



Have your say on proposed changes to the Animal Management Bylaw 2015

Feedback opens Tuesday 8 June and closes on Friday 16 July 2021

Every day Aucklanders interact with animals in ways that benefit their mental and physical wellbeing: with their pets at home for companionship, with animals in public to connect with nature, or for recreation such as horse riding.

Sometimes the way people interact with animals causes a problem. For example, a poorly maintained chicken coop may create an odour nuisance, or the feeding of wild animals may attract pests.

How Auckland Council helps maintain human-animal bonds

We make rules about animal ownership and interaction to minimise risks to public health and safety, nuisance, offensive behaviour and misuse of council-controlled public places.

The current rules are set in [Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Ture-ā-rohe Tiaki Kararehe 2015 / the Auckland Council Animal Management Bylaw 2015](#) and associated controls.

Improving the rules about animal ownership and interaction

We recently checked how the rules are working and identified potential improvements.

Our main proposals are to:

- require an approval to keep more than two standard beehives on urban premises with a land area less than 2000 square metres (no approval currently required).
- incorporate rules from another bylaw about feeding animals on private property
- update the definitions, structure, format and wording of the Bylaw and controls to make them easier to read and understand.

Other aspects of the Bylaw, controls and their implementation remain **unchanged**, for example:

- the Bylaw continues to focus on the impact of animals on people
- matters already covered in existing legislation are not addressed in the Bylaw, for example animal welfare in the [Animal Welfare Act](#), pest control in the [Biosecurity Act and Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan](#) and dogs in the [Dog Management Bylaw](#)
- existing rules in the Bylaw and controls for which changes are not proposed remain, for example the restrictions on the ownership of stock in urban areas and conditions for riding horses on certain beaches in Auckland.

All questions are optional. We encourage you to give feedback online at <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>, or you can complete this form and return it to us using one of the options below.

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Drop your completed form off at your local library, service centre or local board office.

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Place your completed form in an envelope and send it to freepost address:
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Yes

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No

Name of organisation/business:

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What is your gender?

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Under 15

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75+

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Your feedback

Proposal 1:

Require an approval to keep more than two beehives on urban premises 2000 square meters or less

We have heard a range of views about limits on beehives in urban areas. We are seeking feedback on:

- allowing more or less beehives without an approval than the proposed two (for example, retaining the current no limit)
- limits for different sized urban premises than the proposed 2000 square metres (for example, requiring an approval for any beehive on urban premises less than 600 square metres, or in an apartment).

To own more than two hives, people would need to apply for an animal management license, which would consider factors like location and proximity to neighbours. These rules will not affect people living in rural areas.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I do not agree – there should be fewer rules
- ☐ I do not agree – there should be more rules
- ☐ Other

Please tell us why (and what rules you think should apply):

Proposal 2:

Move rules about the feeding of animals on private property to the Animal Management Bylaw

These rules already exist but we are proposing to include them within the Animal Management Bylaw rather than the Property Maintenance and Nuisance Bylaw 2015, so it is easier to find rules about animals.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I do not agree
- ☐ Other

Please tell us why:

Proposal 3:

Update the Bylaw definitions, structure, format, and wording

We have done this to make the Bylaw and controls easier to read and understand, for example by:

- aligning definitions of 'nuisance' and 'public place' with those in the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013
- aligning the Bylaw and control structure, format, and wording with current drafting practices.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I do not agree
- ☐ Other

Please tell us why:

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Please note, feedback is not being sought on –

- rules about dogs, animal welfare, pest control or environmental protection which are covered in other legislation and not able to be included in this Bylaw
- rules in the Bylaw that are not proposed to change (for example restrictions for stock animals or cats).

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