
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3N. Whakanewha Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
636	I support the proposed change	Good balance.
778	I support the proposed change	Walking access from Omiha would be a great improvement. Other restrictions seem reasonable.
960	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have the right to enjoy all beaches under control of their owners, if owners do not have control harsh penalties should be enforced. This includes off lead not just on lead
1198	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are a fundamental part of our lives, we pay council tax and walk our dog safely at all times. The council is becoming prejudice against dogs. I am happy to start a dog protest against the auckland council if needed.
1530	I support the proposed change	clearer
2784	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are already too restrictive to responsible dog owners. The ones causing the trouble already will continue to ignore the rules. This only punishes those who aren't contributing to the perceived problems with dogs.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
4412	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4512	I do not support the proposed change	Waiheke needs more dog off leash and accessible areas, not less.
4538	I support the proposed change	Great.
4947	I do not support the proposed change	This is reducing the amount of space available for off leash/on leash walking. I do not support this.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
1758	I support the proposed change	A dog on a leash will not pose a threat to seabirds
1954	I do not support the proposed change	There are already plenty of places that dogs are not allowed, people that don't like dogs can go there. Think of the dogs quality of life having to be on lead all the time. They need to be exercised off lead (as long as under control) for their mental and physical health. You should be going after people that have unruly dogs that are causing trouble, not responsible dog owners that already abide by the rules, because you will find most people do! Have you seen the mess that HUMANS leave behind at our beaches and regional parks, they leave rubbish, cigarette butts and all sorts, you should be going after these people, not dogs.
3688	I do not support the proposed change	AND
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
655	I do not support the proposed change	On lead under control is okay in all areas.

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1182	I do not support the proposed change	As previously
4482	I support the proposed change	There are specific breeding areas for birds in the prohibited areas so it makes sense.
4761	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash on foreshore There should be more policing of off leash dogs in on leash only areas
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5906	I support the proposed change	This is not really a change, just clarification. I think it is good to clarify.
6430	I do not support the proposed change	Not necessary.
6434	I support the proposed change	Further clarifies the existing making it clear
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
2258	I do not support the proposed change	I don't want my dog on leash prohibited.
6317	I do not support the proposed change	On leash rather than prohibition. It's important for dog lovers to have their companion dogs accompany them during recreational activities.
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
566	Other (please explain below)	I do not support increased dog access to these areas
607	I do not support the proposed change	IYou are discriminating against dog-owning ratepayers by denying access to public shared spaces.It's too confusing and discriminates against dog-owners unnecessarily. Make it all accessible to ON LEASH DOGS ONLY.
690	Other (please explain below)	More dog access should be granted at this park
1026	I do not support the proposed change	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced of dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in gulf Harbour and we have no where to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life?
1034	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting green spaces available for dog walking
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all regional parks.

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5712	I do not support the proposed change	I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
541	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on -leash on all walking tracks, car-parks and parks in Auckland! There are too few dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! We need many more dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas!!!! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!!
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous
4566	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks. With additional areas within those parks designated AND FENCED for off leas access.
5453	I do not support the proposed change	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.
6333	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be banned from regional park
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
160	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members to us, just like our children. So why are there so many regulations for them?
1654	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control. Families and children should be able to go to the beach with there dogs!!
2511	I don't know	Allowing additional on leash access seems logical although not sure I agree with no off leash areas
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well

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3286	I do not support the proposed change	Include more dog access but on leash. Removing access does not help owners who are looking to enjoy walks responsibly
4592	I do not support the proposed change	the changes do not assist anyone in understanding specific boundaries
4746	I do not support the proposed change	Keep it simple as per original rules.
5363	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed into regional parks as they ***** all over the place and pose risks of injury/attack. If they are to be allowed, this should be on leash at ALL times... and no more than 1 per person.
6092	I do not support the proposed change	While protecting wildlife is essential, it's important to ensure that sufficient dog-friendly areas remain available to accommodate the needs of dog owners.
6832	I do not support the proposed change	Too limited. Dogs need off leash time.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
6580	Other (please explain below)	Auckland already lacks sufficient dog exercise areas, and further restrictions in regional and local parks will make it harder for dog owners to provide their pets with sufficient exercise and socialisation. Additionally, further restrictions will either push responsible owners to break the rules or force dog owners into unsuitable areas where conflicts are more likely to occur. Dog owners use parks for exercise, companionship, community and stress relief. Restricting access may negatively affect the well-being of both dogs and their owners. Instead of reducing access, Auckland Council should be expanding designated off-leash areas with proper fencing and signage to accommodate responsible dog owners.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
249	Other (please explain below)	I support all the proposed changes except for banning dogs from the sculpture car park off Gordon's road. They should be able to transit to and from a car.
639	I do not support the proposed change	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.
739	I do not support the proposed change	Again the issue lies with uncontrolled dogs. Those which are well behaved off leash are not the challenge. Propose a strong focus on dog management/ownership vs punishment for all. Recommend an update to 'Dogs which do not have strong recall or can not be controlled off-leash should be on leash at all times'. Focus on the issue and responsible management of these dogs vs punishment for both owners and dogs who are managed, well behaved off leash.
1437	I do not support the proposed change	Please change the rules to allow dogs on leash and under control on our beaches. They are part of our families. Hefty fines for those who transgress could be instigated when necessary.
4470		No
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Give us off leash 24/7
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		

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369	I do not support the proposed change	too confusing, keep as is
519	I support the proposed change	They will still have dogs and that too off leash at all times. You must have consequences fir not following the rules.
1114	I do not support the proposed change	I feel that areas to take your dog are already very limited, especially over summer and i therefore disagree with restricting, reducing and limiting these areas further
1341	I do not support the proposed change	Too draconian. Also this proposed policy treats small and medium sized dogs with the same treatment as aggressive larger dogs. Post-covid there has been a significant increase in small-medium sized dogs in families and rules need to adapt as 'dogs' under policy definition is too broad
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2315	I do not support the proposed change	This is unnecessarily restrictive and a disproportionate reaction to the level of issue and complaint that comes from existing dog control bylaws. Many Aucklanders have dogs and this will create further restrictions on their use and enjoyment of our local natural environment. We should put more emphasis on bylaws concerning cats who are actually much more likely culprits in hurting our wildlife, for example.
3536	I do not support the proposed change	Waste of time and resources.
3695	I do not support the proposed change	It should be the decision of the dog owner to allow Dogs to be on/off leash rather than a mandated law. I strongly oppose these changes.
4735	I support the proposed change	yes
5073	I do not support the proposed change	Nothing wrong with existing rules. Why change?
5231	Other (please explain below)	The dogs need to be allowed on the beach side of Gordon's road as well, including the camping area, which is the only place that allows camping on the island..there is no where for people with a dog to camp or stay on the island...the beach is isolated and not in a builtup area..
5918	I do not support the proposed change	current rules ok

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6116	I do not support the proposed change	Dear [Council Representative/Committee], I am writing to urge the council to reconsider current restrictions on dog access to public parks and to advocate for policies that allow dogs to be present in all parks without limitations, provided they are on a leash, with balanced measures for off-leash times during peak usage. As urban development increases housing density, private outdoor spaces are diminishing, placing greater importance on public recreational spaces for all residents — including dog owners. Dog ownership continues to rise, and yet, despite paying levies and registration fees, dog owners face significant restrictions on their ability to use public parks fairly and equally. Key Reasons for Allowing Unrestricted On-Leash Dog Access to Parks 1. Equity and Fair Use of Public Spaces Dog owners contribute to the community through fees and levies, and they should be entitled to equal access to recreational areas. Public parks are communal spaces, and no group of responsible users should be excluded. Ensuring that dogs on leashes are permitted in all parks supports equitable use. 2. Adapting to Increased Housing Density With the city's strategic plan prioritising higher-density housing, many residents now live without access to private gardens or yards. This makes local parks vital for responsible pet ownership. Denying dog owners reasonable access forces them to travel further afield, which can be impractical and counterproductive to community goals around local engagement and sustainability. 3. Supporting Mental Health and Well-being Dogs play a crucial role in the mental health and emotional well-being of many
6122	I do not support the proposed change	These changes make it harder for responsible pet owners to exercise their dogs and themselves, which will negatively impact our health, happiness, and sense of community. The new rules are making spaces more dog-unfriendly, reducing the joy, endorphins, and positive interactions that come from exercising with our pets. I ask that you reconsider these proposals and acknowledge the negative effects they will have on our well-being and our communities.

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6196	I do not support the proposed change	Banning dogs from national parks and enforcing leash-only rules in others is an overreach that unfairly targets responsible dog owners. Here's why: 1. Responsible Owners Already Keep Their Dogs Under Control The vast majority of dog owners are conscientious and responsible. If a dog is well-trained, responds to recall, and does not disturb wildlife or other park users, there is no reason to impose blanket restrictions. Punishing all dog owners for the actions of a few irresponsible ones is unfair and unnecessary. 2. Safety Concerns on Uneven Terrain Forcing dogs to be leashed on steep, rugged, or uneven trails increases the risk of injury for both dogs and their owners. A sudden pull from a leashed dog can cause a person to trip or fall. Allowing dogs to move freely (while still under control) is often safer for both parties in these environments. 3. Lack of Evidence for Harm in National Parks There is no widespread evidence that responsible dog walkers are causing harm in national parks. If concerns exist about specific sensitive areas, targeted solutions (such as seasonal restrictions or designated off-leash zones) would be more reasonable than an outright ban. 4. Dog Owners Pay Their Share Dog owners contribute millions in registration fees each year, yet councils continue to reduce their access to public spaces. If dogs are restricted from parks, where is the fair return on those fees? 5. National Parks Should Be for Everyone Public spaces, including national parks, should be inclusive. Many people,
6395	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are excessive, majority of dog owners are responsible and able to exercise their dogs without causing any problems for other park users. There are not enough free access for dogs in Auckland already and putting further restrictions is going to have a detrimental impact Dogs need opportunity to exercise off leach and to socialize freely with other dogs. Not allowing this will cause significant behavior issues for many dogs and impact on the health and wellbeing of dog owners.
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
2245	I do not support the proposed change	Maori land to be determined by iwi you have already had huge push back stop doing it Family and dogs love it there
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
2109	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results.
4162	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine. Do not change
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		

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995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.
4059	I do not support the proposed change	Council should be looking at ways of improving the number of areas dogs can be exercised and socialised within Auckland. Proposed changes look to limit this considerably. Proposed changes look to penalise good dog owners that do the right thing by limiting access across Auckland rather than addressing the real issue which is irresponsible dog owners with menacing dog breeds.
4565	Other (please explain below)	I think all regional parks should have dogs prohibited at all times. Keep it simple and clear. The parks are not appropriate places for dogs.
5452	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
6563	I support the proposed change	Clarifies access and fair use for all
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
813	I do not support the proposed change	Disagree with point 2. Allow dogs on a leash
1247	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right to enjoy the outdoors. Humans create more damage
1589	I don't know	Hard to determine if there are any actual restriction changes or if the wording has just been changed. Support if wording makes things clearer, do not support if restrictions are increased.
2178	I don't know	Whichever version allows THE MOST access for dogs both on and off leash under control.
2537	I do not support the proposed change	Current policy is fine
4361	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland. You also stated the loving, social connection and companionship dogs provide so policy should reflect this, not the opposite.
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
5260	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, it's madness. Please. Look and learn from the south island.
5587	I support the proposed change	When using the park with my grandchildren I do not want to be approached by any dogs. This lessens the risk of my grandchildren or myself being harassed or bitten by a dog.
6578	I do not support the proposed change	Rules are being set by unfriendly dog people a small minority is the problem and your rules affect everyone
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
2723	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner, we love to enjoy a good nature walk with our lovely well behaved dog. Unfortunately, there are less and less dogs allowed or safe place to walk my dog, not CBD, (not safe for human either), not shopping malls, not regional parks, not lot of reserves, then where can we walk? Auckland is an international inclusive city, and it's famous for it. If we can include all/none genders or LGBTQ human beings from all the world, we should do the same thing to dogs, our closest best friends

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3976	I do not support the proposed change	dont make changes that don't need to be made
6209	I support the proposed change	To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
420	I support the proposed change	Dogs are killing our native bird species in alarming numbers from Blue Penguin to Dotterel. Other parks on Waiheke Island should be amended as well.
793	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed off leash for some of those tracks.
851	I support the proposed change	The current restrictions serve no purpose. The western-most tracks from Omiha are a considerable distance from the beach and any shorebirds
895	I support the proposed change	Means I can take my dog for walks around the area where currently I am not allowed despite there being no significant or endangered wildlife in those areas.
1403	I support the proposed change	The beach and foreshore is the key area to ban dogs given birdlife
1716	I do not support the proposed change	I have walked my dog off lead on the landside of Gordon's rd for 15 years and always respected the rules and have never seen a misbehaving dog in that time. I think it's unfair to assume owners will be irresponsible and not have their dogs under off leash control. Realise it's a bird nesting area but anyone who has a dog inclined to 'hunt' anything keeps it on leash (in my experience), so is not ruining it for all the other dogs/owners. I would be interested to know the number of 'incidents' that have occurred to bring on this change.
2206	I do not support the proposed change	Apart from the seaward side of Gordon's Road e.g. Dotties Lane, we should be able to walk dogs under control off leash. We have done so safely for many years! Many of the tracks are not safe enough to have a dog on a leash with precarious stairs and exposed roots. Rather focus energies on getting old bait removed from the bush rather than simply tossing it into the bush! By the way, kākā nest 5m up a trere, not on the ground. We're surrounded by kākā. We know you'll ignore this as council always asks for feedback and doesn't take it on board. A recent survey in Epsom came out in excess of 65% not in favour of council suggestions ... and was simply ignored.

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2391	Other (please explain below)	I support parts of the proposed change and do not support other parts. My recommendation as a regular user of the park is that the following be adopted as the most pragmatic future solution and one that reflects what is currently working well, but not consistent with the current rules. I support the changes to include Eve's track and other access from Omiha to Whakanewha Park as the current non access of these parts makes no sense. The dogs are not able to access the beach or endanger the dotterels by making these access changes. There is one alteration I suggest that is to amend the access on Cathedral Track from Eve's Track to Carson's Road (as opposed to the drafted Tawa Track) as there would be a short gap of access between the bottom of Eve's track and Tawa track that doesn't make sense. My main feedback is that the change should be 'Dogs are allowed under control off a leash' in the proposed rules rather than on a leash. This is practical and pragmatic and how most dog owners use the track currently. The track naturally holds the dogs in the walking area and they are free to sniff and exercise naturally. There is no danger to people or wildlife if the dogs are trained and under control, and having an on leash requirement is more onerous than required and not consistent with the current norms of the park. I have one further suggestion to improve the park environment, and that is that council staff or contractors who maintain the predator traps remove old baits and dispose of them in out of park rubbish options rather than discard them into the bush. Dogs have a much better sense of smell than us, and can find them quickly and consume them before we can determine if they are old baits or poison. Removing them would allieviate any concerns that dogs may have consumed predator poison.
2731	I support the proposed change	Expands area dogs can be on leash whilst still protecting the areas where the native fauna is established
2740	I support the proposed change	There is a lot of bird life in Whakanewha and the stricter the dog rules the better.
2760	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be allowed at all in the park as many owners flout the law because too hard to police also many native species in that area other than doterels ie wekas gekos more porks etc also some dog owners don't pick up their dog faeces as too hard to police
2771	I do not support the proposed change	Please prohibit access to dogs. This is an area for wildlife refuge.
3054	I support the proposed change	Changes sound sensible, especially to allow connectivity between allowable areas at the moment (Rocky Bay to Whakanewha)
4003	I support the proposed change	This is legitimising current useage of residents from Rocky Bay which has been causing no concern or problems for the park staff or protected species. As a long term Park Ranger at Whankanewha from 1995 for 16 years I know that this is a wise proposal

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4065	Other (please explain below)	I agree with providing access from uplands and Gordons road to provide walking access from Omiha. I agree to allowing dogs on all landward sides of Gordon's road I DO NOT agree with having to keep dogs on a leash everywhere. Walking a dog on a leash on bush tracks is actually dangerous to the walker and will result in many accidents. It is not the dogs that are under voice control that are a problem, but the uncontrolled often unregistered dogs - and those will ignore all regulations anyway. So please do not punish responsible dog owners.
4484	I do not support the proposed change	I have a large van park and walk my dogs from the sculpture car park on leash, up the road to the track, then down okay track back to car park. The dogs are never off leash, so no problem to park in car park and walk straight out to road.
4635	Other (please explain below)	I thought Tarata track used to be off leash and this is our preference.
4651	I support the proposed change	I support there being walking access with dogs from Rocky Bay through to Whakanaewha Regional Park. The tracks proposed to be included will allow for practical and well used access while also providing a wide buffer protecting the Doterell habitat closer to the shoreline.
4661	I support the proposed change	To have access to a few more landward side tracks for dogs on leash would be a great improvement
4784	I do not support the proposed change	It seems that with more access there will be more loss of other animal life. Human nature is to push the limits of what is allowed. So if extra access is allowed on leash, then it can be anticipated that people will access these areas off leash.
4870	I support the proposed change	It sounds the same as the existing access??
4891	I support the proposed change	Omiha (Rocky Bay) is an important and popular community on Waiheke and provides an excellent start point for walks within that locality. The proposed option provides direct walking access from this community into Whakanewha Regional Park from which there are many excellent walks to follow. These walks are popular with dog walkers who respect the rules to keep their dog/s under control and away from the beach. However, the current limitation on using the Omiha track with a dog is simply impracticable and often ignored. This rule change would meet the needs of the community whilst continuing to provide sufficient protections for the local flora and fauna within Whakanewha Bay.
4908	I support the proposed change	I am a Rocky Bay resident who backs onto the regional park. I have two dogs and this is a great option. I would say though that having them on lead can be quite difficult in practical terms as the tracks are not well formed and therefore the risk of tripping while having your dog on lead on these tracks is high.
5465	I do not support the proposed change	It is simple at present - allowed on the landward side, not allowed on the seaward side. Why complicate things?

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5935	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be permitted anywhere in Whakanewha Regional Park, even on the leash. The diversity of wildlife in this Park should be fully protected. There should be NO dogs in this Park. The paths are narrow in many areas and it can be difficult to pass by a dog easily. I have encountered dogs off their lead on some of these tracks, some exploring off track. Their owners are not properly supervising them or caring about the disturbance to the wildlife. Dog poo can be another issue. Barking is also disturbing.
6282	I support the proposed change	First, the Kowhai track is not included in the list of tracks. It is good for there to be clarification, as many people do not seem to understand the dog prohibition on the seaward side of Gordon's road. More signage (and enforcement) is needed. For the landward side of Gordon's road, much more signage/enforcement is needed, as dogs are often walked off leashes on those tracks. The new signs on the beach facing the water are good, as now boaties can see that dogs are not allowed on the beach.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
486	I do not support the proposed change	The dog walkers should take the call as to when to walk their dogs and where. They dont need to be given such restrictions
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed on leash everywhere
689	I support the proposed change	Finally, a sensible proposal.
965	Other (please explain below)	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park at all times
1148	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to the campsite
1325	I support the proposed change	Please provide better enforcement.
1576	I do not support the proposed change	The places we can take our dogs for off-leash runs become less and less. Dedicated dog parks are not the answer as stress levels in our dogs tend to rise if they're exposed to too many dog encounters at the same time and with it tension and escalation. We avoid doc parks and beaches like the plague. It's not relaxing. It would be nice to be able to take our dogs for beach strolls where they can roam free and enjoy the sunset with their owners. Why punish everyone when most dogs fit into the community so well. It's understandable to limit dog access to protect wild life and flora of course.
1918	I do not support the proposed change	NO DOGS OFF LEASH AT ALL not in our regional parks protect our wildlife NO DOGS

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2095	Other (please explain below)	Please see answer already provided under Section 2 which applies to all areas. It is the owners who allow their dogs to roam out of control that need to be policed/controlled. Activities should not be curtailed for the majority, who manage our animals well.
4044	I do not support the proposed change	I have had issues with individuals with off leash dogs they cannot control. Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off leash areas would be far more beneficial.
5582	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates. I pay extremely high rates AND pay for dog registration and don't even get to take my dog barely anywhere. It's getting ridiculous. Stop banning on-leash dogs from everywhere. There's almost nowhere left to go No changes needed
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas accessible to dog owners more
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
1212	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
1566	I support the proposed change	As a dog owner I agree we should keep the dotterals protected as a priority
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting dog access
2184	I do not support the proposed change	This is sad that you are wasting our hard earned money
2185	Other (please explain below)	It is already too difficult to find a place to walk my dog (legally). I strongly urge you to not make it more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead. If changes must be made, I recommend limited off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on-lead as an alternative for outright banning them. Thank you for your time.
2397	I support the proposed change	Safer
3263	I support the proposed change	Simplify by making it stricter, pls. There have been too many attacks on birds. Less dogs in critical areas will keep birds safer, and allow for harsher fines if the rules are broken. There will need to be more dog control officers at the same time, or the changes will be completely useless.

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5004	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are public resources that should be accessible to all Aucklanders, including dog owners. The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect those who follow the rules while doing little to address the real issue of non-compliance. Rather than creating more restrictions, Auckland Council should focus on improving compliance with existing regulations through education, signage, and enforcement.
5027	I do not support the proposed change	The rule change won't stop bad actors, just penalize everyone.
5295	I support the proposed change	Protect sensitive bird life (same at Hunua)
5358	I support the proposed change	Good
6182	I do not support the proposed change	The changes should be made after the policy changes are made and agreed in a separate consultation.
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
460	I do not support the proposed change	Where is the evidence to support this? Again punish the many for the actions of the few. Council is under resourced to manage those who break the rules so all other responsible dog owners are now paying. Please resource Animal Management so they can do their job.
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I do not support the proposed change	Same as before. Too confusing. Too many details and street names. People want a quick overview.
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	Other (please explain below)	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.
1914	I support the proposed change	More access for dogs is good
2183	I do not support the proposed change	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2584	I do not support the proposed change	It doesn't change anything. Spend the money to check instead

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2652	Other (please explain below)	There really is limited walking available in Waiheke now (compared with past years (with a particularly great walk around the sculpture area closed and very restricted walking around Cascades. It now feels very disjointed when we used to be able to walk for miles. This makes Waiheke less attractive to us as local visitors. I've (sadly) never seen a penguin in year on Waiheke (and talking to locals neither have they!). Responsible dog owners are not an issue - unfortunately the rules seem to be all about private ownership entitlement and using penguins as an excuse. People who walk their dogs in these areas could do so on a lead during non-penguin times. Irresponsible roaming dogs - and irresponsible owners will not be 'fixed' by all the restrictions.
4489	I do not support the proposed change	Overly complicated - looks like you are gearing yourselves up for more revenue gathering / ticketing.
4818	I do not support the proposed change	New Zealand doesn't seem to be particularly dog-friendly and appears to lag behind other countries in this regard. Dogs are cherished members of the family, yet the increasing restrictions on accessing regional parks mean that many people are missing out on opportunities to enjoy these spaces with their pets. Dog owners pay registration fees, and homeowners contribute through rates. Shouldn't they be allowed to spend quality time with their furry family members in these public places? Instead of spending time and resources on introducing new rules, that effort could be better directed toward identifying and addressing owners who aren't following existing regulations. Additionally, funds could be used to improve park facilities, such as upgrading bins, to create a more enjoyable and responsible environment for everyone.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are unreasonable and unneeded. They will not help with the actual issues we face with roaming dogs, and only punish responsible dog owners
5330	I do not support the proposed change	They are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leesh, who read and respect signs and laws. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.
6544	I support the proposed change	Access to other tracks is always greatly appreciated especially to create longer outings to currently allowed areas
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		
4517	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you doing this? So restrictive. No current issues.

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5426	I do not support the proposed change	Other than the obvious impacts on the health of dogs and their owners (!) these are big changes that do not meet the criteria of the Dog Policy 2019. Much of what has been suggested as ‘findings’ is merely a statement of what is happening already, and in many cases completely wrong interpretation of councils own survey. Most of what has been cited as ‘structural change’ and ‘significant risk’ are in fact minor changes, if any, or low-impact issues (by councils own findings). The way the policy works is that Council and Dog Management are supposed to manage the low impact issues from irresponsible dog owners through better education and direct intervention, not massive changes to access. The policy is NOT designed to enable mass changes to dog access without significant reasons and due consideration to alternatives and/ or providing other places – neither of which are present in the proposal. In short, these are 'issues' that could and should be managed with a few good signs and better management of irresponsible dog owners, not sweeping dog access changes for the vast majority of responsible dog owners!