough incidents of dog's mauling, children and adults, to cause Councillors to consider these observations with the seriousness they deserve.

Overall, I find this extremely distressing and respectfully request the implementation of a dog restriction, which is ENFORCED, over the summer months when families are holidaying.
My suggestion for the restriction would be something like i.e.: 01 December - 31 March, 9am - 6pm, with fines for those not complying.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

[redacted]

235	[redacted]	Matua	Tauranga City Councillors I wish to make comments on how we control dogs in Tauranga and ask for the below to be included in the Dog Management Bylaw 2018. 1) No dogs in the CBD I am concerned about permitting dogs within the Central Business District and the potential safety and sanitation issues that arise from this. I believe the Central Business District of Tauranga should be added to the list of dog free zones. The CBD of a growing city is a place to shop, eat and work and for people and families to go about these activities freely in a clean environment and with potential hazards minimised to the best of council's ability. Our business district is the highest density area in the city with the most traffic and pedestrians. Any dog in this environment could potentially cause an additional danger or hazard for drivers and walkers in a busy space. An example of the current problem was seeing two dogs at the Willow St bus stop sitting with their owner. The dogs, both a menacing breed sat on a public park bench with their owner, while members of the public were standing and gave them a wide berth. I believe the same logic should also be applied to the CBD at Mount Maunganui and Papamoa. 2) More dog free parks I am concerned about dogs running off leash in many parks where children play. I would like Tauranga to have more dog free parks. I have young grandchildren and several of them are afraid of dogs. Often when we are out walking, dogs will come up to them, or sometimes bark or jump up at them. This is quite terrifying for my grandchildren. Occasionally I will raise dog control with the owner and have been abused for this. I would like to have more places we can go without experiencing this. This is also a problem at Papamoa beach where we have noticed the dogs can be quite aggressive. My six-year-old grandson was nipped by a dog last Christmas. I think there should be more heavily enforced dog free parks, reserves and zones. There are 9, 900 recorded dog bites annually. See article below. Council dog control bylaw needs to be stringent and well-resourced to ensure dogs are controlled properly. Tauranga has more than 12,000 registered dogs and numbers are certain to increase if housing Minister Twyford's plan to allow Housing New Zealand tenants to keep pets goes ahead (and private landlords are forced to follow suit). https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11490903 3) My next comment is not specific to this bylaw but I would like council to consider dog/cat free, native specifies friendly subdivisions. At home we spend a lot of time in our garden and encourage native birds as much as we can. Our former neighbour had three dogs over the fence, which took away a lot of our peace and quiet. This is annoying when you cannot get away from the noise and the dogs wake you up in the morning. Fortunately this neighbour has since moved. I really value New Zealand's natural environment and dogs/cats are predators of our wildlife that are struggling to survive. As a resident of Tauranga I would like to encourage native species into my garden and community as much as possible. We know this will work better in predator free environments. Thank you for considering my submission for making Tauranga a safer, quieter community.
236		, Bethlehem	I support most of the changes and agree wholeheartedly with minimizing danger to people (and dogs) while ensuring the recreational needs of dogs and their owners are met. However there are 2 proposed changes that I cannot agree to. 1: No person may exercise more than 4 dogs on leash in a public place at any one time & 2: No person may exercise more than 2 dogs off-leash in a reserve at any one time. Our family currently includes 6 dogs - all of them council registered at considerable cost. The dogs are all small breeds and include an elderly Chihuahua and 2

	[redacted]		waddling Pugs. My husband and I walk them twice a day. They are (mostly!) controlled by voice and we always carry leads in case we have to use them, which we do when circumstances dictate. Owning 6 dogs may seem excessive, but we are able to manage this because we are responsible dog owners and have years of experience handling dogs. I think you'll find most passionate dog owners know how much work dogs are. Fortunately a lot of us are prepared for this work and take the privilege of ownership seriously. Seriously, there is NO WAY I am walking 2 untethered dogs at a time. That is 6 walks at 30- 60 minutes each. Not. Going. To. Happen. Maria Harkess 0273702903
237	[redacted]	P.O. Box 9160, Greerton, Tauranga 3142	Western Bay Wildlife Trust P.O. Box 9160, Greerton Tauranga 3142 Contact Person: Julia Graham, Chair [redacted] Western Bay Wildlife Trust (WBWT) would like to make submissions towards the proposed Dog Management Bylaw 2018 and Draft Dog Management Policy. WBWT has come across many issues regarding dogs, dog control and enforcement of rules in the last few years. The proposed new rules address some of these issues, however there are still some areas lacking therefore we would also like to put forward 2 more rules to be considered. 1. Main beach/Moturiki Island Dog free zone extension The Trust fully supports the proposed rule to extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 255m further south along the beach past Moturiki (Leisure Island). 2. Temporary Restrictions WBWT fully supports the proposed rule that the council have authority to apply temporary restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural, or sporting events in parks and reserves, or where necessary to protect wildlife. 3. Dogs & Native Wildlife WBWT would like to make a submission that a new bylaw is passed that all dogs MUST be on a leash within 20 metres of native mammals and flightless birds (little penguins). We believe this will make it easier to police and prosecute dog owners who animals are caught or seen harassing native wildlife in coastal areas. 4. Animal Control Enforcement and Officer presence WBWT submits a new bylaw that an Animal Control officer MUST be conspicuously present and available at all times specifically for Mount Maunganui/Papamoa coastal area – particularly from September through to April. Current enforcement is completely inadequate and for that reason dog free zones and by-laws are ignored by both locals and tourists alike. WBWT finds this unacceptable due to the presence of at risk and endangered native species along that stretch of coastline. Our native species are facing incredible hardships, many that are difficult for us to control easily (climate change, over fishing, sea level rise, loss of habitat). Dog control laws that are enforced can go a long way towards helping save and protect our precious native species. Total commitment from TCC to enforce these rules is needed in order to change the attitudes and willingness of some dog owners to flaunt the rules.
238	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I do not support the following proposed changes: Dog Management Bylaw 10.3 that no more than two dogs can be exercised off leash in a public place at a time as it will unfairly affect those who have more than two dogs or who walk more than two dogs for others. The Council's own Dog Management Policy Statement 5.1 says that "Dogs need the ability to exercise UNRESTRAINED and socialise with other dogs." This proposed change will mean that many dogs will not be adequately exercised unrestrained. Many Tauranga citizens are allowed to have more than two dogs if they either live rurally or hold a licence. How are these people going to adequately exercise all their dogs unrestrained? I personally own two small dogs and often look after other family members two dogs due to medical problems and work. I am not remunerated for this but it will be very difficult for me to continue exercising all the dogs together as one or two will need to be unfairly kept on the leash. Similarly I object to the proposed change to the Dog Management Bylaw 10.4 which limits the number of dogs that can be exercised in public at any one time to 4. Those who exercise dogs professionally could find it extremely difficult to continue offering services as their businesses could become unviable. They may also have to increase their charges. Consequently many dogs could miss out on being adequately exercised and socialised. Under exercised and socialised dogs can

	[redacted]		become problem dogs. With regard to Schedule 2 of the Dog Management Policy, I believe the offence fees for "Failure to provide proper care and attention to supply proper and sufficient food, water, shelter and proper exercise" should be higher set at the highest rate of $750. However as stated above, the proposed changes to Bylaws 10.3 and 10.4 could increase the problem of dogs not being given proper exercise, so this needs to be taken into account when issuing owners fines for this failure.
239	[redacted]n	Papamoa	Don't agree that dogs need to be leased on Motiti reserve. This park is rarely utilised by anyone but dog owners, there are no real facilities, playground etc Would like to see leased dogs allowed on track up Papamoa hills..great exercise for them and owner!
240	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Stop further restricting the places dogs can go, and give us more options. There are no off-lead dog parks anywhere. There are two reserve spaces in Newton St, and a huge chunk of Coronation Park next to the port - just to name a few - that are barely used by the public and not in anyone's way that could easily be turned into dog parks. A fence, some signs, maybe a water fountain? It doesn't take much to create a nice area for dogs and their owners. We live here all year round, so changing beach areas that dogs allowed then asks where are we supposed to take them for those summer months? Does anyone involved in these regulation changes own or even like dogs? Dog registration costs keep going up, but dog services go down. What are we paying for? Sensible dog owners who register, neuter/spay, keep vaccinated, and have well behaved dogs should not be punished.
241	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	As a resident of the area near Moturiki, and a regular dog walker in this area, I oppose the suggestion to extend the no-dog zone any further than it is already. However I do have a suggestion that would stop dogs going onto Moturiki/ Leisure Is. A large and clear sign informing dog owners that dogs are not permitted on Moturiki is definitely needed. A sign right at the entrance of Moturiki down by the rocks would give a clear message to those entering this area along the beach as well as those who enter from the road.Current signage is not obvious enough. Dogs and owners walking into this area along the beach do not see any signs as they are located on the grassed area near the cenotaph. Many dog owners (who are mainly from out of the Mount) that I speak to about the the no-dog-zone, have genuinely not seen the signage. I have never seen or heard of any of incidents of dogs going onto Leisure Is. and I have walked this area twice a day every for the last 4 years with my dog. How much of a problem is this? Are we about to punish all dog walkers without knowledge of statistics or proof?
242	[redacted]	Bethlehem	We support the proposed changes and thank you for the opportunity to give feedback. We would like to make two comments with respect to Clause 8 (1) and the Carmichael Wetland Wildlife Reserve in Bethlehem. 1. We would accept at bird breeding time having our dogs on a leash (including a long leash) or under close control and always on the walking tracks. 2. Regarding this first comment above we observe that most dog owners are respectful of the wildlife in the Reserve. However there are a few who flout the signage (low key cartoon pukeko/dog signage referring to it being a wildlife reserve and therefore keep dogs under control) and who allow their dogs to hunt in the wetland ponds, grasses and bushes e.g. one owner who on at least 3-4 occasions has stated that their dog who can be 100-200 metres away in bush is 'just playing' but can be heard barking excitedly. This is a concern when there is a photo of a member of Birds Bay of Plenty (affiliated to Birds NZ) in the BOP Times monitoring banded rail and fernbird in this Reserve. Both species are regarded as at risk/in danger-ref: www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz Can we suggest more signage up on posts at intervals along the walking tracks including photos of birds in the reserve to increase awareness, appreciation and respect of the birds/wildlife in this Wetland Wildlife Reserve? If finance permits perhaps to refresh the signage content from time to time. This is a loved dog walking area and most dog owners have their dogs in control on the tracks.
243	[redacted]	Papamoa	I do not support the bylaw to introduce a restriction on unattended dogs. I regularly walk our dogs to the shops for bread, milk, coffee, etc and leave them tied up outside while I do this, this bylaw will mean I can no longer do this. The majority of time I come back out there are people and children patting the dogs. I've never seen an incident while living in Papmoa East. This would restrict my basic daily activity of blending exercise with the dogs and collecting a few grocery items. In addition many of our parks have toilets this would mean if I was walking the dogs and needed to utilise a toilet facility I couldn't as the bylaw wouldn't allow me to leave them unattended, taking them into the toilets would not be a satisfactory solution. I do not support the bylaw for Motiti Reserve and Karewa Parade beach areas to be included in the restricted area. The numbers of people accessing these areas during summer is much less than many other parts of beach from Mt Maunganui to Papamoa East, Once again I have not observed any issues and this creates another restriction for dog ownership. I believe if I want to let my dog off in the Motiti reserve area and beach area at any time of the day 365 days of the year then I should be able to for them to chase a tennis ball. As a responsible owner I always make sure I'm not interfering or annoying anyone else in the vicinity. Good dogs with responsible dog owners are being penalised under some of these proposed changes and therefore I oppose as above.
244	[redacted]r	Mount Maunganui	To Whom it may concern, I would like to begin to by saying thank you for the work that has been put into the new bylaws. These processes take time and careful consideration before

			being put into active legislation. I have several points and changes that I very very strongly disagree with. I would like to understand what reports, research, and numbers back up the reason for the changes proposed, beginning with the purpose itself. Until each new bylaw can be backed up with research and evidence for coming into policy, I do not believe it is responsible to vote them into policy. If satisfactory evidence cannot be given, these bylaws should not be put into action as policy. The 2008 dog management states: The principles of the Dog Management Policy are: • dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where required to protect public safety and wildlife • dog safe communities • responsible dog ownership • all dogs must be registered. 2018 Draft Whereas the new policy is taking dogs out of the public full stop: "The purpose of the Dog Management Policy is to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners while minimising any potential danger, distress, or nuisance from, or caused by, dogs." Why? Dogs are our family, hiding them away is not the way to create a public awareness and education. What if children that cause a nuisance by crying, behaving poorly, and throwing tantrums were no longer allowed in public? It takes a village to raise a child, and the same is true for our furry children. Conversations should be had between humans, not hidden behind bylaws. I want to keep the purpose of the 2008 dog management policy, I think the 2018 purpose is not healthy for the community and am completely against it. 6.3 Dogs on leash during summer months from Motiti rd to Karewa rd. Why? I would like to have written understanding of how this conclusion was arrived at. The beach the furthest away from the Main beach, the populated and visited beach, in the Mount/Papamoa. So why are dogs supposed to be on leash all the way at the futhermost beach away from the city? I do not want to jump to conclusions, but I cannot see why this should be except that it is trialing for future initiatives making other Papamoa beaches to be a summer month dog. leash area, which I am against. You cannot throw your dog a stick or a ball on a leash, you cannot run at the speed of a dog, nor do you wish to swim with your dog every day to fulfil proper exercise requirements for a healthy, well balanced dog. I am against having summer month on leash beach areas. 7.4 Dogs being left outside a shop or public area. I so so very strongly disagree with this bylaw. As with every decision, I, and every fellow dog owner who leaves their dog outside a shop while popping in a store, would like to see absolute reasoning and hard evidence why this has now come to surface. The dogs that are left outside a shop are the cream of the crop of best behaved dogs. These are the dogs that the owners love so much, they take them everywhere. The dogs are used the routine, they know their job is to wait for their owner and they would prefer to wait without any distraction, staring at the door until their owner returns. This is an unacceptable bylaw and I am against it. 8.0 & 8.1 Dog exercise areas This should not be omitted from the bylaws and is perfectly reasonable approach to owners and their dogs. I ask that this is kept in the bylaws. By restricting the places that owners can exercise their dogs, you are impeding the health of the dogs, an un-exercised dog is not a healthy well balanced dog. Without the park closest to you to allow your dog to chase a ball and run at their top speeds to let out all the energy they store up during the day, waiting waiting for you to come home, you-the council- are going to be responsible for the worsening of dog welfare mentally and physically. If the parks and reserves are closed,a slow walk at the speed of the owner is not an acceptable outlet for exercise. I want the below wording to be kept in the bylaws. "DOG EXERCISE AREAS 8.1 Dogs are able to be exercised off a leash in public places, including parks and reserves, except in areas identified as prohibited in this bylaw so long as when circumstances such as those set out in sections 7 and 8 require, the dog can be leashed and kept under the control of the owner." 8.2 I would ask that this be amended to include a pre-warning of adequate notice that the event will be a dog-free zone. 10.1

	[redacted]		I believe the council is well over-stepping their bounds here as well as using this for a money grab. How did you arrive at this number? What sources were used to decide that 3 was an excessive number of dogs? I've seen many an older person with several small that would in no way indicate that they have an excessive number of dogs. Have people who foster dogs been considered? I am against this bylaw and wish it to be omitted until reasonable evidence of how this conclusion was arrived at. 10.4 Again, I believe the council has overstepped their bounds in writing this bylaw. First, the only time I have ever seen someone walking more than 4 dogs anywhere is by a professional dog walker, whose livelihoods depend on those dogs being the best behaved and under control pack of dogs anyone has seen. I believe those that can walk more than 4 dogs under control are absolutely necessary to our society to show our community that not only is it a possibility that dogs can be that well -behaved, but that this is the example of how dogs should behave in public. I am against this bylaw and do not believe it should be brought into policy. Thank you very much, I look forward to hearing from you.
245		Papamoa	I do not support the proposed change about 'dogs not being left unattended in a public place'. People should be able to leave their dogs outside a local shop, cafe, dairy etc for a short period of time provided the dog is restrained and not prohibiting any member of the public from entering the establishment.
246	n	Mount Maunganui	I think a 10m wide no dog zone around exercise and recreational equipment is excessive, for some parks eg at Moa park, this would mean dogs couldn't even enter the park Also regarding dogs left secured outside shops this is too draconian, Leaving my dog outside a shop while I dash inside to buy something (or post my mail) is reasonable as long as the dog is not a nuisance. This is limiting opportunities for walks when already we are made to feel unwelcome in so many places. Cats should be kept in their own properties and stopped from killing birds also
247		Matua	I do support some changes but I think we should still make changes. I believer the council should require that ALL dogs be registered, ensuring that ALL owners take responsibility for the care and welfare due to their animals.
248		Brookfield	7.4 As this reads currently a dog owner/walker cannot walk their dog whilst on an errand and enter a shop to quickly purchase an item (bread or milk, post a letter), as they cannot secure the dog up outside the premises. Maybe a time guideline/restriction could apply especially if visual contact with the dog can be maintained. 7.5 Banning dogs from all Council Facilities could have unintended consequences: less education and socialisation opportunities for puppies/dogs and people. For example very good educational classes for new dog owners and puppies are provided by Clubs using Council Facilities. The Tauranga Dog Training Club provides many such classes at Moreland Fox Park. These are affordable and ensure both puppy/dog and owner develop skills to enable them keep themselves and others safe. The Club provides other opportunities to develop further skills. Other classes run by professional dog trainers use Council owned facilities. Estelle Leyshon (Allsortsdogtrainingnz.com) runs such classes. In particular the classes at Bethlehem Hall are invaluable for educating about the natural abilities of dogs and ways of getting your dog to focus on you, a task or skill. Much broader learning and socialisation happens as part of these courses enhancing the dog/family relationship. Without opportunity to access appropriate Council Facilities in the city the opportunities to learn good skills might be lost. Clarify what facilities will be available for training and classes. 7/8 Dog exercise areas. Dedicated secure off leash areas closer to the city are much needed. Having such areas could lessen some of the pressure of free running dogs on beaches and in other parks. TECT off leash area is great, but it is remote. There is no cell phone coverage and it is often absolutely deserted. It feels risky to go there alone.
249		Tauranga South	I am very happy to support a lot of the changes made in the Dog Management Bylaw and don't have any issue with making safe some of the key public beach areas and also ensuring Mauao is predator free for the stock in this area, but once again those of us who keep there dog in good health, exercise and socialise our dog to be a good citizen of the world are punished for those who don't. I walk my dog (because it's quicker than driving in Tauranga) to the library to take out books for my family, I walk to the supermarket to feed my family with my dog. The changes to the bylaw will now not enable me to do this - I can't park my well looked after socialised dog near this area - I have to park them a distance away that would proof insecure for him. The same to the supermarket. My dog goes to a day care each week where she looks after more than 4 dogs each day - she is very cautious, very aware of the importance on protecting my dog and also ensuring he is not a concern for any members of the public. Its an awesome service that I rely on as now getting around Tauranga is so hard and I'm away from home for longer than ever before. She will have to change the business model which will mean it is no longer a viable business model with not being able to walk four or more dogs at one time.

			If only you focused on the people that throw rubbish all over memorial park each night into the sea alongside the park and destroy these delightful areas rather than banning good law abiding citizens from going about a normal day. Unfortunately TCC is making owning a dog so hard yet it is scientifically proven that having a dog is good for physical and mental health and at a time that these are at its extreme in terms of negative affects on our community we are putting the further road blocks.

Submission by John Cockrem to the Tauranga City Council regarding the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

I do not support the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018.

I wish changes to be made to the proposed Dog Management Policy and to the Dog Management Bylaw 2018. The changes are described in this submission.

1. Background

1.1 Public places in Tauranga city are used by people for a wide variety of recreational activities. These activities include walking, running, cycling, picnicking, children's play, informal sports, formal sports activities, the playing of music, public events, and walking and exercising of dogs. Some of these activities have no impact on other people in a public area, whereas other activities such as the playing of music and the walking and exercise of dogs can have adverse impacts on other people. The City Council has bylaws and policies that control the activities that can be undertaken in public places. Some activities are allowed, some are allowed with restrictions, and some are prohibited, with the particular activities allowed in each public place determined by the Council.

1.2 There are approximately 11,000 registered dog owners in Tauranga city and the population of Tauranga city is approximately 130,000, so registered dog owners make up less than 10% of the population of the city. The walking and exercising of dogs in public areas is thus an activity undertaken by a small minority of the population. This activity can have adverse effects on people and can have adverse effects on wildlife.

2. Birds in Tauranga

2.1 One of the special features of Tauranga city is the Tauranga harbour. The harbour has open water and estuary areas with mudflats that are exposed at low tide, together with significant areas of wetland and marsh along the estuary margins. The harbour and the wetlands and marsh areas within the city are home to many species of birds, including endangered, threatened and at risk species.

The city is the summer home for migratory wading birds that fly very long distances to breed in Alaska and Siberia, and is home for part of the year for birds that breed in the South Island and fly to Tauranga after their breeding seasons. The birds of Tauranga depend on secure areas for feeding and breeding where they are not subject to disturbance from people and dogs.

2.2 Bird species found within Tauranga city in the harbour and in the wetland and marsh areas that adjoin the harbour are listed below according to their conservation status.

Threatened and nationally critical species

Australasian bittern	Grey duck

Threatened and nationally endangered species
Reef heron

Threatened and nationally vulnerable species

Black-billed gull	Banded dotterel
Caspian tern	Wrybill

At risk and declining species

Fernbird	Banded rail
Marsh crake	Spotless crake
Red-billed gull	White-fronted tern
South Island pied oystercatcher	Little penguin
Bar-tailed godwit	

At risk and recovering or naturally uncommon species

New Zealand falcon	New Zealand dotterel
Variable oystercatcher	Pied shag
Little black shag	Black shag

Other bird species

Pied stilt	White-faced heron
Southern black-backed gull	Little shag
Kingfisher	Pukeko
Shoveller	Paradise duck
New Zealand scaup	New Zealand dabchick
Grey teal	Harrier hawk
Shining cuckoo	Spur-winged plover

3. Special Ecological Areas

The Tauranga City Plan designates 12 Special Ecological Areas (Category 1) and 30 Special Ecological Areas (Category 2). Category 1 Special Ecological Areas are "the best-quality or only remaining representative examples of indigenous flora and/or habitat of indigenous fauna within the City".

The City Plan notes: "The City contains a range of natural areas that contain indigenous flora and fauna. These areas have become so depleted that the remaining examples that make up the biodiversity of the City require protection. The extent and variety of these natural areas needs to be protected and their qualities maintained and, where appropriate, enhanced. This is achieved through the identification, protection, and the maintenance and enhancement of Special Ecological Areas".

Special Ecological Areas are crucial areas for a range of endangered and threatened species of birds that are vulnerable to disturbance by dogs.

4. Dog control bylaws and policies

4.1 There are three principles that can underlie dog control bylaws and policies for territorial authorities. These are:

(a) The provision of public places where people can be present and undertake recreational activities in the absence of dogs.

(b) The provision of public areas that can be used as exercise areas for dogs not on leashes.

(c) The protection of wildlife from the adverse effects of the presence of dogs.

4.2 The Dog Control Act 1996

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to have policies regarding dogs. Section 10 of the act specifies requirements that territorial authorities must follow for their dog policies. Section 10 Paragraph 4 states:

In adopting a policy under this section, the territorial authority must have regard to—

(a) the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; and

(b) the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; and

(c) the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and

(d) the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners

5. Proposed Dog Management Policy

5.1 The draft Tauranga dog policy does not balance the needs of the majority of people who are not dog owners with the needs of the minority of people who are dog owners. The draft policy does not comply with section 10 (4) paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Dog Control Act 1996 as it does not refer to the need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community, and does not refer to the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places frequented by children.

Dogs can have adverse effects on people, many dogs are not under effective control when they are not on a leash, and some dog owners do not pick up dog faeces from public places. People, especially children, should be able to go to public parks and know that they will not be subjected to the presence of dogs.

5.2 The first principle of the Dog Management Policy (policy section 4.1)

The first principle of the Dog Management Policy (policy section 4.1) states:

"dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where required to protect public safety and wildlife".

This principle should be deleted and replaced with a statement about balancing the needs of the general public and the needs of dog owners, with a note that dogs can be exercised unleashed only in designated dog exercise areas. The Hamilton City Council Dog Control

Policy 2016 and the Palmerston North City Council Dog Control Policy 2018 are good examples of policies that designate off lead dog exercise areas. These examples should be followed for Tauranga City.

5.3 Policy Statement 5.1 Dogs in public places
This statement says: "Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, Council does not restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed". Statement 5.1.1 says "Dogs can be exercised unleashed in public places except in those areas included in Schedule 1 of this policy and the Dog Management Bylaw 2018".

Policy Statement 5.1 and Statement 5.1.1 should be deleted and replaced with a statement about balancing the needs of the general public and the needs of dog owners, with a note that dogs can be exercised unleashed only in designated dog exercise areas. The majority of parks in Tauranga city should be areas where children are not exposed to the risks posed by unleashed dogs. The dog policy should include a list of specified areas where dogs can be exercised off leash.

5.4 Addition of dog prohibited place to schedule one
Add the following location to the list of dog prohibited places in schedule one.
Add "The Matua Estuary - York Park Special Ecological Area."

Explanatory note:
The Matua Estuary - York Park Special Ecological Area (SEA#2) includes all of the Matua Salt Marsh (being that area of land covered by the Matua Salt Marsh Management Plan), together with York Park. The Tauranga City Plan notes "This Special Ecological Area is of high wildlife value. Australasian bittern, banded rail and North Island fernbird have been recorded. It is a large and relatively diverse natural area and is of regional conservation significance". Key issues for the Matua Estuary - York Park SEA identified in a Wildlands Consultants report in 2000 include "Disturbance of wildlife, in particular banded rail and North Island fembird by domestic cats and dogs". The report noted that "Domestic pets are causing disturbances to wildlife". Reference: Wildland Consultants (2000). Indigenous Biodiversity of Tauranga District – State of the Environment Reporting. Wildland Consultants Ltd Contract Report No. 309.

5.5 Addition of dog prohibited place to schedule one
Add the following location to the list of dog prohibited places in schedule one.
Add "Areas within Special Ecological Areas that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

Explanatory note:

Special Ecological Areas are very important areas for endangered and threatened species of birds. Dogs should either be prohibited or required to be on leash in all Special Ecological Areas within Tauranga City.

5.6 Addition of dog prohibited place to schedule one
Add the following location to the list of dog prohibited places in schedule one.
Add "Areas within Gordon Carmichael Reserve that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

Explanatory note:
The Gordon Carmichael Reserve has special wildlife value and is the home of for endangered, threatened and at risk species of birds including the Australasian bittern, banded rail, fernbird and grey duck. Dogs should be prohibited from areas of this reserve that are of particular importance for birds.

5.7 Addition of area where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one
Add the following to the list of areas where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one.
Add "All areas of Special Ecological Areas that are not designated to be areas where dogs are prohibited."

Explanatory note:
Special Ecological Areas are very important areas for endangered and threatened species of birds. Dogs should either be prohibited or required to be on leash in all Special Ecological Areas within Tauranga City.

5.8 Addition of area where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one
Add the following to the list of areas where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one.
Add "All areas of Gordon Carmichael Reserve that are not designated to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

Explanatory note:
The Gordon Carmichael Reserve has special wildlife value and is the home of for endangered, threatened and at risk species of birds. Dogs should be required to be on leash in all areas of this reserve where dogs are not prohibited.

5.9 Addition of dog exercise areas to schedule one
Add a list of specified dog exercise areas to schedule one of the dog policy.

6. Proposed Dog Management Bylaw 2018
6.1 Add new clause to section 6 Leash control
Add a new clause (6.6) that states:
"Council may create dog leash control areas to protect threatened or “at risk” wildlife or special ecological areas vulnerable to dogs."

6.2 Add a dog prohibited area to section 7.1 as follows:
"The Matua Estuary - York Park Special Ecological Area. This area includes the Matua Salt Marsh (being that area of land covered by the Matua Salt Marsh Management Plan) and York Park."

6.3 Add a dog prohibited area to section 7.1 as follows:
"Areas within Special Ecological Areas that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

6.4 Add a dog prohibited area to section 7.1 as follows:
"Areas within Gordon Carmichael Reserve that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

6.5 Add new clause to section 7 Dog prohibited areas
Add a new clause that states:
"Council may create dog prohibited areas to protect threatened or “at risk” wildlife or special ecological areas vulnerable to dogs."

7. Examples of dog control policies of other city councils
Some examples of the purpose and objectives of dog control policies of other city councils in New Zealand are given below. These examples should be used as a guide for a revised Tauranga dog policy.

5.4 Palmerston North City Council Dog Control Policy 2018
OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the Policy are guided by Section 10 of the Dog Control Act and seek to:
(a) Minimise danger, distress and nuisance dogs may cause to the community generally;
(b) Avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children or other vulnerable members of the community, whether or not children might be accompanied by adults;
(c) Enable, as far as practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;
(d) Provide for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
(e) Ensure dogs within the city boundary are registered and micro-chipped.
(f) Encourage responsible dog ownership so that owners take all reasonable steps to ensure that their dogs do not cause a nuisance to other people or other animals.

5.5 Wellington City Council Dog Policy 2016
Purpose
- To ensure that the owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Act, that dogs are well cared for and Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership.
- To prevent any potential danger caused by dogs to the public, wildlife and natural habitats.

• To minimise the risk of distress and nuisance caused by dogs to the public, wildlife and natural habitats.
• To actively promote the responsible ownership of dogs.
• To provide for the reasonable exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

5.6 Dunedin City Council Dog Control Policy 2016
The Council's principal objectives are to:
(a) have all dogs registered and micro-chipped;
(b) minimise danger, distress and nuisance caused by dogs;
(c) minimise the risk of dog attacks;
(d) minimise the fear of dogs attacking or intimidating people;
(e) avoid danger from uncontrolled dogs entering children's play areas;
(f) ensure the protection of public health and safety in areas used by the general public;
(g) provide for exercise and recreational needs of dogs;
(h) provide for service users to meet the costs of services;
(i) ensure the protection of native wildlife in reserves and beaches (e.g. fur seals, sea lions, penguins and wading birds) by minimising the risk of dog attacks

5.7 Hamilton City Council Dog Control Policy 2016
1. The purpose of this Policy is to state how Council will fulfil its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Dog Control Bylaw 2015.
2. This Policy has been adopted pursuant to the functions, duties and powers conferred on Hamilton City Council ('Council') by the Dog Control Act 1996 (www.legislation.govt.nz) and takes into account:
a. the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; and
b. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; and
c. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and
d. the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

251	[redacted]	Katikati	The majority of changes I support, particularly those pertaining to the number of dogs that can be walked on/off lead. More than two off the lead in any situation I believe is unsafe while 4 on a lead would not be safe for me if they were large dogs - I assume this is covered by the 'under effective control' sentence. Clause 7.2 of the bylaw states that dogs on a lead can transit through areas identified in 7.1 (ii) and (iii). Why does this not include 7.1(i) so that dogs can be walked on the pavement on the beach side of the road in transit through the area? I believe that this would be fair so long as they are not let off the lead and are not remaining there but only walking through.
252		Mount Maunganui	Prohibited locations, why do we need to extend these? a also do not see the need to stop dogs on the boardwalk along the main beach through pilot bay, I understand the beach's being prohibited but not the walkway. I think any rule which begins with approximately is bound to be ignored and fail. (7.4) Unattended dogs, where secured I'm not sure the reason behind this as a dog in the way while tied to something is not "secured" maybe you need to look at the definition of secured to include not causing a nuisance or trip hazard to the public rather than banning it all together. This is just going to be ignored as it limits the was in which dogs can be included into residence lives. (8) why is this being removed? There seems to be no valid reason (10.3 - 10.4) -again why there seems little sense to this lets put more definitions around control rather implementing these limits where 1 dog poorly controlled is much worse that 5 dogs well controlled.
253		Papamoa	I don't support the changes.
254		Papamoa	I don't support the changes. Dogs shouldn't only be allowed on the patrolled beaches - all other beaches dogs should be able to run free.
255		Papamoa	I don't support the changes.
256		Papamoa	I don't support the changes
257		Mt Maunganui	Hullo, I have 2 small dogs which I walk every day on the beach from Leisure Island to Tay st. I see in the proposed changes that dogs are no longer allowed on the beach from Leisure Island south for 255M. As I often have a child in a pushchair with me I need to access the beach by the cenotaph walkway as other accesses are not pushchair friendly and it is also much further to go. I live at 15 The Mall.. My dogs never go near Leisure Island and I have never seen other dogs doing that either. If necessary I could keep the dogs on a leash until past the large rock. Thank you Robyn Knight
258		Mount Maunganui	Hi, I would like to respond to the proposed changes to the Dog Management Bylaw. 7.4 No dog shall be left unattended whether secured or not. I often walk to my local shops with my dog, which I tie up on a short lead while I am in the shop. We are encouraged to walk rather than use the car, my dog and I get exercise and training opportunities, the dog is not left home alone. I feel that this proposed item is detrimental to the majority of Tauranga dog owners. 7.5. Dogs are prohibited from Community Centres and indoo sports facilities. I attend dog training classes at the Bethlehem Hall with Allsorts Dog Training. An indoor area is needed so that training can be done in all weather. Removing this opportunity goes against the council ideals of encouraging owners to participate in dog training.
259		Papamoa	I do not support all the proposed changes. I am concerned that the changes are unfairly biased towards the control of dogs in public places instead of supporting responsible dog owners and ensuring they are able to enjoy their dogs' company whilst also enriching their dogs' lives with exercise and companionship. I am concerned that the legislation is being put in place without the intention or resources to enforce it. I'm concerned that areas of the Dog Management Policy and the Dog Management Bylaw 2018 overlap and also extend past their respective scopes instead of the Bylaw enabling enforcement of the Policy. I recently moved to Papamoa. One of the main considerations in choosing this location was Tauranga's apparent welcoming attitude to dogs and the accessibility of beaches and reserves for off-leash dog exercise. The proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw leave me feeling unfairly restricted an unable to enjoy family life with my dog. The Policy and Bylaw have very little focus on the health, and well-being of the dogs themselves. The documents appear to be applying blanket, highly-restrictive rules instead of specifically addressing the undesirable behaviours of some dogs and owners without taking into account the unique

			demographic of Tauranga or the environment and lifestyle Tauranga residents enjoy. As house section sizes in new suburbs (especially Papamoa) have decreased markedly rendering many of an inappropriate size for accommodating dogs, easy access to varied recreational areas is essential for dogs and their owners, and more important now than ever before for those considering adding a dog to their family. I feel the focus should be on education and communication rather than legislation. Where legislation is put in place, I want Council to actively enforce it. Council need to support responsible dog owners and the health and well-being of dogs. Council should better represent the interests of its dog-owning residents and encourage (by way of signage, facilities and policy) the responsible utilisation of Tauranga's beaches, parks and walkways. As a responsible dog owner, I am frustrated by the utterly inconsiderate and reprehensible behaviour of a small proportion of dog owners who fail to pick up their dog's poo. Obviously, enforcement of the current legislation is not happening and the Bylaw itself is not enough to stop that behaviour from occurring. Could the Policy include an undertaking to place rubbish bins at appropriate intervals along walkways and beach access points to encourage appropriate disposal of dog poo? Providing dog drinking water stations at some beach access points would also be highly beneficial to dogs' health and well-being. Dogs are social animals. They are considered family members and need to be included in family activities. In my situation, that means trips to the beach and playgrounds. The 10 metre dog exclusion zone around playgrounds is too large. In my area, all rubbish bins, bench seats and picnic tables are within that 10 metre zone. There are no hitching posts provided. What this means is that I am unable to sit down on a seat or have a picnic, I am unable to secure my dog, and I am unable to assist my child on the playground because I'm holding the lead. If I ask my dog to 'stay' outside that 10 metre zone so I can play with my child on the playground, I feel that I am too far away from my dog to be able to actively supervise her and keep her safe. I think a 2 metre exclusion zone around playgrounds would be ample as this would enable me to be close to my dog and my child, and be close-to-hand to manage the interactions between my dog and small children when they invariably approach her for a pat. I think the Policy should focus on preventing owners from letting their dogs toilet around playgrounds and exercise equipment, instead of a 10 metre exclusion zone. At the beach, I would like my dog to be able to swim without having to be attached to a 2-metre lead. I agree, that during busy periods, uncontrolled dogs can be a nuisance at the beach but I think the on-lead zone from Motiti Road to Kawera Parade is too long. That leaves no off-lead beach access point available to dog owners in Papamoa. If dog owners were to drive to the very last (southern-most) beach access point, there is no rubbish bin and no appropriate car parking. I live in a property next to a small, narrow reserve with exercise equipment. The equipment is placed at intervals along the length of the reserve on alternating sides. Some of the equipment is closer than 10 metres to my fence. There are more dog-owners backing onto the reserve than there are non-dog owners. The reserve is popular with dog owners from the surrounding streets. The exercise equipment is seldom used (other than by young children who use it to climb on). The 10 metre restriction means we and our neighbours are unable to exercise our dogs in the reserve. As mentioned above, due to the size of our sections, being able to exercise our dogs in this reserve space is essential for their health and well-being. As an active person (as most dog owners are, or soon become), if I am likely to use any public exercise equipment, I am highly likely to take my dog with me. The 10 metre restriction again means that I have nowhere to secure my dog and my dog is further away from me than I am comfortable with whilst I am exercising. As a responsible dog owner, I would much prefer my dog to be within 2 metres of me while I am using the exercise equipment. Implementing a large dog-exclusion zone also unnecessarily increases the level of expertise and training required to control a dog at that distance (as there are no appropriate alternative hitching posts), and the dog is at greater risk of unwanted approaches from other reserve users. I disagree with the proposal to include public exercise equipment in the 10 metre dog-exclusion zone. In the Bylaw, part 6.1, I am concerned with the use of the term 'Owner' in regards to leashing of the dog. The dog Owner might not be the authorised responsible person walking the dog. I am concerned the proposed wording would have the unintended consequence that any person other than the dog owner would not be permitted to walk the dog. I disagree with the requirement of 6.2 for a dog to have to be physically restrained by a leash. Surely "effective control" would be sufficient. This would enable dog owners to ride bicycles on the road beside their dogs. Requiring a dog to be leashed in this manner would be highly dangerous for the rider and dog. I disagree with 6.3 iii due to the size of the zone and that it leaves no alternative off-lead beach access for Papamoa dog owners, no appropriate carpark facilities and no rubbish bins. I disagree with 7.3 due to the proposed requirement for a transiting dog to have to remain on the footpath as a responsible dog owner may deem it more appropriate to divert from the path to avoid an unwanted encounter or situation. I would want the bylaw to address the unwanted behaviour rather than defining the path a dog must walk.

			I disagree with 7.4 proposing dogs not be left unattended in a public place. This would have enormous and far-reaching consequences for the ordinary responsible dog owner who pops down to the shops for a paper, a coffee or an ice-cream. Responsible dog owners will secure their dog out of the way, keeping in mind the safety and comfort of their dog and the public, and ensure they return within a reasonable time. The broad wording of this paragraph does not specify the undesired behaviours the Council is wanted to address nor does it balance the needs of the dog/dog owner and the public. For busy families, it means the twice-a-day dog walk to school and back can no longer occur. The proposed change to the Bylaw appears to be addressing an issue that doesn't exist. There are a large number of people in my community who safely hitch their dogs to an out-of-the-way barrier while they drop-off or collect their children from school. This change would mean dogs could no longer participate in these daily family rituals and it would be much harder for the families to incorporate the dogs' need for exercise and social interaction into the day. Of all the proposed changes, this one is the one which I feel has the most detrimental impact on dogs, their owners, and their quiet enjoyment of life in Tauranga. I am concerned and disagree wholeheartedly with the removal of 8.1 being the ability to exercise dogs off-leash in public places including parks and reserves. I disagree with the specification that a leash must be no longer than 2 metres in length. This makes it impossible to undertake long-lead recall training with a pup or keep a dog under leash-control when swimming. A longer leash allows an owner to keep good control of their dog while also allowing the dog to enjoy a walk and the smells they encounter along the way. I would like the Policy to include the requirement for Council to publish [online?] a helpful handbook [or app?] for Tauranga residents and visiting dog-owners specifying dog-friendly facilities, publicising a dog-friendly policy, and advertising the code of conduct for dog owners. It would also be great for the Policy to require Council to publish exactly what happens when a wandering dog is found. There should be support and encouragement to contact Council with a tag number, and the Council should be proactive in contacting the dog owner (this does not happen now). This approach would remove barriers to people contacting Council about wandering dogs for fear of the animals being impounded in inhumane conditions and the owner incurring a large fine. Policy should focus on the positive aspects of dog control such as ensuring dogs are secure and safe with appropriate fencing and shelter at home. [Dog lovers will actively avoid calling Dog Control if they have found a wandering dog. Unfortunately, this does not encourage dog owners to ensure their fencing is adequate or that dogs are securely housed – the focus is instead on avoiding getting Council involved and thereby avoiding fines. This also fails to decrease the risk to the public, property and pets from wandering dangerous dogs]. The Policy should include protection for dogs from being left in hot cars, being left chained up instead of fenced in, and include provision for dog drinking water stations, hitching posts and additional rubbish bins around the city, beaches and popular reserves. I am more than happy to be contacted about my submission, but due to intense shyness, I do not wish to speak at the Council hearing.
260	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support all of the changes to the bylaw in relation to dogs in public places for the benefit of both the dog owners and the general public, particularly in regards to safety. Mount Maunganui Dog Prohibited Area - for the protection of the wildlife and need to recognise these areas of cultural significance, I feel it is important to clarify exactly what areas can and cannot be used by dogs. Extension of the Mount Maunganui Main Beach - this extension will give much greater clarity to dog owners and other beach goers as to where they can expect and not expect to have dogs in the vicinity. It is important to protect Moturiki and by making the prohibited area extend further than Moturiki it then becomes clear this is an area that is not available for dogs. On leash area between Motiti and Karewa Parade - I fully support this as this area is getting particularly busy and it is not fair to have dogs running around off leash in such a busy area with lots of families/people. It is not fair on the dog, as they don't know how people will react to them and it's also not fair to the people for the same reason. With the introduction of Surf Life Saving patrolling this area and the increase in people, then it will align better for people's enjoyment of our great coastline. I am mindful though that we still need to allow dogs to be able to transition through the area but being clear they need to be on a leash. I am presuming that the restriction would only be in place between the 15 Dec to 15 Feb and between 10am and 5pm which are the particularly busy periods for the area. Summer period dates - I fully support this as this incorporates the main summer period including the school holidays and then extends over Waitangi Day too. The hours are great as this is the time that it is too hot to be taking your dog out for a walk, so common sense should (but unfortunately doesn't) dictate that dogs should be relaxing in the shade at home during these hours.

	[redacted]		Dogs being left in public places - I support this but I feel this will be particularly difficult to police and so many people will not abide by this (if it's gets incorporated into the bylaw). Perhaps Council needs to work with business owners to review and provide areas that dogs can be tied to and left whilst people leave them for short periods e.g. like to shelters at Bayfair which are in a quiet area, have shade and water. Dogs prohibited from TCC indoor facilities e.g. libraries - again I support this (to me this is common sense but not to everyone) however I do recommend the wording is changed so that assistance dogs are permitted into these places so that everyone is welcome to use these facilities. Two dogs off leash - I fully support this as I believe that when you have two dogs off the leash in public this is difficult enough to manage and keep control of both dogs/what is happening around them. If you are dealing with one dog, then you lose track of the other one easily, so two dogs should be the limit to ensure the safety of the dog/owner/public. I do not believe that people should be exercising more than 2 days each off the leash for the reasons listed above. Four dogs on leash - Whilst I support having a limit on this, I feel that even 4 dogs can be problematic dependent on where and what time of day you are walking the dogs. On most streets 4 dogs and a person, would totally take over the footpath and force either themselves or other members of the public onto the road when needing to overtake/walk past which is a safety concern. I appreciate there needs to be a 'magic number' so 4 would still allow the professional dog walkers etc to carry out their jobs and is perhaps the best compromise that can be reached.
261		Papamoa	Section 7.2 and 7.3 of the Bylaw in regards to dogs transiting through these areas (Omanu and Papamoa, and playgrounds) so long as the dog is controlled on a leash and does not cause a nuisance or danger to any person or animal is a sensible and practical solution. Section 7.4 of the Bylaw which proposes that no dogs are to be left unattended in a public place, whether secured or not is problematic. This is not practical when considering animal welfare aspects, particularly during the summer months. It is unsafe to leave a dog in a car, even for just a few minutes "when popping in to get some milk' so not being able to tie the dog up outside is impractical. The same for walking or exercising your dog and no being able to pop in to grab a drink etc. In addition, who is responsible for providing a space that is separate from the public where you can tie your dog up? That is an additional unjustified cost on shop owners.
262		Papamoa	I support most of the changes, but I often walk with my dogs to the local dairy and leave them tied up outside while I make my purchases. I never leave them for more than 5 minutes, usually less, and have had no complaints. Many dog owners do the same and some shops and centres have special hitches for dog leads. This is one change I do not support.

Submission no. 263

17th September 2018

#5265

To:- Tauranga City Council (also Mayor & B Lincoln)

Subject:- Dog Management Bylaw Submission

From:- [redacted]

To whom it may concern

As a visitor (and past resident) in your area I would like to express total concern at the number of uncontrolled dogs I have seen especially in some reserves and at the beach.

When I presented at the RSA ANZAC Day service in 2017 I noticed, in the time that I was staying in the area, a number of dogs in the 'No Dogs' signage area @ Mount Maunganui (refer photos with my submissions). Council needs to make sure that people are abiding by the rules with their dogs, and dog owners need to be considerate of others. I attach some letters from Parliament regarding dog control concerns and safety. There are many dog attacks/dog bite injuries (see ACC table) in New Zealand and dog owners need to be more responsible and Councils need to be fair to non dog owners who may not want a dog near them in a public place. (Their right!)

- All reserves should be Dogs on leash areas
- The area around the Mt War memorial should be No Dogs & on beach below this area.
- Areas around surf clubs should be No Dogs areas.
- Have designated dog exercise areas
- Better signage @ reserves

Regards [redacted]



Submission no. 263

#5265

Table 1: Count of claims relating to dog bites broken down by injury scene from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017.

	Count of claims				
Scene	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**
Commercial / Service Location	467	506	511	538	576
Farm	228	218	212	198	186
Home	7,980	7,933	8,266	8,644	9,208
Industrial Place	102	86	94	114	113
Not Obtainable	33	41	36	37	70
Other	1,778	1,671	1,834	1,888	1,861
Place of Medical Treatment	19	14	21	19	20
Place of Recreation or Sports	856	831	939	950	1,010
Road or Street	1,424	1,453	1,416	1,526	1,626
School	38	41	48	35	49
Grand total	**12,925**	**12,794**	**13,377**	**13,949**	**14,719**

** } Public places.

Notes

The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:

The claim date is between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2017.

The claim cover decision is equal to 'Accepted', 'Interim Accept', 'Pending Accept'.

The dog bite indicator is equal to 'Yes'.

A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.

Data were extracted on the 19 March 2018 and may differ if a re-run at a later date.

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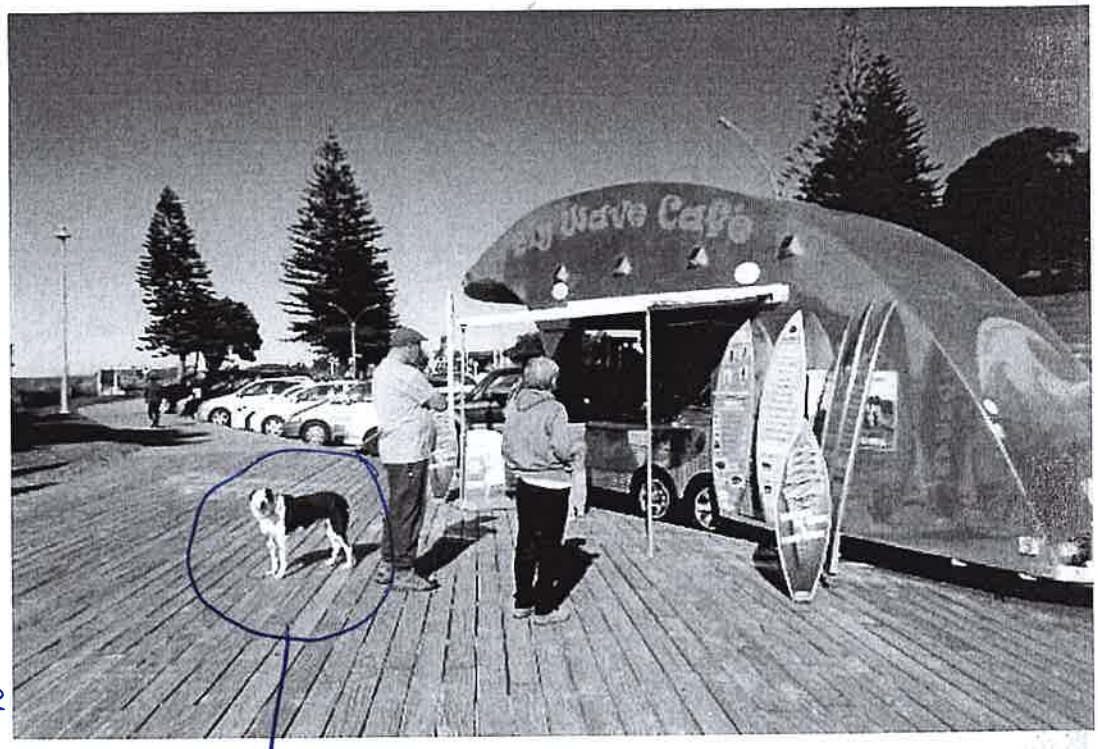
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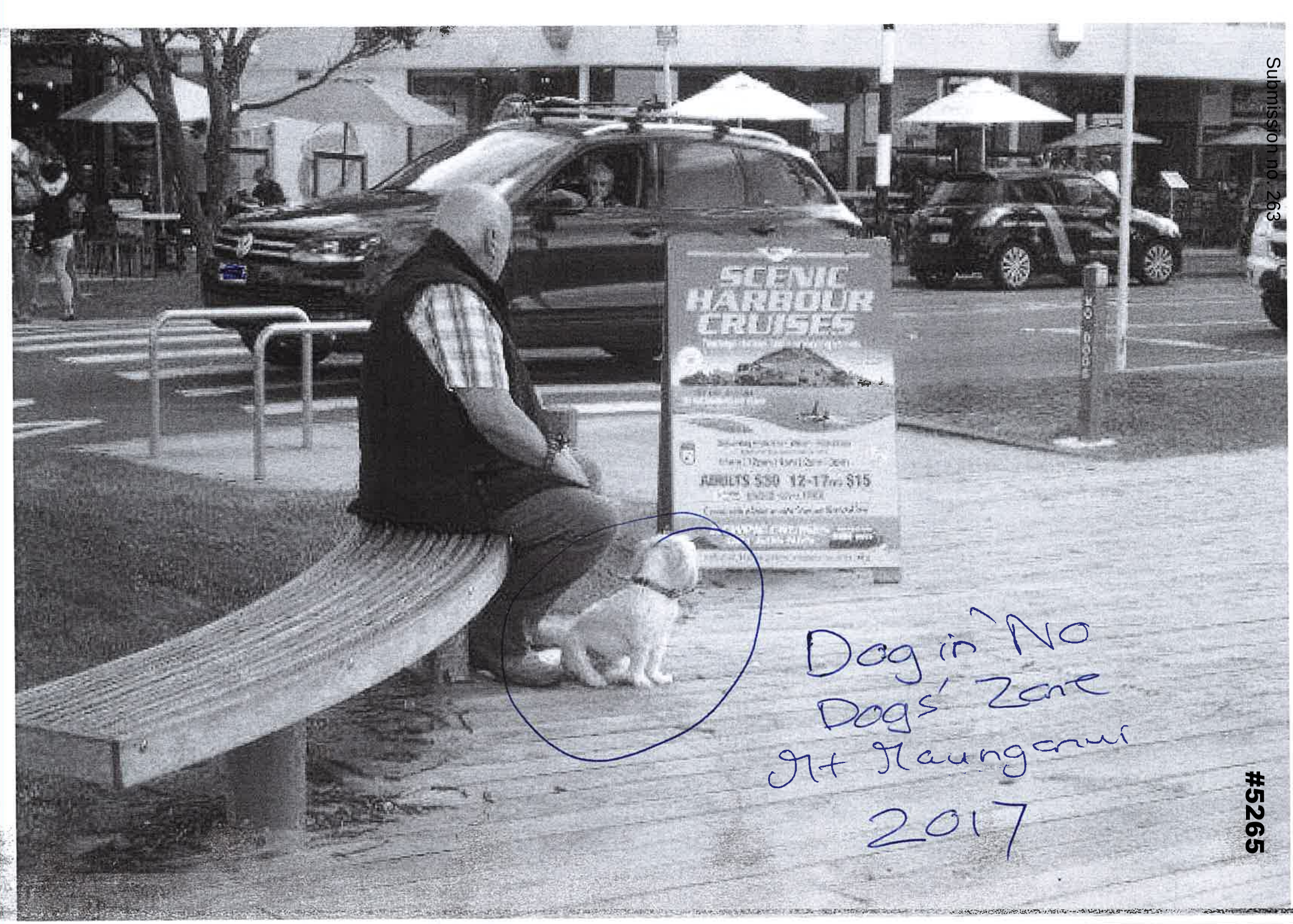


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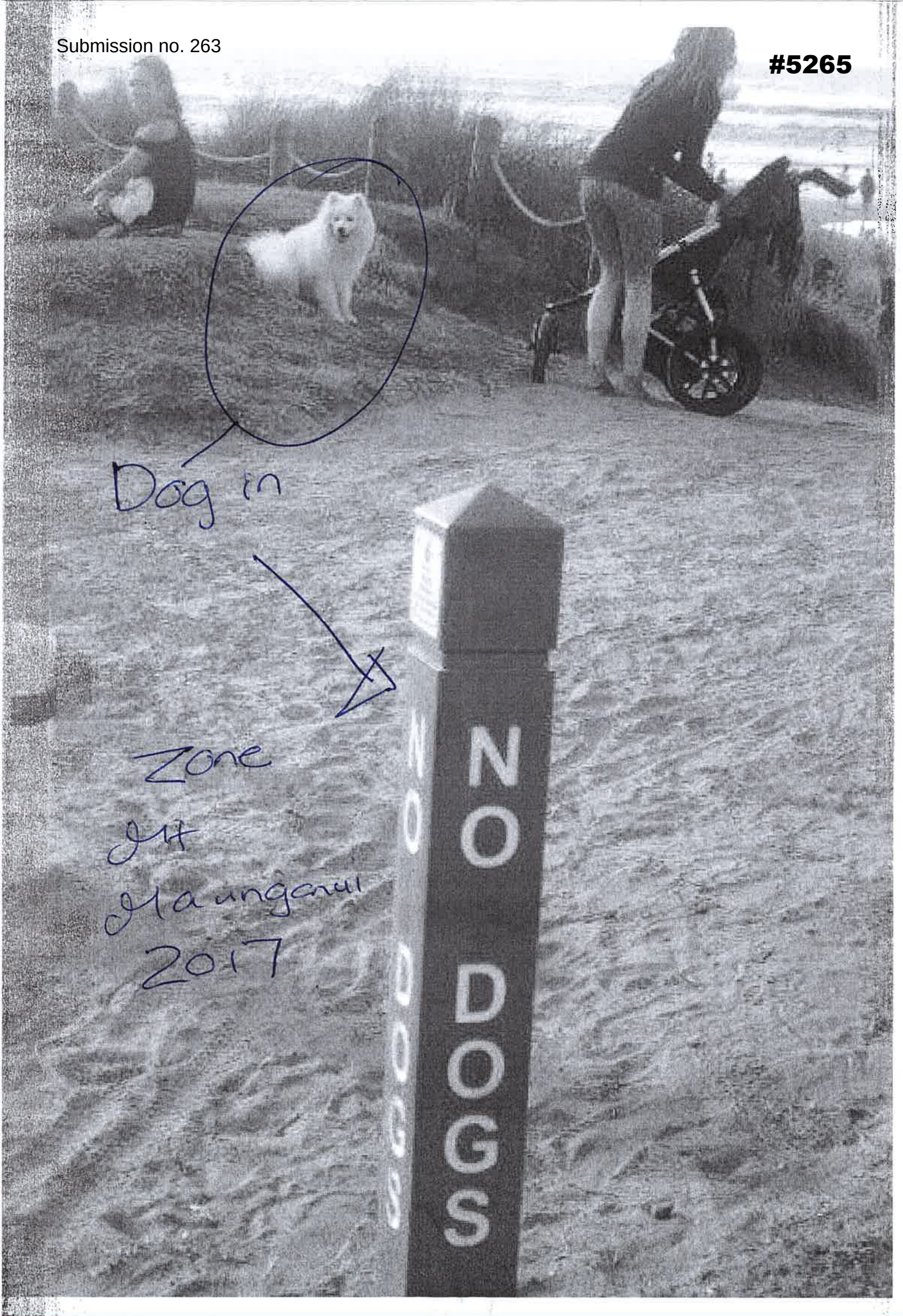


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Associate Minister of Agriculture
Associate Minister for Crown/Māori Relations
Associate Minister of Forestry
Associate Minister of Local Government

22 AUG 2018

[redacted]

Tēnā koe Ms [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2018 about your submission to Parliament on dog control.

I acknowledge that this is a topic that you are passionate about, and I applaud you for expressing your views, both to Parliament and to the [redacted] (the Council). You have covered a range of other issues in your email, including your submission to Parliament and your advocacy work on reducing dog attacks in New Zealand. As you stated in your submission, an important aspect of dog safety is education.

I note your use of the information the Department of Internal Affairs provides about dog behaviour and safety around dogs at www.dogsafety.govt.nz. The Department also distributes a resource kit for schools called "The Dog Box". This kit contains a DVD, a set of teachers' notes, a board game, stickers and a take-home information sheet about staying safe around dogs.

As I have stated previously, dog control is a complex issue, which requires balancing the rights and responsibilities of dog owners with the public's right to safety. Councils already have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibilities.

Thank you again for writing.

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14 FEB 2018

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Tēnā koe Ms [redacted]

Thank you for your emails about matters to do with dog control. I read the materials you provided with great interest, and note that you have suffered from the effects of a dog attack. I hope you have made a full recovery. Also, congratulations on your success at the World Masters Games 2017.

Dog control is a complex issue, which requires balancing the rights and responsibilities of dog owners with the public's right to safety. Councils already have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibilities: owners can be fined or prosecuted if their dogs are not adequately controlled or if their dog attacks a person, animal or protected wildlife.

In my view, good law is only one of several things needed to improve safety around dogs. Other vital aspects are consistent enforcement of the law, good public understanding of the issues and responsible dog ownership. I am currently looking into ways to improve public safety around dogs and intend to pursue a strategy for dog control that will emphasise responsible dog ownership and the sharing of best practices between local authorities.

Thank you again for writing.

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Associate Minister of Local Government

15 SEP 2017

[redacted]

Dear Wendy

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2017 about dogs in public places. I appreciate your concern for people who are injured or threatened by dogs not being under adequate control.

I have read the supporting material you provided, including the good examples of dog control signage, information about others' experiences, and your submission on the [redacted].

The Government intends to work with local government to review and improve guidance for councils on good practice in dog control. I expect the improved guidance will include up-to-date information for councils and animal control officers about the use of the enforcement tools councils have available to them to enhance public safety around dogs.

Thank you again for writing.

Kind regards

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Office of Hon Louise Upston

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Minister for Women

Associate Minister of Local Government
Associate Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment

10 AUG 2016

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2016 and attached photos about your volunteer work in the areas of dog safety and dog control.

I appreciate your initiative in increasing public knowledge of dog safety and improving signage for dog control in reserves. Prevention is often one of the best ways to prevent injuries and your work in dog safety education will be helping many to understand the importance of dog safety.

Like you, I am very concerned about the risk of serious dog attacks and the number of dog attacks occurring in New Zealand. I am currently seeking feedback from New Zealanders about their thoughts on dog control. The feedback received will be considered as part of the Government's review of dog control laws. Feedback is sought online at www.govt.nz/reducing-dog-attacks and will be open from 1-12 August 2016. It is clear that dog control is an issue you are passionate about and have been thinking about for a long time. I would greatly value your input, and the input of others you may know, to inform the review of dog control laws.

I have been meeting with members of the public, animal control officers, government agencies and my Ministerial colleagues to hear their ideas on how to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks in New Zealand. I have also asked officials from the Department of Internal Affairs to collate data on dog attacks and injury rates, and to consider suggestions about changes to our dog control laws that could reduce the incidence of severe dog attacks.

Sincerely

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All about safety with dogs.



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Legal Responsibilities

Your main legal responsibilities as a dog owner are set down in

- the Dog Control Act 1996 and its amendments
- city and district council dog control policy and bylaws.



The Dog Control Act 1996

As a dog owner you have to

- register your dog with your local council before it is three months old (or when you get it)
- renew the registration for your dog each year before 1 July
- notify the council if you change your address, your dog dies or has a new owner
- microchip your dog when it is registered for the first time or if it has been classified as dangerous or menacing
- make sure your dog does not scare or injure any one or any other animal and is kept under control at all times
- care for your dog – exercise it and provide sufficient food, water and shelter

You must also take all reasonable steps to ensure that your dog does not

- cause any nuisance to any other person for example by constantly barking, howling or roaming
- injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife
- damage or endanger any property belonging to any other person.

The Dog Control Act prohibits the importation into New Zealand of American Pit Bull Terrier type dogs, and Dogo Argentino, Brazilian Fila, Japanese Tosa breeds.

The Act also lays out the powers and responsibilities of city and district councils.

City and district council policy and bylaws

Councils can make policy and bylaws which could include

- setting registration fees and requirements
- prohibiting dogs from specified public places
- requiring dogs to be leashed in specified public places
- designating areas where dogs can be exercised off a leash but must be under voice or hand control
- limiting the number of dogs that may be kept on any land or premises.

Menacing dogs

Councils **can** classify a dog as menacing if it considers that it poses a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of

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- any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
- any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

Councils **must** classify a dog as menacing if it belongs wholly or predominately to the type or breed of dog banned from importation into New Zealand - American Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Brazilian Fila, Japanese Tosa.

Menacing dogs must be muzzled when in public places and may be required by the council to be neutered.

Dangerous dogs

Councils **can** classify a dog as dangerous if

- the owner is convicted of an offence where their dog has rushed at someone and caused harm or damage
- on the basis of sworn evidence, the dog is believed to be a threat to public safety
- the owner has admitted in writing that the dog is a threat to public safety.

Councils **must** classify a dog as dangerous if the owner has been convicted of an offence relating to harm or damage and no destruction order has been made.

Dangerous dogs are required to be kept within a fully fenced area, neutered and muzzled and kept on a leash in public places.

Classifying Owners

Councils can disqualify someone from owning a dog or declare them to be a probationary owner if they incur more than three infringement offences within two years or are convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act, Parts 1 and 2 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, section 26ZZP of the Conservation Act 1987, or section 56I of the National Parks Act 1980.

As well as having a policy and making local bylaws, your local council provides or arranges local dog control services including dog registration, dog complaint handling, education and information about dog control and safety around dogs, pick up, impounding, rehoming or destruction of stray or seized dogs.

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LOCATION: Southland

♥WIN a Lead for your lovely dog

REPORT AD





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View seller's list
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Hi
It is great to have your dog under control and on a lead for safety reasons. There are bylaws which require you to have your dog on a lead and signage (see examples) throughout NZ. (There is also the Dog Control Act 1996 `Obligations of Dog Owners` educational info available online).
With this in mind I am giving away my 6th lead. The last lead went to a SPCA who were grateful for it. The main photo features me with the dog who received the donated lead.
I have also included other information including a letter from the Minister of Local Government and some petitions with regard to creating a safer New Zealand and better dog control.
There are also ACC dog bite injury statistics. In 2017 there were 14,719 dog bite injury claims made Nationally
If you would like to be in to win a lead for your dog please email me why, through the below link, by 30th November 2018
Wendy Joy Baker - Caring Advocate for Safer/Better dog control in NZ

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Your Community Voice

Plea to respect dog rules

By MELANIE CAMOIN
news@waihileader.co.nz

Waihi Beach residents are delivering the message to dog owners: Control your pet in public places.

Dogs are prohibited in the scenic reserve of Orokawa and Homunga Bay, a DOC sign at the north end of the beach says.

The sign was installed last September but locals say many disregard it.

Waihi Beach resident Ian Robinson says seeing dogs in the scenic reserve is no surprise to him.

"In the [Orokawa] Reserve they are in there all the time. I have not been there very often lately but I remember that it is not unusual to see a dog around the corner, 20m ahead of the owners.

"It is a walkway for the public, not for dogs. Why do I have to put up with dogs?" he says.

The DOC sign was installed after former resident Wendy Baker pointed out the issue to the Department of Conservation.

"Orokawa Reserve is a no-dog zone by law," she says.

There were 8720 dogs registered in the whole Western Bay district between June 30 2016-17, and 170 classified as menacing — breeds and behaviours.

Twenty-two attacks on people were reported districtwide in 2016-17.

Wendy, who is a keen runner, was attacked by a loose dog while exercising in a reserve a few years back.

She has started a battle to educate dog owners.

"I encourage owners to be more responsible and considerate by running their dogs in the allocated areas and keeping them under control, on the leash."

In 10 years, the number of ACC claims on dog-related injuries in recreational and sports places has nearly doubled nationwide, from 533 in 2007 to 949 in 2016.

But most injuries are "minor requiring only a visit to the GP," an ACC spokeperson says.

"The most common injuries are lacerations and soft tissue injuries."

Wendy feels the Western Bay of Plenty District Council is too complacent with the four-legged friends.

"I feel they favour dog owners but dogs are not humans. The council needs to be more proactive on this, especially in Waihi Beach when you have 10,000 people and children coming for the summer," she says.



Wendy Baker is leading a battle on dog control. She pushed to have this sign installed at Waihi's Gilmour Lake reserve.

The council reviewed its 2011 Dog Control Bylaw and Policy tightening the rules for dog owners, two years ago.

Dogs must be kept on leash in the Waihi Beach village (Wilson Rd) and in the Island View reserve between October and March due to birds nesting.

They are prohibited along the whole beach in summer between 9am to 7pm, from the third Wednesday of December to February 7 included.

Dogs are also banned from all the scenic reserves and playgrounds.

Council has allocated a year-round dog exercise area in town, between Albacore Ave and Plom Rd (stretch of beach between Waihi Beach and Bowentown).

Ian knows dog control is an emotional topic to owners but asks them to respect the rules.

"Nearly every morning, I see dogs on the loose . . . It does not matter where you go at Waihi Beach. I see them running around, pooping here or there and they [owners] take no notice."

Fines up to $20,000 and infringement notices of $300 can be issued for breaching the bylaw and policy in Western Bay.



The DOC sign at Orokawa scenic reserve prohibiting dogs from the walkway.

PHOTOS / SUPPLIED

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Shakti Ethnic Women's Support Group	0800 742 584
Bay of Plenty Sexual Assault Support Group	0800 227 233
Victims Info Line/Court Services	0800 842 846
Lifeline	0800 543 354
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Educational Poem

Awareness & Caring

There are some people who are allergic to dogs. so ...please accept that not everyone is going to like your poochy pet.

There are some elderly people who are frail... so ...please care because they may not want your energetic dog near

There are some people who ...enjoy NZ wildlife ... like Kiwi so please understand that your dog may not be allowed on some Conservation land

There are some people who train for sports events.. so please reflect on the fact.. that they don't want a dog in their personal space.. therefore respect

There are All people who have the right to feel safe in a community .. So Care and control your dog .. on a lead ... Please be more responsible and .. aware

Thank You.







©2017 Poem by [redacted] Advocate for Better Dog Control in NZ

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Proposed changes to Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

Submission form



We're proposing to make some changes to our Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018 to help ensure the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners are met while minimising any danger, distress or nuisance from dogs. This is a formal consultation, and it's the last opportunity to have your say before we make these changes law.

Tell us if you think we got this right at **www.tauranga.govt.nz/dogs** or by using this form.

Name* [redacted]

[redacted]

Written submissions may contain personal information within the meaning of the Privacy Act 1993. By taking part in this public submission process, submitters agree to any personal information (incl. names and contact details) in their submission being made available to the public as part of the consultation and decision-making process. All information collected will be held by Tauranga City Council, 91 Willow Street, Tauranga. Submitters have the right to access and correct personal information.

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission (1 October)? ✓ **Yes** ☐ **No**

We will contact you by phone to arrange a speaking time. Each speaker is allocated 10 minutes.

Please send us your feedback by 5pm on Monday, 17 September 2018.

Post to (no stamp required): Freepost Authority Number 370
Dog management bylaw & policy consultation
Tauranga City Council
Private Bag 12022
Tauranga 3143

Your feedback

Read the draft amended policy, draft amended bylaw and supporting information, and tell us if you support the proposed changes, if you don't, and/or if you have any other changes you want us to consider.

I am providing feedback on: (please tick)

- ☐ Dog Management Policy
- ☐ Dog Management Bylaw 2018
- ✓ Both documents

refer attached sheets (5 pages)



Written Submission
on the Proposed Changes to the
Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

Until recently I was never a dog owner, always a cat person. I wouldn't have heard of these proposed changes, cared, expected or understood any fuss associated with them...

Except I am a dog owner now! Our family shares our home with Jake!

Dog's are valued family members!

- Jake is DEFINITLY & UNCONDITIONALLY a member of the family & is also a rate payer by his annual registration fees. Dog's owners definitely are.

  Where Jake goes we go, a restriction placed on him is a restriction on the family as a whole

Many dog owners now have their dogs as substitute children or at least till they're older and can afford to have actual children The Tauranga City area is a very expensive place to raise a family. These dogs are their family unit. Not just dogs, pets, friends but family - just like our Jake is!

The 'Me' four years ago wouldn't react to these rules like I am now now, as I'm sure non dog owners on the review panel don't either. I didn't get it but now I do.

I've discovered that the dog owning community is very large, dedicated & passionate about their canine family members - A community that our family is much a part of now!

- ***Of all the submissions I've made to Council over the years, this is one that I feel most strongly about & has my voting pen hovering over the introduction of the proposed changes in their present form.***

- ***Jake isn't even allowed in Council Chambers to be a part of the process affecting him, yet he's a fully paid up animal citizen of Tauranga City & surrounds.***

We respect that not everybody likes dogs but just want to be able to co exist on an equal basis with the rest of the community. We don't want to impinge or detract on anyone else's enjoyment of life but don't want the reverse to happen either.

I suspect some of these proposed changes are notional & not practically enforceable, some are even not practical to comply with & conflict other animal rules, regulations & best practice.

These restrictions strike at the heart of our family. If Jake can't go somewhere or do something it impacts on the family and how we function as a family unit on a day to day basis.

Introduction of Summer Time Zones **(NO if it means a total ban on dogs in those areas on those date & between those times)**

Are the proposed Summer Time Zones just relating to certain areas e.g. the end of Papamoa?

Are dogs still allowed on the beach but remaining on a leash during those summer time zones or not allowed on the beach at all during those times & dates?

If not:

- Then the rules are penalising taking a valued four legged family member to the beach along with the two legged human ones.
- There are 40km of beach, if that becomes full & needs a time restriction we have a big problem.

I have two children myself & respect that not everyone likes dog though high densities of young children tend to be in flagged patrolled areas which are already covered by restrictions.

10 metres restrictions on dogs near playgrounds (Yes only if playground designs modified)

All the paved walking paths in the vicinity of playgrounds seem to be within 10 metre & any bins to deposit any droppings also within said 10 meters which makes it difficult not to break the by law if walking a dog by yourself or with a child to young, not strong enough to hold a dog alone while you go into the 10 metre zone

At the Strand waterfront 10 metres on the harbour side would put you in the harbour!

Breaking one Bylaw to comply with another Bylaw!

Why are the bins near dog restricted areas always on the side of the road where dogs aren't allowed?
e.g.

along the non harbour house sides of The Mall & non beach house sides of Marine Parade?

This puts owners in the situation of breaking a by law to comply with another. Pay a $300 fine for not picking up & disposing properly or $300 for doing that by having to enter a dog free area, temporarily at least. Bit of an inconsistency but also a bit ludicrous.

No Dogs outside shops (Totally disagree -Still Allow!)

People are more at risk from being run down by a mobility scooter, bike or skateboarder more surprising & very scary silent but deadly & deceptively fast to unwary pedestrians.

- Can't leave a dog in the car because of heat risk, SPCA and public concerns, so if can't leave dog outside shop can't go

- Can't always leave the dog, (Jake in our case), at home & will mean that if you have the dog with you by yourself, you can't stop at shops if you suddenly realise you need to.

- Also a loss of revenue to the shops that I could & would have spent money with

This is the equivalent of being discriminated because of having a dog, unfairly affecting normal daily activities.

- Means you can't do your normal business on your own with your dog with you.
- I'm not going to give him to a perfect stranger while I go into a shop.

Is Council going to remove the restrictions of taking dogs inside the shops to off set & compensate this added loss of convenience to dog owner & potentially affected businesses?

- Many Cambridge shops allow you to do that and some national supermarket chains are having shop with pets night.

- They recognise the increasing importance of the purchasing power of dog owners, especially those that don't have children.

After all... our dog is a rate payer a paid up registered animal citizens of Tauranga City!

Extended main beach prohibited area **(NO - retain at least one iconic part of the actual main beach for dog owners to use)**

It is nice to have that little area of unrestricted beach by the cenotaph. This is a good access point at the end of the board walk restriction. Otherwise you feel excluded as a full family from an iconic part of the Mount beach experience.

I understand that not everyone likes dogs and is good to give them some dog free space in that prime area but it does exclude us.

I also understand that you can't have dogs on & around Mauao because of the sheep, penguins & busy pathways.

NB: When you don't have a dog you don't notice not having them in these iconic Mount places but when you do have a dog its like I wish we could occasionally. So it is nice to have access to that little piece of prime beach with your dog & family.

A case of targeting the wrong owners again!

Most of these rules seem to be targeting the wrong owners; the responsible ones not the irresponsible ones.

It's mainly the irresponsible ones that cause the problems with unregulated dogs & behaviour will still continue to do so & will only grow at a bigger rate than the growth in dog numbers associated with greater number of households coming into the region.

e.g.

Dog walking restrictions revised to walking no more than four dogs at a time (No)

- The majority of people walking more will be professionals & by nature will need them on a leash.
    - Dog walkers also provide a valuable service socialising, exercising & stimulating dogs enhancing their welfare & wellbeing when their working owners can't. Leading to well rounded, less problematic dogs for the community & council in the long run.
    - These walkers & the dogs they walk are the least of my worries especially if I walk down & heaven forbid walk Jake down some of the streets near where I live.

Modern society's companion animals and domestic pets, therapy dogs & assistance animals are going to play a greater more integral role in the community in the future.

So if you are putting on more restrictions... are you going to reduce the amount of the registration fee to compensate or are we simply going to pay more for less?

A Bouquet - Thanks for the free bags near beach accesses & major park entrances
Absolutely brilliant and a good start!

However, the free bags alone don't compensate for the impact of the severity of these restrictions & diminished value satisfaction, pleasure & joy of being a dog owner. We appreciate that dog management issues are a delicate balancing act but our dog Jake deserves better from his council & so do we.

[redacted]
September 2018

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SUBMITTER'S RIGHTS
17 SEP 2018
RECEPTION
TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL

[redacted]

Tauranga City Council,
Tauranga.

Draft Dog Control
" " Management

MO832.11 & MO4/105.2
& MO8/32.11

I have perused these 'drafts' and consider them well balanced with regards to the general problems faced by Council.

The only issue to me is the facts that walking groups of dogs has become a financial type 'occupation'. Does the Council intend to 'license' or in some way control this issue.

[redacted]

266	[redacted]Kay	Papamoa	I oppose 6.3 iii of the Dog Management Bylaw. We live right in the middle of this zone and have two dogs that we exercise daily. We throw a stick or ball. Quite often my wife or daughter takes the dogs to the beach in the middle of the day as one works part time and the other a student. The new proposal would mean we have to walk nearly a kilometre further along the beach for the dogs to be able to run freely to retrieve a stick or ball. This is unnecessary, unjustified and ridiculous.
267	[redacted]	Papamoa	I know this is all about dogs and areas that they are not allowed. What about cats in the area??? They uninate everywhere which smells atrocious , they do their business on the beaches and cause 'sand worms' or what ever one calls it here in nz. These criters get into humans systems and go under the skin where they can bread. I am horrified by the amount of cats that Stoll the streets at night. Beaches and alley ways. Maybe this can be raised in conjunction while discussing dog areas.

Submission

Paula Zinzan & Timothy Allan

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Submission on the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

Date	Submission from:	Submission to:
September 19, 2018	[redacted]	Tauranga City Council Private Bag 12022 Tauranga 3143

We thank the Tauranga City Council for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018.

We have lived in Tauranga for approximately 19 years and have owned dogs for the duration of this time. We have lived at Mount Maunganui, Papamoa, Bellevue and now Otumoetai over this period. We have young children and enjoy the outdoors, as a result we frequent the parks and reserves around the entire region.

Feedback on the Dog Management Bylaw

Provision		Comment	Requested Amendment
7.2	10m from playgrounds	This does not go far enough to provide for situations where a dog owner is also a parent. Balancing parenthood and dog exercise can sometimes be a challenge and so it is not uncommon to bribe the kids into going for a walk with the promise of a play at the playground. However, the combination of proposed clause 7.3 and 7.4 would make this impossible and even illegal. As it is currently drafted, it would mean that parents with dogs would not be able to watch and help their children on the playground without breaking the law. This is not reasonable. In addition, in my experience there is not always a formed path, or it might not be practical to use a path past a	Amend provision 7.2 as follows: Clause 7.1 (v) does not prohibit a dog transiting past a playground ~~where there is a formed path~~ so long as the dog ~~remains on the path and~~ is controlled…."

		playground. For example at Kulim Park past the Senior Play Ground, sometimes it is absolutely crowded on the pathway with kids, scooters, bikes and walkers, it may be more practical to walk on the grass.	
7.4	Unattended dog in a public place	By preventing owners from tying their dogs up outside a shop will deprive dogs and owners from exercise and an enjoyable outing which enriches both the dog and the owner's lives. I see numerous elderly people walking to their closest shops, getting their groceries, having a coffee, using the mobile library bus, all while their dog is tied up outside. In all my time in Tauranga, I have never seen a dog tied outside a shop causing a nuisance or a problem. In my experience the dogs seem to create a talking point for their owners and most people enjoy seeing dogs. Proposed clause 7.4 would cause further problems as dogs could not be tied 10m away from the playground area while a parent gives their kids a push on a swing, without breaking the law. This provision is contrary to the purpose of this Bylaw which is to "provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and socialization needs of dogs" and is contrary to the purpose of the Draft Dog Management Policy "to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners…". It is overly restrictive and unnecessary.	Delete clause 7.4.

Yours sincerely

Paula Zinzan & Timothy Allan

Contact Details:

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From: Marion Chandler [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 21 September 2018 1:02 p.m.
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Dog management policy submissions

>
> Dear Emma,
>
> I have read of your upcoming changes to dog management policy.
>
> I am a dog owner.
>
> Although submissions have closed, I thought i would just offer the suggestion to allow dogs to be carried on buses, as has changed recently in Wellington.
>
> Someone may have already suggested this.
>
> Regards,
> Marion Chandler.

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From: TaurangaCityCouncil <INFO@TAURANGA.GOVT.NZ>
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To: [redacted]
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Subject: Tauranga City Council Website - Feedback Form

Feedback :
Feedback Type

Suggestion

Feedback Subject

Policy

Personal Details

Name [redacted]

Phone:

[redacted]

Comment

I know the consultation has closed on the dog policy but I believe the policy as drafted does not give due consideration to dog owners and simply places further restrictions on them. I think council needs a re think given that dog owners subsidies animal control not only for dogs but all animals within councils geographic area. I would like a fenced dog park in the city. Having to go out to the far end of TECT park is not acceptable. Dogs should be allowed in more reserves so they and their owners have the opportunity to exercise in bush settings. I can accept it is tragic when a child or someone is attacked by a bad dog but the number of these dogs compared to us responsible owners is minimal and if you applied a true risk approach you would invest your time in other areas. Thanks

E[redacted]

From: TaurangaCityCouncil <INFO@TAURANGA.GOVT.NZ>
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To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Submission...dog tags [#29FE4S]

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To: "info@tauranga.govt.nz" <info@tauranga.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission...dog tags

Dear Sir,
As you are asking for submissions on the dog bylaws I am taking this opportunity to make a suggestion regarding registration tags.
I would like to see you offering the choice of either the plastic tag(currently)and a small metal tag.,as they do in Rotorua.
My reasoning is that the current tags are too large to attach to the collar of a small dog.The tag will not fit through the ring of a small collar and when I attached a larger ring for the tag to go through.....the tag was so long my little dog was able to happily chew on it and so destroy it.
We walk our dog regularly and meet up with many other dog owners and they all have the same issue.I have not seen one small dog wearing the registration tag because of this.
When I phoned the council about this I was told just to come in and get another tag(and pay extra for it)Why would I do this....I have already paid large registration fee and it won't solve the issue so I didn't accept this as a solution.
I hope you will consider this submission.
Regards
[redacted]t
Sent from Samsung tablet.

#5265

The New Zealand Dog Walkers Association

Code of Ethics

As a member of the New Zealand Dog Walkers Association I:

Conduct:

- Am bound to conduct myself in a professional manner as to not discredit the society or its members. And to carry out services professional standard as set out in this Code of Ethics.
- Must be conversant and familiar with current legislation relating to dog care including but not limited to the Dog Control Act 1996, Animal Welfare Act 1999 (reprint March 2017)
- Will work in accordance with national and local body regulations in relation to dog control, and animal welfare.
- No member will offer advice on, or conduct any training or behaviour modification unless they have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience, and are accredited by or a member or an appropriate body.
- No member will represent themselves as a spokesperson for The Society of New Zealand Dog Walkers without prior approval of the Society.
- Be respectful of colleagues and other professionals and not falsely condemn the character of their professional acts.
- Must always obtain the clients express (written) consent when using any of the following techniques or devices:
  1. E-collars
  2. Prong collars
- Provide clients with a contract detailing your terms of engagement, service and costs. Ensure all parties understand their commitment and responsibilities.
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Education:

- Actively pursue ongoing education in order to provide a service based upon sound scientific principles and current best practice.
- Remain current and up to date with Pet First Aid Training
- Actively look to increase my knowledge of all dog breeds in my care.

Safety and Welfare:

- Make the welfare of the dog of primary importance.
- Maintain a current health and safety plan including an in case of emergency plan and accident protocols.
- All members must provide safe transport for dog in their care in accordance with the draft code of welfare for the temporary housing of companion animals and the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010. All members will strive to meet recommended best practice which includes but is not limited to
    - Dogs should be transported using a specially designed, climate-controlled travelling crate if possible.
    - When dogs are transported on the back of trucks or in vans, non-slip surfaces should be provided.
    - Dogs should not be left unattended in vehicles. If a dog must be left in a vehicle even for a short time, such as when collecting other dogs for a walking group the vehicle should be parked in shade with more than one window left open to allow air to circulate so that heat stress will not occur.
    - When groups of dogs are transported together, care should be taken and physical separation or restraint should be considered to prevent aggressive interactions.
    - When dogs are transported together in a group, there should be easy and safe access to all dogs by the owner or person in charge.
- Assess each dog's suitability for walks; with other dogs, consider age, capability, behaviour.
- Ensure all dogs in my care are up to date on vaccinations and licensed (in accordance with national or local body bylaws).
- Avoid overcrowding (public) areas with my pack, and avoid lingering around gates with my pack, especially when a new dog is entering the park.
- Carry out an expeditious risk assessment prior to all walks.
- Ensure the safety and well being of other people and dogs we encounter while on our walks.

  Can access client contact information for each dog in my care at all times

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Part 1 – Preliminary 1. Objectives

The objectives of this Society are:

To set & provide professional standards, guidelines, support and endorsement for professional dog walkers.

To assist dog owners in choosing a professional, knowledgeable and experienced dog walker, and to maintain a network of like-minded dog walkers who operate under a strict code of conduct and ethics.

Part 2 - Membership

3. Membership generally

1. There are two classes of members of the Society, associate members and full members.

4. Application for membership

1. A person applying for membership of the society:

a. must complete in writing an application form (in such form as reasonably determined by the committee from time to time) and pay the fees set (" Membership Fees");

and b. must lodge with the secretary of the society such completed application form and fee.

2. As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary must refer the application to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.

3. As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:

a. notify the applicant, in writing, that the committee has approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable);

and b. upon rejection of the application, request the treasurer to refund (within the period of 28 days) the Membership Fees paid by the applicant.

The secretary must, on acceptance of the application, enter or cause to be entered the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the society.

1. Minimum requirements for membership:
   Applicants for full Membership must have a minimum of 2 years experience handling dogs in a professional capacity.

Applicants for full Membership must provide a phone number and email address for two valid references;

The SNZDW defines a valid reference as:

- a client with a minimum 2 year existing relationship
- veterinarian
- professional dog trainer (min 5 years)
- qualified canine behaviourist
- professional dog walker (min 5 years)

1A. Potential members who do not meet the NZDWA membership criteria:

The NZDWA reserves the right to use its discretion in relation to new members. If a potential member does not meet the criteria set out in the attached document the NZDWA may contact the potential member asking for further information and references. The potentials members request to join the NZDWA will then be put to the board to a vote.

Additional membership criteria:

All full members must remain current and up to date with canine first aid training (min every 2 years)

Membership application is for individuals, if a organisation wishes to become a member each member of that organisation must meet the minimum requirement for members

All members must hold sufficient, appropriate and valid (dog walking) business insurance at all times.

5. Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the society if the person: a. dies; or b. resigns from membership; or c. is expelled from the society; or d. fails to pay the annual membership fee within 3 months after the fee is due; or e. is fined or convicted of an offence involving cruelty to animals.

6. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the society:

1. is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and

2. terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

7. Resignation of membership

1. A member of the society may resign from membership of the society by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

8. Register of members

The public officer of the society must establish and maintain a register of members of the society specifying the name and postal or residential address together with such other information as may be provided by a member expressly for inclusion on the register of each person who is a member of the society together with the date on which the person became a member.

A member of the society may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than $1 for each page copied.

If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection or otherwise made available to members, that information must not be made available for inspection or otherwise to members.

A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:

a. the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the society or other material relating to the society;
b. any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

9. Membership Fees

1. A member of the society must, on admission to membership, pay to the society the membership fee
2. The memebership fee is annual and shall be due upon each anniversary of the membership of the member.

10. Members' liabilities

The liability of a member of the society to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the society or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the society is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the society as required by clause 9.

11. Resolution of disputes

1. A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the society, or a dispute between a member or members and society, is to be referred to the societies disputes representative

2. If a dispute is not resolved by the societies disputes representative then dispute will be referred to the a community justice centre for mediation

12. Disciplining of members

1. A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the society:

a. has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this set of rules;

or b. has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the society, including in breach of the society's Code of Ethics.

2. The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.

3. If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee:

a. must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned; and

b. must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint; and

c. must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.

4. The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the society or suspend the member from membership of the society if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.

5. If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal.

6. The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:

a. until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned; or

b. if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the society confirms the resolution.

13. Right of appeal of disciplined member

1. A member may appeal to the society in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.

2. The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.

3. On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the society to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.

4. At a general meeting of the society convened

a. no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted; and

b. the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and

c. the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

5. The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the society.

Part 3 - The committee

14. Powers of the committee

The committee:

a. is to control and manage the affairs of the society; and

b. may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the society, other than those functions that are required by this set of rules to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the society; and

c. has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the society.

15. Composition and membership of committee

1. The committee is to consist of:

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Media Spokesperson
Social Media Manager/s
Complaints Officer

b. at least 3 ordinary committee members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the society under clause 16, each of such office-bearers and ordinary committee members having one or more specific roles.

2. To be eligible to hold office as a committee member, a person must have been a member of the society for not less than 12 months prior to that person's appointment as a committee member. A member is eligible to hold only one office at a time.

3. The maximum number of committee members is to be 10

4. The office-bearers of the society are as follows: a. the president; b. the vice-president; c. the treasurer; and d. the secretary.

To be eligible to hold office as president, that person must have been a committee member for not less than 12 months directly previous to that person's appointment as president.

6. Subject to clause 15.7, if no other committee member has nominated for president, the previous term's vice president should be appointed to the position of president provided such person satisfies the requirements of clause 15.5. 7. If no other committee member has nominated for president and the vice president is not willing to stand as president, then the position becomes a casual vacancy that must be filled by a member who has no less than five years of continuous membership.

8. Each member of the committee is, subject to this set of rules, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

16. Election of committee members

1. Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the society or as ordinary committee members:

a. must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the society and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and

b. must be delivered to the secretary of the society(or in the event that a returning officer been appointed, then the returning officer) at least 6 weeks before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.

2. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected.

3. If insufficient nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.

4. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.

5. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.

6. The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.

7. A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the society must be a member of the society.

17. Secretary

1. The secretary of the society must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the society of his or her address.

2. It is the duty of the secretary is to:

a. to keep minutes of all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee; and

b. the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting; and

c. all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.

3. Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

18. Treasurer

It is the duty of the treasurer of the society to ensure:

a. that all money due to the society is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the society are made; and

b. that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the society, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the society.

19. Casual vacancies

1. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the society to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this set of rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

2. A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:

a. dies; or

b. ceases to be a member of the society; or

c. resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary; or

e. is removed from office under clause 20; or

f. becomes a mentally incapacitated person; or g. does not attend four or more meetings of the committee and the committee votes by majority to remove such member; or

h. is absent without the consent of the committee from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee; or

i. is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than 3 months; or

j. is fined or convicted of an offence involving cruelty to animals; or

k. is expelled from membership of the society in accordance with section “Removal of committee members:

21. Committee meetings and quorum

1. The committee must meet at least 2 times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the committee may determine.

2. Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.

3. Oral or written (including electronic) notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 7 days before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.

4. Notice of a meeting given under subclause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.

5. 7 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee, two of whom must be office bearers.

6. No business is to be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.

7. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.

8. At a meeting of the committee:

a. the president or, in the president’s absence, the vice-president is to preside; or

b. if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

9. Meetings of the committee may be held using such technology as the members of the committee present unanimously agree to enable members in different locations to attend such meetings. Meetings held using technology shall be deemed to take place at the location where the presiding member is situated.

23. Voting and decisions

1. Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.

2. Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

3. Subject to clause 21.5, the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.

4. Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

Part 4 General meetings

24. Annual general meetings – holding of

1. The society must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after its registration as an incorporated Society. The society must hold its annual general meetings:
   a. within 6 months after the close of the society's financial year;

25. Annual general meetings – calling of and business at

1. The annual general meeting of the society is, to be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit.

2. In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:

   a. to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting;

   b. to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the society during the last preceding financial year;

   c. to elect office-bearers of the society and ordinary committee members; and

   d. to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members.

An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.

26. Special general meetings – calling of

1. The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the society.

2. The committee must, on the requisition in writing of at least 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the society.

3. A requisition of members for a special general meeting:

a. must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting; and

b. must be signed by the members making the requisition; and

c. must be lodged with the secretary; and d. may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.

4. If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date. A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee.

27. Notice

1. Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the society, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

2. If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the society, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

3. No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under clause 26.2.

4. A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may, not less than 6 weeks prior to the meeting before which the member desires to bring the business, give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

28. Quorum for general meetings

1. No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this set of rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.

2. 7 members present (being members entitled under this set of rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

3. If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:

a. if convened on the requisition of members, is to be dissolved, and

b. in any other case, is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

4. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least xx) are to constitute a quorum.

29 Presiding member

1. The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the society.

2. If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

30. Adjournment

1. The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

2. If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the society stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

3. Except as provided in subclauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

31. Conduct of general meetings and making of decisions

1. General meetings may be held using such technology as the members of the committee present shall unanimously agree to enable members in different locations to attend such meetings. Meetings held using technology shall be deemed to take place at the location where the presiding member is situated.

2. A question arising at a general meeting of the society is to be determined by either: a. a show of hands; or b. if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot.

3. If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the society, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
4. If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson.

Part 5 – Miscellaneous

36. Insurance

The society is to gain and maintain insurance of its incorporated body

37. Funds - source

1. The funds of the society are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.

2. All money received by the society must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the society's bank or other authorised deposit taking institution account.

3. The society must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

38. Funds – management

1. Subject to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting, the funds of the society are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the society in such manner as the committee determines.

39. Custody of books etc

Except as otherwise provided by this set of rules, the public officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the society.

40. Inspection of books etc

1. The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the society at any reasonable hour:

a. records, books and other financial documents of the society;

b. this set of rules;

c. minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of the society.

2. A member of the society may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than $1 for each page copied.

41. Service of notices

1. For the purpose of this set of rules, a notice may be served on or given to a person:

a. by delivering it to the person personally; or

b. by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person;

c. by sending it by email

2. For the purpose of this set of rules, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:

a. in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee; and

b. in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post; and c. in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

42.Financial year

The financial year of the society is:

a. the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of the society and ending on the following 30 June, and

b. each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the society, commencing on 1 Juy and ending on the following 30 June.

43. Non-Profit Clause

The assets and income of the society shall be applied solely in advancement of its objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Society except as legitimate compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

From: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Commercial Dog Walking / Regulation
Date: 3 April 2018 at 11:26 AM
To: [redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz
Cc: [redacted].nz

Hello [redacted],

I hope you had a great Easter Weekend. My colleague, Angela and I are working on the review of the Dog Management Bylaw and Policy for Auckland Council. We were forwarded your email and attachments from our Animal Management Officers. I think it's a great idea to explore standardisation of the dog walking profession. It looks like the group has put a lot of effort into developing these draft rules. I'm currently looking into how we could align some of these issues into our review, and understanding how we could assist you further.

I would be happy to chat on the phone/meet in person a little later this week or early next if that works for you?

Warm regards,
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]k [mailto:[redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 5:19 p.m.
To: [redacted]
Cc: Complete Canine Care; Liz Clough; DOGlife NZ; Francesca Eldridge
Subject: Commercial Dog Walking / Regulation
Importance: High

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for taking the time to chat a couple of weeks ago, and again today - and I apologise for not emailing you sooner. And I am so happy to hear that the matter of regulation around commercial dog walkers is on the table within council and making some headway, hopefully we will be able to contribute to that process.

As I mentioned there are a few operators (in copy) within the (dog walking) industry who have been working together to form an independent national body (likely to be an association / society) with the main objective being to improve the standard of professional conduct within the industry.

That said we have a number of other commercial dog walkers who've expressed interest in having input around the subject of regulation, but out of the interests of keeping things

manageable I have only included those involved in our process to date.

The conversation around forming such an organisation / body was born out of initial conversations about the desperate need for regulation around commercial dog walkers / businesses, and whilst we are not able to regulate the industry from the level that local body government can we feel that there is a place for an industry body. That said we have held off formalising a body so that we could communicate out plans to council and to have conversations with the right people about if there might be a need for such a body to work alongside or with council, as we recognise some areas where such an organisation may in fact be able to help administer regulation depending on how it is introduced and what the regulation looks like.

In brief our plan was to form an association, New Zealand Dog Walkers Association. The primary (top level) purposes of NZDWA would be:

// To set & provide professional standards, guidelines, support and endorsement for professional dog walkers.

// To maintain a network of like-minded dog walkers who operate under a strict code of conduct and ethics.

// To assist & educate dog owners about choosing a professional, knowledgeable and experienced dog walker.

Initially we have identified our core audiences as:

// Owners & employees of dog walking businesses.

// Dog owners.

// Regulatory agencies i.e. animal management, local & regional councils.

// Other industry sectors i.e. vets, groomers, daycares etc

I have attached copies of our (draft) rules & code of ethics, so that you get some idea of the standards we would like to implement. I have also attached a text doc with reference links that we have collated in our research around regulation and professional (self) regulation in other countries.

In respect to regulation, it would be fair to say (in terms of consensus among industry professionals that would advocate regulation) that the following areas are key (and probably somewhat urgent):

1. Numbers (being the number of dogs per. handler) in either;
Public space / land or
Private space / land

2. Compliance;
Handlers to have evidence of first aid cert and either a behaviour, training or walking qualification or suitable experience or mentoring *(refer Marin County here: https://www.marincountyparks.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-*

space/2017_dog_walking_update/1permitcommercialdogwalkerguidelines4final.pdf?la=en)
Handler or business has the applicable walking license or permit *and or*
Specifies the use of private land used is part of their license details
(N.B. Our belief is that under Auckland by law dog walking on private land is classified as dog day care and therefore anyone using private land for walks should get resource consent
All staff branded (or identifiable) at all times *(N.B. A condition of both Toronto and Marin County regulations)*
Best practice for health and safety standards met *(Heath & Safety standards would need to be set by either local govt / council or perhaps by the NZDWA)*

3. Transportation;
Drivers must have full drivers license *(seems like a given but it is often not the case)*
Must be adequately crated for the intended use, with adequate airflow and access to water
Staff member in attendance of the vehicle at all times; with the exception of:
Leaving vehicle momentarily to collect another dog from its home
Using a bathroom or going into a service station to pay for gas (or similar)

We also have some thoughts around welfare, which would certainly need to be evaluated more thoroughly and I am sure council / Animal Management would some significant opinions around this subject. Our top line points on welfare are:

Welfare;
Handling of dog reactive dogs
Handling of people reactive dogs
Handling of dogs subject to any council classification
Protocol in respect to any dog handling incidents i.e. dogs lost by handlers, attacks while in handler care (by dogs with a handler or a member of the public)
Protocol in respect to any public complaints (in respect to a handler)

Of course, as you can imagine these subjects expand broadly and there are certainly other points which we have all raised or have opinions around but in the essence of keeping this initial dialogue concise I am keeping to the key points identified.

Please feel free to distribute this email within the people and parties that are working on the review of the bylaws / regulation. And of course please email or call me to discuss anything related to the industry.

I think the next step would be meet and discuss aspect of regulation, to allow an open discussion so that council / local govt can understand the current industry dynamic and to get your feedback on our intent with the NZDWA (and if in fact there may be a place to work alongside each other).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,
[redacted]





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From: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Dog Walker Regulation.
Date: 30 November 2018 at 3:20 PM
To: [redacted].govt.nz, [redacted].co.nz

Hi S[redacted]

The Bylaw review process is still ongoing, and has now passed the Regulatory Committee stage. Early in 2019 the process will continue to the public consultation stage. This is when all the information that Amanda supplied will be become relevant, and all other feedback from the public will be considered. This stage of the process will be publicly advertised, but I will also send a reminder out to all internal and external stakeholders. In the meantime, I'm forwarding all the information and photos to Shilpa Mandoda and her team.

I will leave any investigation into 'uncontrolled' dogs in your capable hands, and any welfare issues should be referred to the SPCA.

Have a good weekend.

Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 30 November 2018 7:52 AM
To: [redacted] a[redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz>
Cc: [redacted]govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Dog Walker Regulation.

Hi A[redacted]

Thank you for the email. That photograph says it all . If you have any ideas where they are walking these dogs as looking at that photograph it appears that it could be Waitakere rangers. Auckland council are having problems with kauri dieback and this is not good . If we can work out where these dog packs are walking I can notify our Biosecurity team.

I will try and find out how the bylaws team are doing with their review

Again thanks for keeping me in the loop

Cheers

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From: [redacted] [mailt[redacted]ticksandbones.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 29 November 2018 3:29 p.m.
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Dog Walker Regulation.
Importance: High

Hi [redacted]

I left you a message a little earlier, I am not sure who I talk to about regulation for commercial dog walkers but it is a conversation that I think needs to be had urgently. As you are aware ‘pack walkers’ are a dominant segment of the dog walking industry - but frankly it is getting out of hand and it is only a matter of time before (another) serious incident occurs.

Attached below is an image posted by a ‘pack walker’, in this group there are **83** dogs, with **8** handlers - this is not unusual and there are quite a number of pack walkers conducting walks in this manner. I am sure I don’t need to point out the issues and risks associated with this number of dogs being taken out in groups together. This photo was posted an hour ago by one of the walkers in a closed social media group (lots of the pack walkers use closed groups to avoid the backlash of questions from the public when they see photos like this and to avoid being identified because there are often incidents involving members of the public and it makes them untraceable).

These walkers are walking in public places where there is often other wildlife or members of the public walking their own dogs, I walk no more than 4-6 (maximum) dogs in a group and often have members of the public comment on what a lot of dogs I have - so image how someone would feel bumping into this group in Riverhead forest (or similar location).

What has to happen to get council looking at regulating this industry?

I look forward to hearing back from someone on this, there needs to be some urgent attention on this industry.

Best,
[redacted]





On 23/08/2018, at 8:45 AM, [redacted] <S[redacted]> wrote:

Hi O[redacted]

Amanda has sent me some good info regarding Taurunga City Council's proposal . As discussed earlier with the bylaws proposal team it appears that Taurunga may have the same issues as Auckland

Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve at any one time.
Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than four dogs on leash in a public place at any one time.

These were the exact submissions I wanted to submit to the bylaw proposal team . Is it possible for you to have a look and forward [redacted]a's email through to the proposal team to look at.

Thanks [redacted]a for this info this is really helpful

Regards
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto[redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 August 2018 11:34 a.m.
To: [redacted]y
Subject: Dog Walker Regulation.

Hi S[redacted]

I hope you're well.

I just wanted to touch base to see if there had been any progress that you know of with council around the subject of regulation around commercial dog walkers? I haven't heard anything since we met with Shilpa Mandoda in the Bylaws Team back in April.

Of interest Tauranga City appear to be tightening up their policies (in general) around dog control, which may be good to keep an eye on and certainly may be reference for Auckland:
http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/community/have-your-say/open-consultations-and-engagements/consultation-details/artmid/1491/articleid/2745

The most significant proposed rules are:

[redacted]

I'm still very keen to be involved in anyway to see some regulation or structure put into place for commercial walkers in Auckland, steering panel / committee etc - so please let me know if there is anything I can do?

Kind regards,
[redacted]

<image001.jpg>



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#5269

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

By sports field you mean football fields , which is run by one of the most arrogant sports clubs I have been part of. Just another area they want to demand authority over and ruin for the general public. These green areas are for all to use especially now the council has decided building a house so close to your neighbour is a good thing - humans need space to run with their pets.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are so few areas to walk dogs where they can run off leash. It is unfair to responsible dog owners (who are the majority). The dog owners who are irresponsible won't follow the rules regardless so why punish the good people. Dogs are part of the family now. Get with the times, it's 2025. The public are sick of this sort of **********. The board should be acting for the good of the community, not a couple of disgruntled staff. Put your resources into dealing with the unregistered dog problem, who won't follow the rules anyway, not punishing responsible owners who already follow the rules.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs that are trained to return to the owner when called should be allowed to have some space to run off lead.

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Local Board: I don't know

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

If the dogs are not allowed to play on the fields off leash when it is not in use the who will use the park? As long as they are under recall command control and owners pick up droppings then it's fine. Bad owners who do not have control and do not pick up after their dogs will not be deterred by the changes anyway.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

The rules are confusing currently and dog owners are disregarding. Often are off leash during sports events. In any case, with the intensity of sports use the dog presence has become too large a issue to allow any access tp the park.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Dogs need to be banned at the new Karanga Plaza Harbour Pool.

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Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills is a safe and well utilised area for all dog walkers. Dogs and their owner also have a right to enjoy out door spaces. The pleasure of seeing you dog run free and interact

With other dogs brings joy to your heart. When are these bans going to stop!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs as much as part of a family as children are to many NZ's. Responsible dogs owners and dogs should not be penalised or banned from being able to enjoy free out door spaces. Cats do more harm to local wild life than most domestic dog would. More needs to be done about targeting those that are irresponsible and don't deserve to have a dog by their side.

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Madills Farm

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is a community of dog owners who meet regularly and have been doing so for a long time, many people may not be able to go further a field to walk their dogs

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Current rules are acceptable provided dog owners are responsible. This update appear to target all dog owners regardless. Please create updates to target irresponsible dog owners.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No need to change sport fields rules. Why change something good? We love taking our dog there for a walk. Don’t ruin a good thing

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Unreasonable. Current rules are entirely adequate.

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5292

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I abhor the proposed 24/7 total ban of dogs at Madills Farm and Glover Park because dogs and people need local, convenient, grassed areas to walk dogs, dogs need grass to protect their sensitive pads especially from the Summer heat and they need enough safe off-leash space to be able to walk and play with other dogs. There are not enough local dog parks in Auckland full-stop in my opinion. In particular, Kohimarama has a mixture of ages of people walking their dogs, when elderly people are deprived of walking their furry companions in convenient grassed areas, this will have a direct effect on the wellbeing of these aged folk. Taking their dogs out daily and being social is essential to elderly people. Dedicating both Madills Farm and Glover Park ONLY to sports is a completely selfish choice and disregards the whole community. Shame on the Council for even considering this suggestion. Stop removing our freedom of choice and act as representatives of the entire community not favouring only sports-minded community members. Thank you

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Please consider this as my submission, thank you

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#5298

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5299

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are so few areas to walk dogs where they can run off leash. It is unfair to responsible dog owners (who are the majority). The dog owners who are irresponsible won't follow the rules regardless so why punish the good people. Dogs are part of the family now. Get with the times, it's 2025. The public are sick of this sort of **********. The board should be acting for the good of the community, not a couple of disgruntled staff. Put your resources into dealing with the unregistered dog problem, who won't follow the rules anyway, not punishing responsible owners who already follow the rules.

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#5302

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Families in the area need to have local space to let their dogs run and play. That is why they have bought near these parks. There are already far too many restrictions. I don't have a dog but if i ever get one as a local I want to preserve the right to use these parks with my dog and strongly object to the proposal. It also breaches the terms of the gift of madills farm to the people (not to sports clubs)and I would certainly support an application for judicial review of any decision to restrict dog access. Also I have never seen dogs playing fields and think this is just an excuse or an exaggeration. I often see dogs at glover park and madills farm and they are never causing any trouble.

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#5308

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Totally impractical; it was used for dogs long before the sports fields were put in. It's like people in apartments in the inner city complaining about the noise. Its a great community asset and an extremely social place.

No problem with them being on lead when the fields are in use

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Dogs should be on a lead near nesting birds, on the street around children's areas, etc. Otherwise they should be allowed to be off lead if the person is responsible

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

We walk our dog at Madill's daily and see too many people not picking up after their dogs. It's unsanitary for football and cricket players to come into contact with dog faeces while practising or playing.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Enforce existing bylaws regarding summer dog walking on Kohimarama and St Heliers beaches. Many dog walkers ignore the rules because of Council's fear of confrontation.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I bring my dog off leash daily to this location and have never had any issues. The park is frequently quiet and is a large convenient space for the local dog community. All dogs here are well behaved and people pick up after their dogs. The proposed change is excessive and unnecessary. I strongly oppose it.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5323

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There are to few places to walk dogs locally and thus area allows owners to utilize grounds that re otherwise only going to be for parodic sports use

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#5324

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Most days, the sports grounds are unoccupied for the largest part. Sports use is minor when in comparison. It is a safe park for people and dogs. I visit the park many times each week and almost never see any dog issues. Leave the existing rules as they are. Off leash unless the sports grounds are being used. It works well. The Kohimarama area is limited with the number of grassed areas for dogs.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

If you enforce the existing rules, there should be no need to update to a more restrictive policy for dogs.

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#5328

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Kaipātiki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5330

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5339

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a wonderful wide open area that should be available for the whole community. Prohibiting access to the sports fields when not in use is very restrictive and limits the use of the area to the local sports clubs. I would say the number of dog walkers in a given week far outnumbers the folk playing sport. I know dog poo can be a problem, but there is basically no penalty for people not picking it up.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

NZ already has very restrictive rules around dog ownership, and these rules seem to be taking it further.

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#5340

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Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This park (Madills Farm) is a regular spot for my elderly father-in-law to walk his dog. It provides much-needed exercise and socialization for the dogs, while also offering a space for dog owners to connect, benefiting everyone’s mental and physical well-being. These interactions provide valuable socialization opportunities for both the dogs and their owners, fostering a sense of community and improving mental health for everyone involved.

We are mindful of park etiquette, such as avoiding the area during games, ensuring mutual respect among park users.

Auckland already has limited off-leash parks, and reducing these spaces would create frustration for responsible pet owners who rely on them.

As responsible pet owners, we contribute financially to the Auckland Council through registration fees, and it is disheartening to feel that we are not being considered when it comes to maintaining accessible off-leash spaces. The loss of this park and all the other parks would undoubtedly cause frustration for many dog owners, who rely on it for the health and happiness of their pets.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am opposed to the proposed changes to dog access rules at Glover Park and Madills Farm and would like the council to adopt option 1 – no change.

I am a 25 year old resident of Mission Bay and, since 2022, have been disabled with limited mobility as the result of a chronic illness. I can only walk on flat surfaces and even these can become inaccessible to me for example after heavy rain when the ground gets water logged and swampy. The only open spaces with suitable surfaces available for me to walk our dog in my local area are Madills Farm and Glover Park.

The proposed changes at Glover Park would mean I could only walk the dog on the hilly area of the park which is not an option for me. At Madills, while there are some areas outside the marked playing fields which are flat these are often water logged and not accessible to me. They are also close to busy roads.

The improvements that Auckland Council has made to the drainage at Glover Park and Madills Farm for the benefit of sports users has had an additional benefit of giving disabled users like me a suitable surface to exercise ourselves and our dogs. If you take away my access to these areas there are NO other parks available in the area and I will be unable to walk with our dog any more.

I should also add that I cannot walk our dog on leash at all as my disability affects my stability and I have a high risk of falling over, made greater if the dog is on leash. I walk on grass to limit injury if I fall. This also means I prefer to walk in open places without significant tree or bush cover so that I can be seen if I do fall.

Disability is an isolating experience for anyone and I think particularly hard for younger people like me. In the last 3 years I have seen almost every aspect of my life change and my opportunities gradually disappear. Being able to do anything that is ‘normal’ is hugely beneficial to my mental wellbeing and being able to walk the dog, even if I am limited to off leash flat parks, has been important in helping me deal with my limitations. If you remove off leash access to the playing field areas of Glover Park and Madills Farm you will also removing by ability to walk my dog completely.

As an extra point I would like you to consider the enormous benefit that dog ownership brings to people. I know there are many studies that cover the benefits both to physical and mental health but I would like to give you my personal experience. Most days are

challenging. The simplest actions which people take for granted – stepping up and down from a pavement, writing my name, drinking a cup of tea – are difficult for me. I usually come home exhausted, angry, anxious, stressed and any number of other negative emotions. The first thing I do is find the dog and in those couple of minutes of saying hello to her I can feel the weight of the day begin to lift so I can decompress, enjoy my evening, sleep well and prepare for the next day's challenges. I urge the council to consider the wider impact of these proposals and not to change off leash dog access rules at Glover Park and Madills Farm.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I disagree with the council's attempt to create a blanket rule prohibiting dogs from playing fields when not in use. We have a growing population and limited outdoor spaces. to impose a rule which sees our parks empty for most of the time is an inefficient use of our limited spaces. I agree that dog owners should not be on sports fields when they are being used but, when they are otherwise empty, it is wrong for the council to ban other Aucklanders from using these spaces.

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#5351

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I work from home without a lot of contact with people and one of my only contacts with people can be walking the dog at the end of the day. This is extremely important for my physical and mental health, and general connection to others, in a time when there are more challenges than ever to this.

If access to Madills and Glover are taken away, there is nowhere else in walking distance, which will mean driving, and more cars on the road, which will impact emissions and carbon footprint. Several of the older people at the park do not drive, so you will be taking away their ability to have this much needed activity.

Madills was gifted to ALL the people of Auckland as a public park, NOT to the Football club as a sports field.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
No

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I exercise my dog regularly off her leash, but mostly when the football pitches aren't in use. I clean up any faecal matter and deposit in the bins provided. By preventing her from running free when there is noone else or minimal other people around is an infringement on being to exercise her adequately. It is the nearest place for me to take her and I don't want to waste petrol driving to a farther away location.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm and Glover Park are multi purpose fields. The sports fields which we have all enjoyed for our family are not in use 24 hrs and dogs and families use the fields while not in use. The Community must share these facilities and alot of rate payers have family dogs which they enjoy playing with on these local parks. We do not want astroturf and fences instead of grass. We have lived in this area for 34 years all have been able to enjoy and use these facilities so why change.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5368

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

What on earth are you thinking? The proposal to ban off-leash dogs from Madills Farm is not just unnecessary—it’s completely absurd. This park has been a safe, well-loved space for responsible dog owners and their pets for years. Taking that away is nothing short of ridiculous.

Madills Farm is one of the only truly accessible off-leash areas in the area. The park’s flat, open space allows people of all ages—especially older adults and those with mobility issues—to safely exercise their dogs and connect with the community. Shoving dogs to the perimeter, dangerously close to busy roads, is not just irresponsible—it’s downright dangerous.

Let's be clear: dogs are already prohibited from the sports fields during games. The idea that off-leash dogs are some kind of major issue is nonsense. This ban does nothing but punish responsible dog owners while solving a problem that doesn’t exist. Who exactly benefits from this? Certainly not the community that actually uses the park.

This proposal is out of touch, unnecessary, and a slap in the face to local dog owners. Do not take away one of the few remaining places where dogs can run free. Scrap this ridiculous plan.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly oppose the proposed change.

I have lived next to Madills Farm my whole life and walk my dog at least once a day there. Dogs are being blamed for the damage to the turf. We keep our dog off designated pitches when sport is in play, he does not dig holes and we pick up after him. I have also never seen a dog digging on the turf, but have seen soccer boots and goalposts damaging the grass. It is irresponsible to suggest that dogs are walked off-leash around the outside of Madills Farm next to the road and cars. This is unsafe, especially for puppies, and research shows that off-leash socialization is the key to well-behaved dogs.

Madills Farm is precious to our community and the status quo should remain so that it can be enjoyed by all people, not just sports people.

ESAFC should look for a more suitable location to develop their club, which would better equip them to provide their future vision and stop trying to exclude locals from access to areas of this shared park.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

It is essential for us to have safe spaces where we can walk our dogs freely. The status quo allows for that and for the community to share spaces. The proposed changes are unfair and do not benefit the community as a whole.

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#5370

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We live on Baddeley Ave opposite Madills farm and see how many people enjoy this space with their dogs. We are down there at least once a day with our dog. I think it a wonderful green space for all people to enjoy. The community socialising that happens when people are walking their dogs is heartwarming and essential for a happy community. I feel it is completely unfair to restrict the use of the playing fields for only playing sports on. What a waste of a resource. There is a large population of people who gather at Madill farm playing fields to play with their children and dogs away from the roads, and the new proposed changes would mean this use of the space wouldn't happen.

Where are dogs meant to run off lead if green spaces like these ones can't be used? Property prices and subdivision laws do not mean it's possible to exercise your dog on their own property.

I would be very disappointed and saddened to see the use of Madills farm be restricted to just sport players. The playing field area of the park is such a great place to run with dogs away from roads, and I feel restricting its use would mean a great green space would go under utilised. Please keep Manila farm as unrestricted off leash dog area.

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#5372

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The land was gifted from the Maddilll family for all recreational to enjoy equally , i feel a corporate bullying manor or the sports club to take control of the park is not fair ,, this has been rejected fo many years and nothing should change

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#5374

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5392

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Franklin

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be able to use all grass surfaces with their owners if they're not in use by sports teams. Why are we controlling that a dog can or can't walk on a centre side of the white line in the grass

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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#5400

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs need some off leash time to sniff and play and socialise and just be dogs. Your proposed new rules will limit the space at Madills where larger dogs can chase a ball and also limit space for people with smaller dogs to avoid the larger dogs. I feel there may be more chance of dogs not interacting kindly when there is only a small area to be off lead.

I do feel dog owners need to be more vigilant with their dogs, not allowing them to dig holes and to watch them at all times and clear up any dog faces but these are the minority. Bigger fines and signs should be in place.

I believe Madills was gifted by the original owners as an off leash dog park and I believe it should remain so when there are no sports on. It is the dogs that will suffer greatly from no fault of their own.

Please rethink this carefully.

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#5405

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The large off-leash area at Madills Farm is an invaluable resource for local dog owners, providing:

Accessibility for all: The flat grounds are ideal for older adults and those with mobility challenges, enabling dog lovers of all ages to meet, socialize, and exercise their pets.

Safety and peace of mind: Naturally shielded from the road by a small hill, the off-leash area offers a secure space for dogs, especially puppies, to play and socialize without risk of traffic accidents. The on-field lighting also makes this a much safer space for women in the darker winter months.

Reduced pressure on other spaces: This designated off-leash area helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach.

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#5407

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5412

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I walk my dog there every day and meet all my friends there the dogs do no harm

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#5419

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm was gifted to the community as a park that had full access for everyone, including dogs. It was not gifted to the Eastern Suburbs Football Club for their own use. This park is a beautiful place to walk your dog and a place to congregate and meet up with dog owners. This park is huge and I've never had an issue with dogs there. Please don't take away this green space.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Again, please don't restrict the access to off-leash areas for dogs and owners. If anything, we should be making more areas with more people owning dogs.

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#5421

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

A lot of dogs in the area needing off lead exercise, council to provide more bins and waste bags

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Reduced pressure on other spaces: This designated off-leash area helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach.

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#5424

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
License dog owners, it’s wider ranging longer term solution.

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#5425

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Since covid, the amount of people with pets has increased significantly. Having no where close by to exercise them off leash is going to create MASSIVE problems,

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

When it is to protect wildlife, such as the dotterels, I completely understand the need for the rule change. But taking away "off leash" farms like Madills farm in Kohi and Monte Cecelia is just not right.

How can we give our dogs the life they deserve if they can't be off leash and enjoying themselves, happily socialising with others.

Don't punish the good dogs.

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#5432

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

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#5435

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I think both Madills and Kohimarama Beach of leash policies should remain as is or be more lenient towards allowing responsible dog owners to have dogs off leash. Humans have so many options, around and a designated area for dogs is needed. Current dog registrations protect people from bad owners, but in my opinion should also provide responsible dog owners a designated area to walk their dogs freely and off leash and under control.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Only provide feedback on one location at a time.

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Location 1

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

Kohimarama Beach

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

People have access to over 5 other beaches/bays in the coastline of CBD to St Heliers. It's only fair to allow 1 beach to be designated off leash at all times to responsible dog owners. Dog owners pay registration fees and most likely council rates too. I

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Increase in designated areas to walk dogs off leash to promote animal socialisation. Isolation and restriction promotes animal hostility.

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#5442

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The park was donated with the purpose of dog being able to go for a walk freely, as well as their owners, also, the place geography allows the elderly and people with disabilities to walk their dogs more easily, without risking their physical health, lastly, dogs need their space to run and relax, stressed dogs are more likely to generate discomfort in the community (becoming aggressive, loud, or destructive), therefore, dogs need to be able to go freely and in case of any discomfort the owners will have become responsible for it

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madhills Farm was gifted to Auckland Council for public recreational use. As a local resident who uses the park for recreational team sports, general recreational and dog walking use. Madhills Farm is a vital amenity including dog walking and cannot support the banning / exemption of dog access and use as per the current policy rules.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Local Beach and recreational park access for dog walking under the current rules should be retained and not eroded or excluded. Imposing a ban, and or introducing further restrictions to dog owners not being abled to walk (on and off lead) their dogs cannot be supported and displays a negative move by Auckland Council in eroding local community trust.

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#5452

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Puketāpapa

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5458

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5460

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Enough is enough - your proposed ban on Dogs in Madills Farm is utterly perposturous. Health and Safety my backside. You have stuffed up most of Auckland with other crazy ideas - we won't continue to stand for more.

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#5461

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm. As a local resident and daily visitor to the park, I believe the current rules, which allow dogs to be off-leash on the sports fields when not in use, should remain unchanged.

Madills Farm is one of the few accessible green spaces in the area where dogs can run freely. The proposed restrictions are concerning because:

1. Lack of Off-Leash Alternatives – There are no other nearby off-leash areas where dogs can get the exercise they need. In summer, when pavements are too hot for dogs, this restriction will further limit safe exercise options. The surrounding path is also not sufficient all the time as it can be close to car traffic especially for younger dogs.

2. Responsible Dog Ownership – From my experience, the vast majority of dog owners are responsible. I have walked my dog at Madills Farm almost daily for over a year and have not observed issues with dog waste or problematic behavior that would impact the sports fields.

3. Community Impact – Many local dog owners rely on Madills Farm for socialisation and exercise. These proposed restrictions unfairly limit the ability of residents to enjoy the space with their dogs while causing no clear benefit to the wider public. The damage to the sports fields by dogs would be minimal compared to the usual wear caused by sports naturally being played on the fields.

I urge the council to reconsider these changes and maintain the existing dog access rules, which fairly balance the needs of all park users.

Regards,

[redacted]

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#5464

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5465

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This takes large parts of the park away from then use of dogs and their owners. What evidence is there re health and safety at present? Dogs are currently not allowed off-leash when the sport feels is in use. At other times, it's fine.

And the same should be true of all other parks. Why should the players have better access than the rest of us, except of course when they are actually playing?

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I have taken part in many long and involved 'consultations' on dog access and the overriding focus seems to be on further restrictions which is not actually in line with current policies which encourage responsible dog ownership and recognize the positive benefits of pet ownership

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#5474

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills farm was gifted to the people of the area for everyone to enjoy. The park is a fabulous place for dog owners to socialize their dogs and was an important part of our family's lives growing up. I do not believe that a small group of people (eg. sports teams who only use the part of the park at certain times on certain days) should have the ability to take away the rights of thousands of dog owners to have fun and enjoy the park.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs should be allowed on beaches and in parks when under the control and supervision of theor owners. Dog owners should be required to pick up their dogs pooh and be required to carry pooh bags when out and about.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am utterly sick and tired of having to clean up dog mess from the sports fields at Madills Farm and Glover Park where my son plays football - almost every time there is at least one dog mess to clean up plus there are numerous big sticks left on the sports fields which have clearly been left chewed up by dogs which are sharp in places and could seriously injure someone. Also, there are numerous holes dug up by dogs constantly which the council is failing to address in a timely manner so I fully support dogs NOT being allowed anywhere near the sports fields at all. The simple answer here is to fence off a significant area of Madills Farm and Glover which can then be used freely by dogs off leash.

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#5477

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The park should be available to human users & their dogs whenever the grounds are not being used for sporting purposes. The sports are played for a limited number of hours on a few days a week so it is ridiculous to virtually exclude dog walking and running all the other times when the park is not been used for sports.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I've been walking my dog for 20 yrs, at Madills and all owners have been respectful of the environment

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
Stop thinking dogs are a problem. Those that don't have them are the issue

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#5486

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Let dogs be off lead for god sakes!!!

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Stop making it so hard to be a dog owner!! Dogs off lead is absolutely fine! Worry about bigger issues

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is no harm with dogs on sports field when not in use. If concern is dogs pooping on the fields then enforce your rules rather than making blanket new ones. How often does it happen. Provide bins for use.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Restricting dog off leash areas makes it hard for people to adequately exercise their dog., there will be more rule breakers amongst owners and also barking dogs from frustration with lack of adequate exercise.

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#5492

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The park was

Gifted to the community as a park not a

Sports field.

I see no reason why the sports club receives special

Treatment and access to the public park.

It was a local park first and the sports club should move And find other Amenities.

I do not believe a special

Interest group Such as a football Club should Get indicate then use of a public park.

There are very limited off leash areas in the vicinity and the loss of this at madills farm appears uNreasonable. Lose the sports club not the public amenity as intended by the deed of gift.

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#5498

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs deserve a place to be free, run around and act like dogs. They have the best time there and it is a lovely and enjoyable place for dogs and owners alike. Around the area there are no other appropriate areas. Taking away this dog park is taking away not only freedom for the dogs but also dog owners incentive to go outside, get fresh air, stretch their legs and embrace nature in a convenient way. It bring a positive vibe and sense of community to the area

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#5499

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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#5501

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Here's a sample submission:

Date: We’d 19 Feb

Subject: Request to Reconsider Off-Leash Dog Policy on Sports Fields

To whom it may concern

I am writing to respectfully request that the council reconsider its decision to prohibit dogs from being off-leash on sports fields at madills farm. As a responsible , concerned citizen and dog owner, I believe that this policy requires further consideration.

The sports fields provide a valuable community resource, and allowing dogs to be off-leash in these areas would greatly benefit local residents and their pets. Many dog owners rely on these spaces for exercise and socialization, which are essential for the physical and mental well-being of dogs. I appreciate there is kohi, st Heliers and mission bay beaches but depending on the tides this does restrict area and also nature depositing slugs that are poisonous to dogs deterrent to walk your dog on those beaches at times.

Keeping to the status quo of off-leash areas on sports fields would:

- Provide a safe space for dogs to exercise and socialize

- Encourage responsible dog ownership and community engagement

- Enhance the overall liveability and recreational opportunities within l

To address potential concerns, I suggest the following works well and currently with

- Designating specific times or areas for off-leash dogs works well

- Installing clear signage and guidelines for dog owners

- Collaborating with local dog owners and community groups to promote responsible dog ownership and to date given the demographic of the area most people do get on well and or co exist.

I would appreciate the council explores options for keeping the current policy.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Proposed updates to the council's local park dog access rules

#5502

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madill's is one of the only areas where dogs have more access to the park. The sports fields are great for good dog exercise.

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

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Location 1

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

Point Chev

What local board area is this location in?

Albert-Eden

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:More enjoyment of the beach during summer hours with dogs

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

The access to beaches centrally during summer hours is extremely limited, especially in the Auckland city area and fringe suburbs. There should be one beach that has dog access (like St Leonards - which is currently the only off-lead dog beach within a 20

Location 2

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

Mt Eden / maungawhau

What local board area is this location in?

Albert-Eden

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

A section of it. Please specify:Area above the loop of Puhi Huia Road loop (ie. flat plains up to top of mountain area)

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

This is a popular Mountain with dog owners and would offer a closer option to the CIty centre for off-lead dog exercise (beyond Big King). The current off lead areas on this maunga are extremely limited and indeed the mid-point area is also dangerous, as

Location 3

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

Karaka Bay

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

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

Tell us why

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

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

Entire location

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

Entire location

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

Please explain your issue in more detail:

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

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

This beach would offer a great option for more dog access during summer, in a controlled environment. It is protected and tidal, so safe for both dogs and families to swim/enjoy making it a perfect location for some improved dog access during summer.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

I have seen little improvement in the plans for dog access (except for Waiheke). Auckland is too restrictive on dog access to our parks and spaces, being confined to very limited locations. This condenses dogs into similar spaces, and also limits their opportunities for socialisation which in tern makes them better behaved. We need to follow the lead of other countries, such as the UK, that has great access for dogs to public spaces, transport etc. which results in better socialised dogs. I would like to see another fully off-lead beach in central Auckland (beyond St Leonards) that offers the ability for owners and pets to enjoy together as St Leonards has become extremely busy.

As a nation of dog lovers, with high dog ownership - Auckland Council has duty of care to provide and improve on the dog access across our city.

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#5505

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Local Board: Ōrākei

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I think that there is no real issue with dogs out of control here or conflict and this risks creating a conflict. My views dogs should be on a leash if a sporting event is on but there are few other safe off leash areas for dogs to exercise and socialise if this status quo is changed.. Dog owners are a key user group for the park and probably more frequently than any other user group

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It is notoriously a park with well behaved dogs who, even off leash, are well trained to obey owners. There are not enough off leash spaces in the area. It’s always been an absolute pleasure seeing all friendly dogs socialised

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Because there are few areas as it is to exercise dogs and prohibiting them unless on a leash just reduces areas to exercise dogs . I support them under control at all times and not there when fields are in use

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is nothing wrong with the current rules of off leash when not in use. There is a really community of dog owners who gather to let their dogs play and run off leash - they are responsible and pick up poos. It is a key social element for many of the older dog owners and provides a place the dogs can run given the beach time restrictions. Dogs need to run and socialise and restricting the area is a disservice to them and the owners

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Dogs are an intergral part of the local community and owners should be able to continue to run them off leash. I have children who play sport so I can see that point of view but there are many hours that the fields are not used and they should remain off leash when no sport.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I have received the Ratepayers' Update flyer, and notice the heading,

Free and affordable activities.

Yes, you provide parks, pools, recreation centres, community halls and events for people. In addition there are tennis courts, squash courts, bowling greens, boules greens, golf courses, children's playgrounds, all for PEOPLE to use.

What do we have for dogs, an integral part of many families?

For fifty years, we have been grateful to have the freedom of Madills Farm for the four dogs of our sixty five years of marriage. The thought that this freedom for our dogs could be curtailed fills us with shock and horror.

The current and probably last dog we will own is 12 years old, totally blind in one eye and the other one failing too. But she loves to sniff and play around the bushy areas,

she enjoys a little frolic with her friends which she certainly can't do when attached to a lead. This is important in wet weather when dogs can go to satisfy their curiosity, where elderly people shouldn't go because of boggy, slippery slopes.

I know that the beach is leash free too but after a worrying incident because of eating something unsafe for dogs, we prefer to use the safety of Madills' Farm.

A year ago I had the pleasure of meeting an older lady on Whangamata Beach. As we chatted about the privilege of leash free time there, I mentioned how lucky we were to have the Freedom of Madills'Farm in Auckland. She then introduced herself as Kate Madill and was so sweetly proud of the fact that her great uncle had gifted the farm to the people of Auckland, and maybe Kohimarama in particular. It would be fitting to continue to honor this gift and the freedom for dogs which it generated.

Large dogs especially need the freedom to run at speed, chase each other and socialize. Larger dogs feel more vulnerable when leashed as they can't do the dog meeting, circling and sizing each other up.

Another lovely feature of walking our dogs there is when parents take the opportunity to ask if their child may pat the dog, hopefully nurturing behaviour, love and respect for animals, especially dogs.

Elderly people, wheelchair bound, some on walkers, seem to love the antics of the various dogs and enjoy the warmth of human to dog contact.

Our granddaughter likes to bring her dog from the North Shore to play with “Pipi” and other dogs. It’s so safe there for that huge part of our family, our faithful, friendly dogs.

So back to the Council flyer. What could be a more

FREE AND AFFORDABLE FAMILY ACTIVITY

than time spent at places such as Madills’ Farm and Glover Park?

Yours sincerely with the greatest hope that common sense and consideration for dogs and owners will prevail

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I strongly oppose proposed dog restrictions at Madills Farm in Kohimarama. I think restricting dog access will negatively impact the community, reduce the enjoyment of the reserve, and go against the intended use of the space. I contend that dog use causes less damage than other activities like football and suggest designated dog areas or improved field maintenance as better alternatives to complete bans. I believe that the best solution for Madills Farm is maintaining current access rules.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Madills Farm (Kohimarama) has long been designated as a neighborhood park and NOT a dedicated sports field. This neighborhood park, and the surrounding residents have suffered the continued loss of amenity as the clubs, notably the Football Club have encroached on the park for park for their exclusive use. Banning dogs from the fields during playing time and the Council on their behalf (without requisite reporting on alleged damage) are attempting to get dogs banned, which in real terms confines dog activity to a limited perimeter of the park at all times.

This is a substantial and unwarranted loss of amenity for dog owning ratepayers who are now essentially subsiding the "hobby sports" of a special interest group. The growth of the club means that locals are subjected to more noise pollution, increased light pollution as flood lighting is used, the increase in congestion as cars descend into the area, the lack of parking, the lack of all other access.

The Council as part of the long term sporting strategy needs to respond with alternative arrangements to meet the needs of growing sporting interests elsewhere and keep the designation of local park as it. This imposition on locals has gone quite far enough. The establishment of clubs like the Football Club getting preeminent consideration is an overstep, and in effect prohibits all other access.

The Council in the opening consultation is framing this decision as "protection of sports fields" - there has been no study done of damage. Dogs have been blamed and this "truthy" is now regarded as fact. The Madills Farm neighbourhood park is reclaimed land and should the football club feel that the grounds aren't good enough, perhaps they should pay market rate for the rental of the property and also pay for the substantial cost of the surface management.

The maintenance cost, no doubt running into the many hundreds of thousands; that, through a mere $1000 peppercorn rental they're expecting subsidized by the very ratepayers to whom they are denying access through this council "change".

The locals and their dogs should have access to Madills AS A PRIORITY.

Moving forward council should should be fixing ""in perpetuity limits to the football clubs activities, their should be a reinstatement of the dog pooh disposal bins and the provision

of compostable bags. Afterall, it would be nice for the ratepayer to get something back for their substantial rates they pay and the dog registration fees.

Under the Dog Control Act of 1996 the Council is obliged to provide a variety of experiences for dog owners and their animals so that they many be exercised "at large".

This needs to be a higher priority for the well being and benefit of the Auckland population than prioritizing exclusive access for individual groups - thereby creating a two tier citizenry others. Where one group enjoys privileges and access to parks on their terms whilst denying others.

Dog Owners should be less than a 1 km walk, no matter where they live in Auckland to a park where their animals are able to be let off leash at any time of the day or night, be it beach or park.

It defies belief that this isn't in place already.

It also defies logic that a special interest group like a sports club can advocate for and get consideration for excluding other Aucklanders from parks they should have equal access to.

And expect those same Auckland ratepayers to be paying rates at a premium for their hobby sports.

The Council, should also be reinstating dog waste bins and providing compostable bags, this could easily be added to the food waste collections and add to the bio mass collected for composting.

It is time for the Council to embrace the idea of future proofing and secure land for the sports clubs that is fit for purpose. Madills is not fit for purpose as it's on reclaimed swampland. Based on projections, it is time to move the Football Club to a new site.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
There should be penalties for those who do not pick up dog excrement.
There should be more dog access.
There should be more dog dog pooh disposal options at all parks - including bags and bins.

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is a community park, not just sports fields. Dog owners are generally responsible and clean up after their dogs. Why does this nanny state mentality need to come down on something that has worked well for decades

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs and humans need regular exercise. Many people meet daily whilst their dogs run around and have fun. Many a friendship have been formed. I, have personally made friendship over many years,

Sure dogs and their owners should stay off the playing fields whilst planned games are on, - this is obvious.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Putting forward your new rules will obviously change the daily lifestyle of thousands of people. Many planned game take up a short amount of time per day compared to the daily use of the park by dog owners. Many, many owners and dogs in the park are already using the park early, during, and late in the day. - Planned games are not there. So why punish dog owners?

I have been using Madills farm for nearly 20 years, and havnt come across any game disruption.

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Tell us why

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Madills Farm

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Tell us why

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Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Our children goes there for training, I go there every 2nd days in the roll. I walk with my dog along the side walk, off leash! Please we just need some space for our dog and kids, they work fine together.

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?
As long as dog under supervise, I am happy to off leash. My kids are fine with that too

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4. Dog access rules at local parks and beaches

Submitters were able to select from a list of parks with proposed local dog access rules changes to provide feedback.

Feedback is only included for the parks chosen to respond to.

Q4 OR-A

Madills Farm

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Glover Park and Madills are for community use and not just for sports Facilities. A lot of people use the parks for socialisation and a flat area to walk with their dog companions. When sports are not in play the parks sit empty, and just as much litter and damage is caused by sports users as dogs.