
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q2 Policy and bylaw matters

(Q2I. Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
69	Do not support	These areas are extremely valuable to dog owners and the public as well as being Tipi a Maunga and are paid for by the public i.e. Auckland's ratepayers. Dog owners are a sizable proportion of Auckland's population and voters. Dog walking is recognised medically as beneficial physically and psychologically and further restrictions should not be placed on it. In fact , council parks, including Maunga, should be made available as off leash areas say from 6 to 9 am each day.
149	Support	A few dogs are spoiling it , (shitting) for all.
383	Support	The current dog walking rules are so complex and confusing, and differ in each park that it is not surprising so many dog owners break the rules and feel entitled to do as they please.
507	Support	Keep dogs off our mountain
593	I don't know	Depends what the updates are - if they make it more restrictive to walk off-leash, then no
641	Do not support	dogs should be allowed off leash on these mountains as it currently applies.
721	Support	No dogs
770	Support	Dogs on leash should be fine with registered owner.
960	Support	Dogs should be allowed in all public spaces, if council/government money is spent to help maintain this area then it should be free for all to enjoy, not just Ancestral interests.
1595	Support	As people use our Maunga widely in Auckland all dogs should be on a leash apart from in designated and contained off-leash areas. Signage needs to be clear and a programme of communication undertaken so the public is aware of rules
1622	Do not support	What is the change? Please expand?
1939	Do not support	unsure what the change means. But everyone including dog walkers should have access to any mountains classed as ancestral. they have been there since the beginning of time and should be available to all to enjoy
2141	Support	Dogs should always be on a leash on maunga.
2297	Do not support	Banning dogs from nature is harmful!
2325	Support	Should be allowed access.
2362	I don't know	Dogs are allowed in many places; and just because Māori decide to need the land for 'ancestral' reasons does not mean the rest of NZ has to suffer from it.
2462	Do not support	Stupid idea...
2476	Support	Again, access is a very public interest issue and a wide range of public opinions and interests should be canvassed. I believe that safely controlled access for dogs and private dog owners should remain a feature of our Maunga.

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2504	I don't know	These maunga provide valuable off-leash spaces to exercise dogs. In the central isthmas there are only a handful of places to take you dog for off-leash exercise. Restricting access would further reduce these spaces.
2823	Support	With the exception of specific enclosed off leash areas dogs should not be allowed off leash on Tūpuna Maunga. From personal experience relating to our local Maunga, Ōwairaka, dogs roam freely either uncontrolled or with distracted/unattentive owners. Even the sports field where 'No Dog Allowed' signs are clearly displayed is overrun with off leash dogs. I have never seen anyone from the Council monitoring or enforcing dog policy at Ōwairaka Maunga. If there are no Council staff able to monitor Tūpuna Maunga regularly the only solution is an off leash ban. After living in Mt Albert for 22 years it has gotten so bad that I rarely venture to Ōwairaka now,
2871	Do not support	Too restrictive
2990	Do not support	Update to what cant support a change if you dont say what the change is
3272	Support	Dogs should not be allowed on tuupuna maunga -- it should be a flat rule with posted exceptions (if any).
3342	Do not support	I don't support removing responsible off-leash access for dogs on ancestral mountains, any more than non-ancestral public mountains
4096	Support	Please- no dogs or cars on the Maunga.
4141	I don't know	What does "Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)" actually mean?
4325	Do not support	Changes to dog licensing and access rules should be focused on danger only. Every review of an important issue needn't necessarily involve advocating for cultural issues.
4368	Do not support	I would hate to see the Tupuna Maunga excluding dogs. Some of these maunga afre located in areas of the city where there are very few other options in terms of exercising dogs in natural surroundings. What harm do they do? I do hope this proposed change is not coming form the same place as the 'native planting only' push, regardless of how many taonga spp are supported by mature non-native plants. This is ideology, not common sense, and disrespects the manu.
4412	Do not support	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4512	Do not support	Auckland is made up of multiple maunga, the amenity of which multiple people enjoy every day. If you take the ability of dogs who are managed by loving owners, to walk and play in these beautiful areas, this wil impact the overall well-being of both humans and their pets. To walk freely in nature is restorative. The maunga with shelter, especially in summer, are vital places for all people and pets to be able to enjoy.
4520	Do not support	I don't agree with adding further limits to what is currently in by-law however I do agree with clarification.
4524	Support	I walk my dog up Mt Eden Mountain every day on leash and would like to continue to do so! I love walking here and do not enjoy walks with out a dog for a companion.
5130	Support	Feel people who know this area should make policy

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5485	Do not support	I regularly walk up 4 maunga and there isn't a problem so what needs to be changed?
5934	Do not support	I do not support the exclusion of dogs on maunga. They are already required to be on leash, which is sufficient. They can be required to stick to footpaths while on the maunga itself. Take One Tree Hill : there is a large amount of land on the park that should remain dog friendly.
6194	Support	I specifically support the continued off leash access for dogs at Owairaka and Big King. These are great assets to the community and are well utilised.
AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD		
6780		What would the changes be? I support the protection of sacred sights, but what would that protection be m
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
198	Support	Whenever I walk on North Head there are numerous dogs off leash. I have on two occasions been quite frightened when staffie-type dogs have come bounding towards me on secluded pathways with no owners in sight, the owners only appearing after a couple of minutes. I no longer walk the secluded paths which I used to enjoy. I have also witnessed a couple who picked up their dog droppings but then furtively put the bag behind some rocks and scrub down near 'The Cove' beach on the end of North Head.
598	I don't know	If there are issues, surely the Iwi is in control of the Maunga and provide this information already?
663	Do not support	In some parts of the region with a higher proportion of maunga these spaces are an important part of the dog walking network. Responsible dog owners shouldn't be denied the opportunity to access these maunga for recreation and exercise. Regulations should target actual problems rather than imposing blanket controls.
1452	Do not support	Auckland city Mountains are a well well used and tradition source of area for public dog walking. They should not be restricted in any way for the public to walk their dog. The Munga are also European ancestral mountains and any decisions made re access should be made in conjunction with the local communities and ALL New Zealanders.
1758	Support	Should not be as constrained
2107	Do not support	What do you mean by update? Update in what way?
2461	Support	Protection of Tūpuna Maunga is very important and I am happy that this is being addressed
3149	Support	Existing Dogs on leash rules are totally ignored and are not monitored
3643	Support	I leave to the descendants to make opinions about this topic.
3919	Support	Non-dog owners should be able to visit the maunga without being attacked.

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4260	I don't know	Unsure what these updates would entail. If it is an lwi issue surely they are already involved and will offer their thoughts. I think it is great for our pups to be able to access such places either their people and sure hope this remains the case .. I do feel there ought to be better encouragement for the humans to remove their doggie poops *ie specifically provided bins with bags (like Picton!) to encourage and support dog poop removal
4375	Support	My local maunga rules dogs only on leash. I have been rushed by dogs of leash and the majority of dog walkers have their dogs off leash ignoring the current rules. Tighten up on enforcement and even ban dogs altogether on all maunga
4569	Do not support	dogs on-leash with responsible owners should be allowed in as many areas as possible.
4885	Do not support	Because in my community there is one maunga left that is the last place where we can walk our dog off leash at any time of the day during summer. All the other parks, beaches and spaces are out of bounds despite these spaces being often devoid of people. My concern is you will standardise the rules and this last walking space will be taken away as well. People, dogs and cyclists currently all seem to be able to share the space so there isn't a public safety issue to address.
6725	I don't know	I had great difficulty in finding the rules for Tupuna Maunga Could not find them.
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
779	Do not support	These landmarks are ridiculous. I haven't yet used them but can't imagine what the problem would be with walking a leashed dog on these Tapuna Maunga areas & abiding with "clean-up after yourself" could have any detrimental effect.
1336	Do not support	All Kiwis should have equal access and rights to mountains. One group should not have more say over how a mountain can or cannot be used than others.
1493	I don't know	Being a maori I wouldn't want dogs to have access to Tūpuna Maunga at all
1539	Support	I support change, there are laws preventing dogs from being off lead in parks but no one to make sure it happens. I had my dog put to sleep at age two due to being attacked by an off-lead dog in an on-lead park. no dog should be off lead unless in a closed space like a dog park fully fenced. rules need to be kept too, if its a lead park then that needs to be acted upon. I can report dogs loose to Auckland council but they say they don't have staff to deal with it
1710	Support	I should have mentioned our maunga when I said the rules re walking NO MORE than 4 dogs need to apply to ALL public spaces that allow dogs on them
1772	Do not support	All mountain areas should be treated with the same restrictions/access
1922	Do not support	Mountains are mountains there isn't any this or that... either they are allowed or not
2242	Do not support	Exercising a dog on a cultural area where that culture now celebrates gang membership is ridiculous. Look after the ratepayers - not the mooches.
2266	Support	These are great places for walking a dog under direct control.
3923	I don't know	I dont have any problems understanding the current rules
4079	Support	Give dogs access on leads

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4428	Do not support	Dogs should be allowed on Ancestral Mountains just like everyone else. If they are on leash they won't be doing any damage. In fact, they would do far less damage than free roaming out of control children. If I want to visit an Ancestral Mountain what am I going to do with my dog? Leave it in a hot car with the windows open ready for someone to steal it?
4726	Do not support	Ridiculous dogs should be able to go to these places
5161	Do not support	All parks are open to all.
5392	Support	Dogs should be allowed (on lead) in scared mountains if humans are allowed to walk on these mountains too
5906	Do not support	THE ISSUES WITH ROAMING AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE NOT OCCURRING AT RESERVES AND BEACHES - THEY ARE HAPPENING IN OUR STREETS! The rules to prevent dogs from beaches, bush walks, reserves and gardens seek only to punish good dog owners. Owners of unregistered, unneutered, menacing dogs do not walk their dogs on or off leash at these places. They instead let their dogs roam the streets. STOP PUNISHING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS. Down the road from me, in an unfenced property, two bully crosses have moved in. These dogs growl menacingly when people walk past - there is an entire road I can no longer walk down because of these two menacing dogs. Menacing dogs should NEVER be allowed on unfenced sections. I want to see the council be able to remove dogs, or force the owners to get an adequate fence (which will need to be extremely high for these power breeds). FOCUS ON THE TAN CROSSES THAT ARE CAUSING THE ISSUES - STOP PENALISING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS
6153	Support	These volcanic cones are Toanga and must be protected in how people access and use.
6746	I don't know	Couldn't find reference to Maungas but dog access should be allowed/continue for the health benefits of both the dog and the person exercising it. Since sheep have been removed from the Maungas there is no longer a livestock issue to consider.
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
239	Do not support	Dogs do less damage than humans to these mountains. Even if it's the poop situation you're worried about, they fertile the soil and are completely biodegradable.
565	Support	Please provide the reasons why places are tapu
832	Do not support	Is this a way to keep dogs off mountains in Auckkand? There is no reason for this change and given Auckkand has these throughout the city and many have attached parkland thus would affect a great many people who enjoy taking thur dog for walks and outings.
998	Do not support	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1072	Support	We want to go visit our love ones we don't want to be standing in poop
1456	I don't know	would help if the current text / rule was shown with proposed change to the question in the survey, it would make it quicker and easier to respond to - maybe more people wouldl participate

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1666	I don't know	I think that this decision should rest with the custodians of the ancestral mountains, not me.
2293	Support	It should be clarified whether they are allowed access or not.
2920	Support	Maori or non-Maori need to abide by the same rules Auckland wide. No favourites!
5352	I don't know	Didn't think dogs were allowed on the mountains anyway. However, if on leash I don't see why they can't be allowed?
5419	Support	It's very hard to find information about dog access rules for mountains around Tamaki
6105	I don't know	Any updates should be in consultation and agreement by local Iwi
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
214	Do not support	Update to what?
319	Support	Any rules and policies need to be updated regularly
435	Support	All dogs on these sites must be on leash
566	Support	Dog access limited / on leash at all times.
579	Support	As above
706	Support	Generally dogs should be prohibited from all regional parks.
776	Support	Respect for all sacred properties - ancestral mountains, cemeteries, etc.
1150	Do not support	If dogs can go on the beach's, regional parks they can go on the mountains. Stop prioritising one part of society over the other.
1358	Do not support	Ancestral mountains belong to all Aucklanders including dogs. Appropriate access should be granted.
1385	Do not support	I want to know what the rules are that you want to clarify and the wording changes
1699	I don't know	I believe dogs are allowed on lead so I hope this will continue.
2084	Do not support	Dogs should be allowed on the mountains
2140	Do not support	If we are talking about blocking dog access to places such as Mt Eden then I am not in support. These are public spaces and if people are using the spaces within the rules set out, ie dog on leash or under control at all times, avoiding areas of significant cultural importance, and generally being considerate of others beliefs/culture then why should dogs be banned.
2268	Do not support	Let's not punish good dog owners with a liberal BS policy to change access for cultural mountains. Everyone has the same right and access that should include their dogs.
2376	Do not support	the ancestor had dog, and they lived on the Mountains and it wasn't a problem then so why is it now a prob
3235	I don't know	Dogs need to be on a lead
3824	I don't know	Dogs love the bush as much as the beach so it would be nice to see some clearly identified areas for dog exercise.
3988	Do not support	Leave as it's always been. Ancestral mountains are part of environment. Treat them as same as all mountains
4354	Support	I was bitten by a medium size petagree, dog Las year off of lesh

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5430	Do not support	I support what Tupuna Maunga Authority may say but it's not clear what they are saying
5712	Do not support	I do not see an issue with any area that allows people to walk having dogs on it. unless the tangata te whenua have requested this change I do not see it as a nessecary action or use of government resources
5984	Support	These should be people friendly places and there is no need for dogs to be there
6396	I don't know	I would assume dogs are forbidden? Again, Not enough information supplied to decide if I support or disagree
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
407	Support	Ban pitbull type dogs
521	I don't know	Update how? More details needed.
541	Do not support	There are not enough decent areas and off-leash areas to walk dogs in Auckland. 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!!
1101	I don't know	Change as in remove access?
1310	Support	I would hope dogs will still be allowed
1593	Do not support	The mountains should be available to everyone, and if they are closed to dog walkers, it makes the other outdoor spaces more crowded with dogs. There should be tougher penalties if the mountains are disrespected by vandalism, dog attacks or not cleaning up after your dog.
1669	Do not support	What do you mean by 'update'? No details about what update will be
1752	Support	There are areas that are ideal for dogs to be exercised off lead, ie Mt Wellington and Pigeon Mountain, Auckland.
2692	Do not support	Dogs should be allowed to access all areas at all times if their owner is classified as responsible. Irresponsible owners should have limitations on where and when they can take their dogs. Access rules should focus on limiting irresponsible dog owners which has been completely excluded from this review. Rules should focus only on where leashes are required and where they aren't but should never ban dogs from an area entirely. Responsible owners won't take their dogs out in the heat or into highly populated areas unless they can be sure everyone and all animals and nature will be protected. This proposal doesn't address Councils utter failure by removing rubbish bins that are relied on by responsible owners. The proposal should focus on requiring Council to have sufficient bins in all areas dogs are allowed.
2955	I don't know	Mountains should be for all, including dog walkers.
4225	Do not support	I googled these Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains). If humans can access them (and I have no doubt there is plenty of abuse of these spaces by the humans that frequent these spaces) - then can't see why "updating" access for dogs is an issue. What is current access? Are you suggesting by "updating" means banning dogs?

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4357	I don't know	i dont know enough about what the current rules are to have a judgement on this one.
4629	Do not support	This is not needed and has the potential to raise racial issues
4699	Do not support	No dogs should be off leash in an area where people are walking. Too much dog poo and I have been approached by dogs too many times - I never know if they are friendly especially if I can not see the owner
5855	Support	Provide more dog friendly areas where dogs can walk. le ones that are suitable. Loyd Elsmore dog park is not suitable for walking dogs. No shade not big enough and no water source. If you put all of the local dogs there at once there would be problems due to the cramped conditions.
6555	Support	Retain access on-leash to all sites - and develop more 'off leash' areas as part of site, designed and managed within landscape values
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
238	Support	This is a very sensitive subject and rightly so. Any proposed rules should be developed in consultation with Maori.
260	I don't know	I don't know because I don't know what customs and rules Māori had for their dogs in ancient times. This topic should perhaps be left for iwi to decide.
381	I don't know	IF you want to ban dogs from them, then I OPPOSE.
572	I don't know	Why is there 1 area specifically pulled out to set rules for - would they be different to any other regional park, heritage area etc?
705	Do not support	Public reserves.
3286	Support	Impose DOC on some mountains. More and more owners are careful, and having DOC dog access gives more options but also responsibility
3303	I don't know	Dogs should be allowed on leash
3464	Support	Council and New Zealand as an entire nation needs to allow more access to dogs at different places, malls, regional parks, doc lands etc, well trained and behaved dogs do not attack other animals, some of us dog owners would love to visit these places without having to keep dogs at expensive day cares.
4167	I don't know	Only if this is being initiated by the Māori owners and their wishes
4741	Do not support	I do not want to see further restrictions placed on dog walking. I consider Auckland to be a lot less dog friendly than other places I have lived and travelled too. Already there are so many places where dog walking is restricted, I wouldn't want to see further restrictions placed on places that are special to many dog walkers.
5455	Support	Allow dogs
6092	I don't know	Respecting cultural heritage is important, but updates to access rules should consider the long-standing use of these areas by responsible dog owners. Creating designated dog-friendly areas within these sites could be a fair compromise.
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
590	Do not support	If updating means banning on leash walking I do not support this.
766	Support	Our maunga need to be protected. Certain areas of it need to be restricted for use from dogs

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1095	Support	I think people should be able to walk dogs on a leash on mountains.
2150	Do not support	Currently dogs are able to go up Mangere Mountain as long as they are on leads, it would be very sad if this was not allowed to continue.
3484	Support	They need updated because temporary signage just looks ugly and gets ignored. Having the same rules for all mountains makes it easy to remember
3561	Do not support	If people are allowed to access them there is no difference to having dogs there. People cause more damage with rubbish graffiti and firework
4270	Support	with sensitivity to the people and the place and the animals
4321	Support	Yes, supportive. I would like to ensure that Tūpuna Maunga Authourity, Iwi and Rohe are consulted. I would also love to see appropriate dog access to Maunga.1
6024	Support	The maunga should still be accessible to dogs under control. Enforcement of the rules around picking up feaces needs to occur
6154	Do not support	My dog and I frequently walk Mangere Mountain (Te Pane-o-Mataaho) and Mount Eden (Maungawhau), due to Ambury Park and Coastal walkways in our area, it is one of the only places locally we can be at one with nature. Our walking community is respectful of the mana/tapu within our Maunga and it is a great way for us to all say hello and connect with each other (4 legged neighbours included). If there are any changes required regarding dog walking on our maunga I would rather it come from local iwi than from council. Additionally, I think the people setting fires to our maunga need to be addressed before our dogs.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
1755	Support	Reflects commitment to preserving our Maunga, clarifies rules for everyone, shows commitment to the environment and te Tiriti O Waitangi
2076	I don't know	So that people know before arriving there if they can or cannot walk their dog off leash
2981	I don't know	When you say "Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga " you do not explain what this update is going to be. Are dogs going to be prohibited or allowed?
4166	Do not support	This is not for to the council to dictate, give the control and the responsibility to local Iwi to decide as they believe necessary. Council should only be there to support the local Iwi in such decisions

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5620	Support	The Beautification Trust fully supports updating dog access rules for the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and extending this approach to Te Puhinui, ensuring alignment with mana whenua aspirations and Auckland Council's partnership commitments to protect and restore this vital waterway. Under the Te Whakaoranga o te Puhinui Charter, Auckland Council has a duty as a Treaty partner to uphold mana whenua's vision for a thriving, healthy awa. However, ongoing dog activity in and around the Puhinui Stream has caused significant damage, including soil erosion, destabilised banks, and ecosystem disruption. Despite existing restrictions, dogs continue to enter the water, undermining restoration efforts and threatening long-term ecological recovery. Stronger enforcement of dog access rules is critical to safeguarding the progress made through Council-led and community-driven regeneration projects. By formalising protections and ensuring clear, enforceable regulations, Auckland Council can demonstrate its commitment to honouring mana whenua aspirations, supporting ecological restoration, and upholding its role as a responsible kaitiaki of Te Puhinui.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
639	Do not support	Stop removing dog access to places.
698	Support	Dogs with their responsible owner/owners can look after this Tūpuna Maunga better than the public. Example is the public leave some of their trash in this places while responsible dog owner/owners looked after their dog's litter.
783	Support	I would like to less dog access further restricted
990	Do not support	Hidden away in the Table on Page 10 of Appendix C: Comparison Table of existing and Proposed Policy, Bylaw, regional park and local dog access rules- https://hdp-au-prod-app-ak-haveyoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/8117/3688/7874/Appendix_C_Comparison_Table.pdf is the only place I can find in all of your documentation that you are proposing to change Big King (Te Tatua) from off leash to on leash. We live in Mt Wellington and Big King is the only fully contained and safe to use off leash park for our dog. Most dogs cannot be fully exercised unless they are allowed to be off leash and explore at their pace. We have been using Big King for the past 4 years and have never had any issues with the dogs or people that take their dogs there for off leash exercise. Dogs that do not get fully exercised are liable to become agitated and bored and problematic at home. I implore you to not change Big King from off leash to on leash.
993	Support	To date with our friends experience the idea is excellent but nothing will happen
1228	Do not support	If this will limit access for on leash dogs then I do not support it.

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1293	Support	On maunga where stock are no longer grazed, I cannot understand why the rules as signposted still require dogs to be on the lead. On Maungarei most dog owners just ignore the signage because it doesn't make any sense to restrict dogs from having a good run up and down the mountain. There's no stock to bother, and no cars to worry about, so as long as the dog is under control (as required for all off-lead dogs in any area anyway) then what's the problem with them being off lead?
2545	Do not support	Aucklanders are entitled to access Auckland parks and landmarks. Note I do not speak Maori or support special privileges for other cultures.
2876	Do not support	Off leash areas are important- dogs to socialise, activities to do with humans and dogs together, make use of our parks and areas. I propose better signage and monitoring of areas for correct useage e.g. if people are off leash in an on leash area, while maintaining the off leash area rules.
3257	Do not support	I think more Tupuna Maunga should have dog access rules of "under control off a leash". These are valuable walking spaces for all of the community, including dog owners. We are becoming more and more restricted with regards to areas where we can let our dogs off for a run. The majority of dog owners are responsible and can control their dog off a leash.
3555	Do not support	I would not support removing dog access from protected maunga - there are certain mountains that are busy and frequented by many people and these tend to have dog on leash at all times rules, which is perfectly fine. There are other mountains which are barren, wild and not frequented by the general public for picnics/family outings etc and these should remain off leash but dog under control.
3771	Support	Universal rules but also much more support to police the rules.
3959	Do not support	Its people whi samage the places not the fogs
4470	Do not support	I do not support updating rules invariably this leads to more restrictions.
6107	Support	Everytime we walk on a maunga they feel overrun with dog walkers. Can we please designate areas for dog walking (especially off-leash areas) and have others where there are no dogs allowed at all. If dog owners were able to follow on leash rules I would not be as strict but there are simply too many people who do not keep the dogs on leash where they should so I feel if people can not be trusted we need to put rules in place to help them. So make an area that is fenced and secure for off leash dogs. Make the rest dog free, especially somewhere very busy like Cornwall Park where there are so many people, families, biking, farm animals etc. Again if owners followed rules and kept dogs on leash and picked up poo it would not be such a problem, but trying to find a place to sit without poo is sometimes very challenging eg Owairaka maunga. Also maunga are sacred and special and dogs running around doing what they want and pooing everywhere seems disrespectful and inappropriate.

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6444	Do not support	I do not support this if it means decreasing access. Responsible dog owners should not be penalised. These spaces should be accessible to all responsible people and pets.
6581	Support	dogs should be allowed
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
322	I don't know	I don't know what changes you are wanting to make.
417	I don't know	Your question doesn't state what the update would be, so it's impossible for anyone answering this survey to know which answer they support in this question
447	Support	This question is badly worded. I am ok with review of policy, but I do not know what this means. I suspect will be to restrict dog access to all areas.
600	I don't know	You haven't specified what these access rules would be
610	I don't know	What does update this mean? Restrict access?
691	I don't know	Māori are big dog owners. They would want to be able to take dogs for walk on the Tūpuna Maunga just as all of us do.
818	Do not support	Jibberish.
962	I don't know	Allow dogs on any mountain if supervised.
1128	I don't know	Parks are parks. Don't go woke.
1421	Support	Yes - rules should be clear - currently they are not always clear and they are generally far too restrictive!
1905	I don't know	UNCLEAR QUESTION WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CLARIFY FFS.
2576	Do not support	we are the highest dog ownership per capita in the world. We need to incorporate a balanced approach to accommodate our fur family members
2657	I don't know	A huge number of people walk their dogs in our local park, Maungakiekie. It would be devastating for people's fitness and mental health and that of their dogs if these local green spaces cannot be used.
3107	Do not support	If the dog leaves not physical 'footprint' maungas should be treated as any other land area that dogs can have access to. My local maunga is the only place I can get open green space access without roads/cars/sports - it is grounding, restorative & great for my wellbeing - as a responsible dog owner I love having my pup with me - he gets the same pleasure I do running free, By limiting his freedom you're limiting my freedom.
3358	I don't know	Is update your term for ban? What do you mean?
3749	Support	Tūpuna Maunga should be subject to the same system and rules as any other open space in Auckland.
3753	Do not support	More information needs to be supplied. I support ancestral mountains and rivers, however limited access needs to be clarified - i.e. to rehabilitate wildlife, native bush rehabilitation etc. Currently, there are very limited hiking areas to go with one's dog, even on lead. The restrictions should be reconsidered to identify more trails with at least on-lead access. Hiking supports an active, healthy, outdoor lifestyle.

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3796	Do not support	I don't know that dogs do damage on mountains . They do more damage on beaches
3963	Do not support	What's the difference in land Māoris have dogs can't they walk them on ancestral land or is this going to be a racist law
3992	Do not support	It would simply be good to have clarity but not to be baned from all these spots
4117	Do not support	I support greater dog access to the Tupuna Maunga subject only to exclusions if stock is grazing on certain areas. There is a conflict between dogs and stock. It is better to manage the Tupuna Maugna accordingly.
4122	Support	Just basic respect for the feelings of the Maori who are the local and original guardians of the land.
4419	I don't know	Dogs should be allowed to run freely under control of their owners on the volcanic cones, owners responsible for picking up after their pets
4604	I don't know	I am writing to express concern over the unclear wording of the question regarding the "Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)." The phrasing is ambiguous and doesn't specify whether it refers to tightening or relaxing restrictions for dogs in these areas, making it difficult for dog owners to provide informed feedback. As a responsible dog owner, I strongly believe that public spaces like Tūpuna Maunga should remain accessible for exercising dogs. Limiting access without clear justification would negatively impact our ability to care for our pets and engage in healthy activities. I urge you to clarify this question to ensure the survey accurately reflects the views of dog owners. Clear and specific questions are essential for meaningful feedback on these important issues.
4642	Do not support	The TMA have a very clear agenda to 'own' the manga and keep them for themselves, restricting access to large portions of Aucklanders whenever it doesnt suit them. For example rather than maintain the mountain and keep the fire hazard down they would rather close them to stop people using them. These are assets for ALL Aucklanders, and we should not allow them to stop people from walking their dogs on the slopes.
4762	Support	loads of off leash dogs
4799	Do not support	One rule for all people - why have a rule for one group that is different to others - should not be allowed
5131	Support	There have been several dog attacks on Mt Wellington. I hope the revised rules are much clearer with harsher sanctions when broken.
5155	Support	Dog owners consistently ignore the on-leash rules on my local Maunga (Te Taurere / Mount Taylor).
5263	Do not support	I enjoy seeing dogs enjoying their freedom in large locations such as these. I do not recognise the rules set out by an unelected body being enforced on the entity my rates are paid to.

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5520	Do not support	The ancestral loves dog. Again, responsible good dog owner would respect the area. Its the bad owner that you need to focus on, don't just put a blanket rule for everybody.
6379	Do not support	Further restrictions are unnecessary dogs need to be under control at all times.
6440	Do not support	Wish dogs to be able to move around freely (with owners present) in these more open spaces.
6456	Do not support	Our lovely mountains are a space for us all to enjoy and reflect. A wonderful space to be at one. Great for everyones mental health and wellbeing, including those who walk their dogs.
6566	Support	Reaowctful
6645	Support	Again, clarity is good, however I don't believe that dog's should be automatically prevented from accessing Tūpuna Maunga. In my view this is a decision for mana whenua to lead via the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.
6831	Do not support	I am unable to reference which part of the policy this refers to therefore I cannot support it. The question needs to reference the policy. I cannot find a reference in appendix c comparison either.
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
1826	Support	I support this as long as there are strict rules in place for the dog owners to respect these maungas.
2245	Do not support	Our maunga are scared and the council has no business telling us what we can do on it. This is an iwi issues not the government one
2530	Support	STRICTLY NO DOGS ALL TOGETHER ON ANCESTRAL MOUNTAINS AND WILDLIFE AREAS AND FARMING AREAS IF HAS TO BE AREAS WITH SHEEP THEN STRICTLY ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES
2850	Support	No dog access on mountain
2974	Support	SO LONG AS U DO THE RIGHT THING AN PICK UP YOUR DOGGY DO AN HAVE MORE DOGGY TOILET BIN AROUND THE PARK, MAUNGA, AN BEACHES WERE PEOPLE CAN PUT IN PLACE
4740	Support	Leashed dogs should be allowed seeing there is no stock there to be threatened anymore
6389	Support	There needs to be more access to parks and areas for walking dog both on leash and off leash.
6691	Support	a) there has to be constructive discussion, agreement with local iwi. b) That signage/comms with general public if no dog(s) allowed Personally for myself, I wouldnt take my dog for walking onto tangata whenua maunga
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
1282	Support	Defecation on ancestral mountains needs to be seriously looked at and if the dog walkers can not pick up after their animals than dogs should be banned from being walled there.
2231	I don't know	What are the updated rules!?
2426	Support	lots of areas are sacred, why does this change anything
4455	Support	Dogs should have access to spaces to walk and run in the community as long as they are under control and with their human

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4619	Do not support	Leave them alone
4991	Support	Keep dogs off them.
6461	Do not support	Dogs should be allowed on ancestral mountains, like any member of the public, provided they are on leash to prevent damage to the area.
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
2261	Support	Either on lead only or no dog access to Tupuna Maungas.
2460	Do not support	I do not support this proposal to update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) because it is predicated on the same flawed premises underlying the other proposed changes regarding dog access rules. Rather than merely adjusting details, the Council should address the fundamental issues with the existing and proposed restrictions, which lack robust evidence and fail to balance the needs of responsible dog owners.
2489	Do not support	I don't agree with these updates because they come from the same flawed reasoning behind the other dog access changes. There's still no real proof that such extra rules are necessary, and responsible owners aren't properly recognised.
2689	Support	I believe that all maunga should be protected and we should only have access via foot and proposed pathways. Also dogs should be leashed and in some cases on dogs allowed at all. These are heritage sites and should be respected in that manner. Like we preserve heritage buildings for example.
2810	Support	I believe these should be looked at, given the change in these areas. For example, now that grazing has been restricted in Campbell Park and One Tree Hill Domain, I'd suggest its time for a debate on creating an off-leash space in this area. Doing so for the summit of the maunga could encourage many to improve their exercise regimes.
3653	Support	Decisions should be made in conjunction with guardians of any Tupuna Maunga - the iwi and hapu
4076	Do not support	Not allowing dog owners to choose where they walk there dog is going to far you tell people to walk there dog than cut of access is very wrong
4436	Support	Ancestral mountains should be accessible to all, but due respect needs to be taken. The original Maori Pa sites would have had dogs living there. Mostly on leash is understandable, but if off leash areas can be provided in a fairly segregated and clearly defined area, effort should be made to do so. Maungawhau Domain & Tahake Reserve are good examples.
4725	I don't know	We want only democratically elected Council members representing us. No unelected Council members please. And no racially or ethnically based payments. No racially or ethnically based regulations or by-laws, advanatges or rights. Thanks.
4896	Do not support	The off leash areas are vital to good dogs health and wellbeing.

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6500	Do not support	Any dog owner should be able to access any area of an Auckland park with a dog on leash and responsibly without Maori input. We are a multicultural city and all races should be encompassed in our council plans, rules and regulations
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
199	I don't know	Don't know current rules....
1185	I don't know	It's not clear the reasoning behind this. If it is due to upholding tikanga, then I am in support. Clear signage would be important.
1589	Do not support	These are often great places to walk one's dog. If leash enforcement was undertaken and all dogs were on a a leash, changes would not be required.
1646	Do not support	What difference does having dogs walking on this area make?
1869	I don't know	Again would rather not remove access as I love talking my dog and going for walks with friends but I will respect the rules. Be clear around the rules
1936	Support	Rules should be clear and reflect cultural considerations.
1955	Do not support	why?
2073	Support	Dogs should have access - on lead - unless their presence would impact the natural environment (e.g., kauri dieback). However if that is the case humans should not be there either.
2129	Support	Dog walkers should be allowed access. Maunga are for all NZers
2178	I don't know	Unclear whether you mean "update" or "create" so not able to comment further.
2537	Do not support	Back dating rules will never end if this rule is applied. I disagree with this ruling.
3343	I don't know	The freedom of dogs should not be taken away.
3367	I don't know	Don't make it more restrictive
4084	Do not support	No changes needed. It makes no sense to restrict dog access to mountains. Dogs on leash if there are livestock, otherwise leave things as they are.
4123	Do not support	I do not understand why it is an issue that dogs under control should not go up ancestral mountains.
4350	I don't know	Update them to what?
4796	Do not support	I suspect humans are more of an issue on our mountains than dogs.
4821	I don't know	What does Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) mean?
4899	Do not support	The dog should be able to walk up the mountain if it identifies as maori
4950	Do not support	This will just be another waste of time and money and will only help you justify an increase to taxes on owning a dog.
5013	Do not support	Changes are unnecessary more advocate and campaigning for animal training would help all of these issues and more
5260	Do not support	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, its madness. Please. Look and learn from the south island.
5432	Do not support	I believe dogs should have access both on & off leash under the control & guidance of their owners. People breaking the rules should be fined or reprimanded.

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5440	I don't know	What is the update you are looking at?
5830	Support	Dog access should be restricted from Tūpuna Maunga
6170	Do not support	Should be allowed as long as under control
6470	I don't know	I don't understand what this is.
6632	Support	I support dogs being allowed on more mountains yes
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
83	I don't know	Where is the update?? I cannot find it!!!
1140	Support	I want to go for hikes and walks and bring along my well behaved dog.
1141	I don't know	I support dog walking on maunga
1166	I don't know	I don't see why dogs aren't able to access some locations. If they are under control, they should be able to go anywhere with their owner.
1363	Do not support	My wife and child are tangata whenua and would like to be able to share these places with their dogs too. Our dogs create less damage than people do.
1637	Support	Treat as all reserves are
3976	Do not support	stop taking away places we can exercise our DOGS
4146	Do not support	If the update will allow dogs, I support.
4658	Do not support	Not sure what the current rules are but, if a person is allowed to walk on a volcano mountain in Auckland, then they should also be allowed to take a dog on or off leash unless it is a predator free area or breeding site for endangered birds etc.
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
1403	Support	The sacredness of the maunga needs to be respected and not have dogs crapping on their mana
2933	Support	No dogs should be allowed.
3008	Support	Not sure what the proposed change to access rule is, but I support that all dogs to be on leash at all times on all council controlled mountains within Auckland area
4484	Support	On leash , have been approached by others dogs whist out walking my dog. Owners never except the problem to other dog owners by their dog being off leash.
4784	Support	Dogs should not be allowed on such land.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
82	Do not support	i don't support restricting access to public parks / spaces for people who want to take their dog for a walk
523	Do not support	Removal of unwanted abd un needed restrictions will take care of this.
634	Do not support	Dogs are part of this land the same as people
969	Support	No need for dogs to be there
1519	Do not support	Should be allowed on leash
1665	Do not support	Just because one group says a hill is sacred, no one can prove that and public land should be for all.
3802	Do not support	If this is to limit access then I disagree.

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4001	Do not support	Ancestral mountains- what the ***** is this? You mean public land? This is an example of Council doing what one ethnic group says regardless of who else lives here.
4571	I don't know	I dont know the current rules.
4827	Do not support	You can spend rate payer money doing more important things than this.
4934	Support	Recently I was biking up Mt Eden and found many dogs not on a lead. This is a hazard for cyclists as dogs may unexpectedly run in front of a cyclist or chse them for "fun". In addition Mt Eden is very popular with tourists who may not be comfortable with off leash dogs. As a dog owner I belive that digs should be allowed on leash in these areas.
5480	I don't know	Allow access with dogs on leash
5579	Do not support	The current rules are clear and reasonable.
5582	Do not support	Enforce breaches, but let people with leashed dogs have access. Historically kuri were on these maunga.
5652	Do not support	Mt Albert is an ancestral mountain but we love walking our dog around there on the path. We would not want to have restricted access.
6447	Do not support	This is pandering and a further tactic to erode dog owners rights
6724	Do not support	Auckland already has a lot of dog restrictions. I do not support more restrictions.
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
76	Do not support	The proposed amendment to schedule 2 below, specifically number 16 'Big King' is needless and will greatly effect locals. The status quo must remain. Big King is one of few "proper" walks available for dogs/owners in an off leash area. The fact it is much more than a paddock (which most other off leash areas are) means dogs can get real exercise and run around and play together. I regularly encounter families walking here with young children who specifically seek out the place because they know the dogs will be running around and playing and everyone is having an enjoyable time. I suspect this change as been proposed by a worker or board member who has a fundamental issue with dogs. They can feel free to stay away then. Leave one of the best walks in central Auckland for dogs as it is.
560	I don't know	I hope there's still access as in the past. I believe it's good for the maunga.
957	Support	Dogs should always be on a lead on the Maunga. As these areas become revegetated and native birds and animals are reintroduced they need to become cat and dog free.
1048	Support	Laws need enforcement too!
1544	Do not support	im not gonna lie, dogs aint gonna dig up ancestral lands, but I do agree if you would like them to be on a leash in VERY SACRED AND UNTOUCHABLE AREAS. but honelsty you might as well kill all the dogs atp since you dont want them to go anywhere.

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2184	Do not support	Dogs were around when our tipuna so of course they should have access to any grounds.
3851	Support	Dogs should not be allowed to run freely around these areas.
4064	Support	Places like that must be dog free
4582	Support	There are so many amazing areas to explore, totally fine to keep some places sacred.
5011	Support	As a dog owner how do I find out this information? If the proposed changes are to deny access to dogs in these areas more needs to be done into the physical and mental health impacts to the walkers of these dogs over the proposed damage / cultural issues that might be effected.
5618	Support	Sacred to Aucklanders not just one sector.
5631	Support	Depends on nature of the rules.
5964	Do not support	DOGS AREN'T THE PROBLEM!
6182	Do not support	Only once the full extent of the changes has been put to consultation.
WHAU LOCAL BOARD		
80	Do not support	There would have been no prohibition on kuri back in the day...
460	Do not support	Dogs should be allowed on a lead
522	Support	They shouldn't be allowed in these areas off leash
2455	I don't know	i have dogs
2819	Support	If it means more access yes definitely support this. There should be access for dogs to be walked on far more public land than is currently available. Dog owners (at least responsible ones) want the best for their animals and more places to walk them rather than just streets would be great. We pay tax and rates but get limited to where we can be on public land because we have dogs. Ridiculous.
3394	Do not support	As above
3432	Support	When I say I'm in support, I'm in support of clarifying rules. I'm not sure what updating it entails.
3549	I don't know	No dogs should be allowed on Tupuna Maunga
4025	Support	Should be allowed on Lead - as everyone is part of The "moriānuku"
4879	Support	Keep dogs of these places of retreat so people can enjoy them.
5023	Do not support	It'll be different for every Iwi to say whether they agree with dogs on their mountains or not. This will confuse people even more. As long as people are respectful when walking their dog on a mount, I see no problem. Maybe there should be more monitoring instead.
6077	Support	I think we need to clarify rules around access by humans onto historic and ancestor sites they do more damage than dogs. Dogs simply enjoy running around sniffing things and chasing shadows they don't dig up or destroy mine or desecrate ancestral lands
UNDECLARED LOCAL BOARD		
903	Do not support	Council is overreaching and complicating something that can be really simple. Dogs can go everywhere on a short leash. Including DOC areas. Special areas to stipulate no leash required.

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1914	I don't know	I want to know what they are updated from and to before submitting support. I support more access for dogs, I do not support less access for dogs.
2183	Do not support	This needs to take into consideration tāngata whenua dog owners- this isn't about equality but equity. A lot of our tāngata Māori live with the harrowing effects of colonisation of which can show in individuals through mental health imbalances. Dog ownership or just the simple act of animal interaction is scientifically proven to counter negative side effects of mental imbalances. This is not as simple as stopping our animal partners from walking in historic places. Again, solving the problem starts with the owners, not the dogs.
2652	I don't know	When I eventually found the information - it looks like there is no actual change - if so that appears ok.
2899	Do not support	However I strongly disagree to making Big King an on-leash only area. Dogs need off-leash areas to exercise and there are very few in this area already. It is a popular area for dog walkers and would be under utilised if the rule was to chang
3182	Do not support	Hello, On your online feedback form, there is no option to provide feedback for the proposed changes to off-lead dog access to Te Tātua/Big King Reserve. I walk my Dog there every day and it is used mainly by people walking their dogs, There are limited options in my area for Dogs to play and run around off lead. I have not experienced any issues with badly behaved Dogs or owners at this reserve, Please recon

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3198	Do not support	I am writing regarding the proposed changes to the dog policy and bylaws. I noticed there is a proposed change to Big King Reserve, transitioning to an on-leash policy. As a local and regular user of this park, I would like to express my concern about this change. Dogs need a place to exercise and many people don't have big yards for them. In my local area, there are very few off-leash places eg you cannot take your dog off leash at Cornwall Park or Mt Eden. Dogs should have the right to exercise and socialise. Most users of this park are walking their dogs off leash and if this proposed changes goes ahead, far fewer people will get to enjoy this park. This change is an act of animal cruelty. The opportunity for dogs to run freely is not a luxury but essential to their physical and mental well being. Restricting this freedom at Big King Reserve could impact the health and happiness of countless dogs who rely on this space for active play and interaction. The current proposal would effectively deny dogs their basic needs for exercise, freedom, and socialisation. I urge you to reconsider this decision, as the change would undermine the park's value to the community and its pets. Additionally, the online feedback form doesn't provide an option to comment on this change. This makes citizens unable to share their voice and be heard. I don't appreciate how it was just hidden at the bottom. I look forward to hearing from you promptly.
4150	I don't know	If this means further restrictions on dogs and dog owners, then no, I do not support.
5884	Support	Maori culture is always first and foremost.
6882	Do not support	I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the Dog Policy, Bylaw and Regional Local Access Rules, especially concerning Monte Cecilia and Big King Reserve.

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6940	Support	See attached. It is unclear what is defined as Māngere Mountain versus Māngere Domain. Dog rules are inconsistent and hard to follow, as there are two different rules for what is essentially the same space and playground (see below). This needs clarification. • The whole mountain (and 'domain') should be on-leash at all times of the year • Dogs should be prohibited from the playground and entire whānau ātea space (including toilets, the grass area, basketball court, hāngī pit, skatepark, surrounding pathway, slides and stairs). • Dogs should be prohibited from the sports ground (and club-rooms) and within 100m of this • Dogs should be prohibited from the Māngere mountain education centre and within 100m of this. • Dogs should be prohibited from the Māngere bridge tennis club and Scout Hall, and the grass reserve area between the tennis club and playcentre/road. • A good space for an off-leash area would be at the base on the mountain on the north side, from the top of Scott Ave to the top of Matchett Way (dogs can run up the side of the mountain for exercise and it is a well demarcated area). The base of the south side of the mountain could also potentially be used. Māngere mountain is well utilised by children in the community. Children walk around the maunga with their whānau, use the sports grounds, football club rooms, footpaths, Playcentre, Plunket, Māngere mountain education centre, tennis club reserve and club-rooms/courts, and Scouts Hall. Recent developments on Māngere mountain have been very positive, and resulted in a large number of people in the surrounding community now using the
7261	Do not support	ANCESTRAL MOUNTAINS: I am against dogs not being allowed on Ancestral Mountains. Why can they not be? These areas are meaningful to Aucklanders and dogs should be allowed to join them on these visits.