
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3M. Wenderholm Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
240	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe dogs should ever be off leash at Wenderholm.
636	I support the proposed change	I would prefer that dogs were not allowed on any walking tracks.
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. Again, if owners cannot control their dogs around stock they need a harsh fine
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
1855	I do not support the proposed change	As a dog owner we consider our dog as part of the family. In the past before having a dog we would use this regional park frequently, now we don't go as the restrictions always makes us feel like it's not worth travelling to this beautiful park and only being allowed in a very restricted area. The kids find it hard as they would love to share the beach and other picnic areas with our dog, so we just don't go. We used to explore many of Auckland's regional parks, but we no longer do because we can not leave our dog for long periods of time. I know there is a juggle to balance many factors when looking at dog laws (safety for all including wild life) but as the dog owner of a really well behaved friendly dog I feel like we are tarnished with the brush of the minority of bad dogs and owners. It has limited our life owning a dog when we thought it would open up our experiences to exploring more of the beautiful environments of our region. I feel like Auckland city dog population is getting bigger and busier, but the areas that allow them to run free with space is shrinking and reducing, especially in the central Auckland area. Please consider being more open to giving more opportunities to good dog owners to enrich their dogs life and their families by allowing more dog friendly spaces (especially off leash).
2871	I do not support the proposed change	This is an iconic family picnic location, that should mean that the family dog can join their families for a day out together. If its on Lead at specified times and location, and responsive to owner, this should be allowed.
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
3062	I do not support the proposed change	The main point is dog under control leash or off leash
4096	I do not support the proposed change	No off leash areas in this park please.
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	Auckland needs more dog off leash and accessible areas, not less.

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4538	I support the proposed change	Clarification is 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.
5251	I do not support the proposed change	Have one rule for the whole area as the demarcation lines will be ignored
6125	I don't know	My family and I never use that park because there is nowhere to take the dog for a swim. I don't understand the prohibition on swimming in the river.
6538	I do not support the proposed change	I would love to be able to take my dog on a leash for the whole of the perimeter track
AOTEA/GREAT BARRIER LOCAL BOARD		
6780	I do not support the proposed change	I SUPPORT schedules 1-3, but can on leash be considered for some areas of 4.1 & 4.2?
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
181	I do not support the proposed change	Area outlined in 1 (right side of the road if entering the Park that has a row of large London Plane trees and a fenced grass area) should be dog free or at least a leashed area. This area is heavily used for picnics and family groups [has barbeques] who prefer a park-like setting. Also walking tracks should be dog free. From experience few dog owners leash their dogs on these tracks and it is difficult to enforce. Wenderholm should be entirely dog free. The variety of rules is confusing and complex and encourages dog owners to ignore the rules on this basis.
777	I support the proposed change	The updated wording makes it very clear.
831	I support the proposed change	Regional parks should be kept clear of dogs where possible
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. Also, why are lambs more important than dogs? Most people will keep their dogs away from other animals, it is just common sense..
3149	I do not support the proposed change	Too complicated to enforce. Keep it simple with clear signage.
3688	I do not support the proposed change	AND
3762	Other (please explain below)	Allow dogs off leash
4790	I support the proposed change	More pleasant for people to enjoy

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4885	I do not support the proposed change	Existing rules are adequate.
5722	I do not support the proposed change	Still too restrictive, people should be allowed to camp with their dogs
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
350	I do not support the proposed change	Feel like rules are simple enough already
1182	I do not support the proposed change	As previously
3312	I do not support the proposed change	Owners don't adhere to the rules & this results in dogs running around without being suitably restrained.
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.
5872	I do not support the proposed change	Too many restrictions. If there are problems with badly behaved dogs then deal with the dog owners. Lambing season - yes prohibited is right.
6430	I do not support the proposed change	Not necessary.
6434	Other (please explain below)	I support 2-4 and number 1 should align to those.
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
436	I do not support the proposed change	Roaming dogs won't read signs!
998	I support the proposed change	I support clarifying current access rules, but not imposing more rules
1666	I do not support the proposed change	Again, how on earth do you manage to walk your dog anywhere if you are not allowed in the car park? What the *****?? This is more confusing than the other proposals. Free our doggos!!
2258	I do not support the proposed change	I don't want my dog on leash prohibited (with the exception of lambing season).
3636	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be on leash in all areas at all times. The exceptions are too confusing and dog owners don't abide by them. The council is reliant on the public to police it. When you are feeling threatened by a dog you're not going to recite the rules at a dog owner.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	This is unnecessarily complicated.
6317	I do not support the proposed change	On leash rather than prohibition.
6540	I support the proposed change	as long as there are tracks open to dogs to be walked on leash I support this proposal
6681	I support the proposed change	I support necessary and restrictive or prohibited access to regional parks, and their special areas for livestock and flora and fauna, bird life etc. This strikes a balance, with many of our local parks that we currently are able to enjoy with our dogs especially with off leash areas.

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HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
9	I do not support the proposed change	No dogs should be allowed off leash in public areas due to the risks the animals have. Animal behaviour is completely unpredictable and the behaviour of an animal in all situations, no matter how well trained can be predicted or completely controlled.
27	Other (please explain below)	If you are not a local to this park and use it frequently you would find these rules very confusing. As someone who is not familiar of what the areas of the park are referred to I have no idea where I can and can't take my dog.
95	I don't know	Dogs under Control should be allowed in most places in regional parks. Dogs on lead should be allowed in all places in regional parks. Regional parks are for all Aucklanders and should not be off-limits for those with dogs wanting to enjoy them
151	I do not support the proposed change	All areas should allow dogs under control and on leash at all times.
272	I support the proposed change	Seems fair
351	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on leash to walk all the wenderholm track . It's stupid we can't walk another 500mg over a hill that we are already walking on , espically considering the dog is on the leash !!! Children and people do more damage and disturb wildlife than dogs on a leash !
451	I do not support the proposed change	I think constant changes are creating confusion.
458	I support the proposed change	Same as Long Bay
518	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners deserve to have access to the beaches also. Keep it the same, dogs on leashes do not disturb other people. It's people who break the rules that are the issue. Which means the responsible dog owners would now be banned but the disruptive law breakers will still be out there doing whatever they want... Don't punish those who follow the rules.
533	I do not support the proposed change	Would prefer more access to walking tracks. The current loop is too short
566	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support increased dog access to these areas
579	I do not support the proposed change	Not sure why dogs need to go into this area. Plenty of other areas to choose from. More fenced dog parks would help
607	I do not support the proposed change	Also allow dogs to stay st the campground if they stay ON LEASH only.
680	I support the proposed change	But dangerous dogs must be on a leash with muzzle on
690	Other (please explain below)	More dog access should be granted at this park
706	I do not support the proposed change	Wenderholm should have dogs fully prohibited. Why can there not be certain do free areas? This would protect the humans and wildlife better. Also the rules would be easier to understand and enforce. There should be some parks dedicated for only humans and somewhere else parks for dog exercising.

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915	I do not support the proposed change	Rules need to be simple so easily remembered
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?
1031	I support the proposed change	much clearer- we have got confused in the past- so great.
1034	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting green spaces available for dog walking
1150	I do not support the proposed change	To much wiggle room. Saying things like don't go past that line doesn't work with dogs or dog owners. They will give you same naive response as always if caught. Oh I didn't know and often will ignore and return later.
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.
1359	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed at campground
1398	I support the proposed change	It's good they are proposing to expand the areas that dogs are allowed on leash.
1588	I support the proposed change	Safer for birds and nesting. Besides, as a dog owner I fully support non-dog lovers' right to public spaces. There should absolutely be spaces where dogs just aren't allowed.
1634	I support the proposed change	Good to have dogs controlled and on a leash in public areas
1699	I do not support the proposed change	Is this a joke you have not changed anything. This to me is just a reinforcement of the already existing rules. I feel that you are punishing responsible owners. We are very limited in where we can go. Very dissappointing
1890	I support the proposed change	Nice to have variety in the summer
2022	I support the proposed change	Dog should be allowed everywhere humans can go as long as they are under control and mess is picked up, anytime of year and day, including all tracks.
2079	I do not support the proposed change	Make it on leash at all times - people can use long leads
2140	I do not support the proposed change	Same as previous parks
2154	I support the proposed change	AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL
2168	I support the proposed change	proposed changes are fair
2265	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should always be allowed on a leash
2268	I support the proposed change	Clear and reasonable. No one will stop and read this amount of content.

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2580	I support the proposed change	Where livestock is involved, reducing the risk of harm from off leach dogs is a sensible proposal
2846	I do not support the proposed change	Taking away more places to take my dog. Maybe have better signage instead
2851	Other (please explain below)	I would like to see Wenderholm Regional Park completely dog free. This is an important nesting site for the Northern New Zealand Dotterel and the Variable Oystercatcher. I have seen dogs in the current dog prohibited area. If all access to the park is removed, there is no chance for an off leash dog to run into the current dog-prohibited area.
3433	I do not support the proposed change	No real change. The wording change would had been explained much more clearer with properly marked maps.
3443	I do not support the proposed change	This is too complicated. Rules should stay as they are
3566	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should not be off leash at all in the park - rest of proposal
3819	I do not support the proposed change	Off-leash exercise and socialisation is incredibly important. There are already few areas whereby responsible owners can exercise and socialise their dogs in an appropriate manner, taking any away i do not consider to be an appropriate action, especially without the addition of alternative off-leash areas.
3824	I support the proposed change	Doesn't appear to be much of a change.
3856	Other (please explain below)	I support most of what you are proposing, however, you need to allow picnic/beach spaces for people with dogs ON LEASH so that they can enjoy a full day at the beach/park with their dogs and family and friends. Perhaps divide the spaces into two, so there is a dog permitted BBQ/picnic area and a non dog area. All dogs should be on leash in these areas.
4435	I support the proposed change	dogs should not be off leash anywhere in bird nesting season (ground and beach)
4760	I support the proposed change	No dogs should be allowed at any time at Wendeholm
4868	Other (please explain below)	I think some of the prohibited areas could be respectfully used by dogs and owners and the signage needs to be made clearer with where you can/cannot go. It's confusing and I've been confronted before having thought I was doing the right thing but clearly misunderstood the boundaries.
4878	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash at all times and have access to the beach for swimming
4882	I support the proposed change	Children, people who do not like dogs plus birds and other wildlife do not want dogs in their spaces. Green spaces where people eat and relax.
4890	I do not support the proposed change	I struggle to understand why I can take my dog anytime under control on-leash on all local beaches and foreshore areas, local parks and reserves but not on the same foreshore areas at Wenderholm Regional Park. As example, I can walk my dog along the beach foreshore anytime at Orewa beachfront area but cannot go literally over the hill to Wenderholm Regional Park and do the same. I believe the regional rules for the grass foreshore areas at Wenderholm Regional Park and other suitable Regional Parks be amended to align with the under control on-leash policy for other local foreshore areas.

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5221	I do not support the proposed change	dogs should not be allowed off leash on beaches or in regional parks for the safety of all people, especially children and the elderly.
5430	I do not support the proposed change	Not consulted with any people who this affects
5479	I don't know	It's hard to be sure if this is more restrictive or not. I think it should be. And I think it should be prohibited to better protect livestock and people
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.
5815	I support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed at all in wenderholm. Some people are already ignoring the existing rules and I often see dogs in the main car park that have been allowed out of the car while owners are picnicking near their car
5829	I support the proposed change	Protect the birds & animals
5870	I support the proposed change	Add in the following: For all areas where dogs are permitted in some form or another, During bird nesting season 1st September – 31st March: Dogs must be on a lead at all times within a zone of 200m around a marked nest. Dogs are prohibited from entering the 50m cordoned off zone around the nest itself.
5984	Other (please explain below)	The 10.00 am should be 9.00 am and the 5.00 pm should be 6.00pm. As above dogs should always be on a leash.
6081	I do not support the proposed change	I think there should be more options for dogs to be at the park. There are already sufficient restrictions in place.
6476	I support the proposed change	Great to keep current access as less popular therefore good for taking sensitive dogs. Would be good not to have too much publicity in order to keep it a safe place for these dogs that like a quieter walk.
6752	I support the proposed change	Add in the following: For all areas where dogs are permitted in some form or another, During bird nesting season 1st September – 31st March: Dogs must be on a lead at all times within a zone of 200m around a marked nest. Dogs are prohibited from entering the 50m cordoned off zone around the nest itself.

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6866	I do not support the proposed change	The rule 'under control and off-leash' is vague, unenforceable and subject to abuse by dog owners. Wenderholm is now a pleasant and safe environment in entirety
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!!
2218	Other (please explain below)	I support everything except for dogs in a vehicle, this needs clarification -is this dogs left in a vehicle, dogs driving by in a vehicle. what if i am launching kayaks and I have my dog waiting for me in the car - this needs to be clear.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous
4378	I support the	This is a huge park that is widely used by families with small children. There is
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.
4840	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed off leash in any areas. The new rules are too confusing as to when they are or aren't allowed off leash so it is setting up for failure
5100	I do not support the proposed change	People like to visit the beach for a family picnic and a swim. It will be difficult for families with dogs if they are not allowed on the beach.
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.
377	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need safe places to exercise and socialise off lead
865	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive and too complicated

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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!!
2105	Other (please explain below)	Why dogs are not allowed off lead here is beyond me. Again - responsible dog owners - leave them alone. Focus on the problems.
2511	I support the proposed change	Clear wording
2583	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all areas at all times
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
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
4153	Other (please explain below)	I support the changes to the on-leash areas, however I would really ask that consideration be given to allowing dogs on-leash at other areas of the park such as park of the beach and/or grass areas. It's a beautiful spot for a family picnic that we simply cannot enjoy.
4592	I do not support the proposed change	Too wordy, likely to confuse visitors, who will then ignore it
4616	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be allowed on tracks and parks areas
4659	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland already has a limited number of off-leash areas, and restricting these further will only exacerbate the problem. With fewer spaces for dogs to roam freely, owners will be forced into more crowded, often less suitable environments, undermining the very purpose of off-leash parks. The joy of seeing a dog run freely and interact with others in a safe environment is a shared experience that both owners and dogs cherish. Denying this opportunity through an increase in on-leash only areas erodes not just the health of our pets but the quality of life for Auckland's dog owners as well. By reducing the availability of off-leash areas, we are not just impacting the dogs, but also the community. We are taking away a place where people can come together, interact, and enjoy a sense of community while watching their dogs play. This is a service that contributes to a well-rounded, active lifestyle and fosters positive social interactions among dog owners. It's essential that the council takes this into account and ensures that off-leash areas are preserved, not restricted, for the benefit of both dogs and their owners.
4768	I support the proposed change	Dogs need to be prohibited from the beaches to protect wildlife.
4877	I do not support the proposed change	Good for owners are responsible
5138	I do not support the proposed change	Do not support these changes . Stay as is

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5338	I do not support the proposed change	Needs further clarity edits as before. Better structure. Also lambing needs to be clearer as to implications.
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.
5897	I do not support the proposed change	Under control on-leash in the existing access areas should remain
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	Sounds too limiting for dog owners
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
5448	I support the proposed change	I support.
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		
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	I would like to see dogs on leash and under control to be allowed on the beaches.
3760	I support the proposed change	Can we make the rules simpler?? allow dogs to walk on lead any tracks in winter March to June? Wendetholm loop tracksonly. People forget what tracks etc are allowed not allowed etc .
3959	I do not support the proposed change	Not good idea
4470	I do not support the proposed change	No

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5500	I don't know	A bit confusing to understand where you're allowed to exercise your dog.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Give us off leash 24/7
5801	I do not support the proposed change	As earlier, we frequent this park.
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
209	I support the proposed change	Less dogs in parks around kids increases safety. Parks are for people not dogs.
369	I do not support the proposed change	too confusing, keep as is
505	Other (please explain below)	Generally i do support the to part of this proposal. This is restricting dog access to good areas they can cool off and get the exercise they need before continuing to be restrained. If you are prohibiting this area, what area are you opening up for dog exercise and socialisation?
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.
691	I do not support the proposed change	Just read the proposed restriction!!! They are so complicated and restrictive I feel there's no point in commenting further.
907	I do not support the proposed change	This sounds like a loosening of dog laws. No dogs should be allowed at any time
1028	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be on leash and under control at all time
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 complicated. 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
1861	I do not support the proposed change	Rules fine as they are
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.

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2864	Other (please explain below)	There should be a clear barrier between 'on leash' and 'off leash' area.
3107	I do not support the proposed change	The change is based on a redundant/old fashioned view of dogs (big & dangerous) & owners. While there are irresponsible dog owners in the minority - the majority of dogs & their owners are well trained, socially adjusted, contained, clean, small in size & socially important for the health & wellbeing of Aucklanders, A blunt instrument is being proposed that will punish dogs & owner's freedoms and our access to common spaces that are for all to enjoy. You're not fixing anything; you're neglecting to face the problem head on. The issue that should be addressed is responsible dog ownership. In Switzerland you must first demonstrate ability to become a good dog owner before you're allowed to bring a new pup home - they complete a course & take a practical & written exam. Responsible dog ownership (also in France & the UK) includes dogs allowed on buses, in restaurants/cafes, shops, museums, local parks, hotels - culturally the nation has moved on from dogs as hunters, fighters, working on farms to kind gentle creatures that are an extension of whanua. We don't go anywhere without our pup - to that end it's our freedom you're curbing, not just that of the dog. I would visit a lot more places & be more active/participatory if Akld was canine-friendly (instead of Uber Eats I'd spend my money at Akld businesses who are currently struggling). In Germany laws discourage pet owners from leaving their dogs at home for too long, In Hungary microchipping is mandatory, a program to make neutering affordable, rules to ensure every dog gets the minimum required exercise every day. In France messy footpaths were solved by adding more poop/doggy bag stations (again dog owners can subsidise the cost). Have you considered delineating dog rules based on the type of breed & size of dog? Owners paying more to register a dog in order to recoup council costs of legislating the rules seems fairer. On our affluent street we have a very large mastif owned by a family for security - he has no space to run & isn't walked, so he howls all the time. Where is the genuine Akld Council focus on the welfare of animals? I'm disappointed you're not taking the opportunity to modernise & pay attention to what's happening in your communities - the proposal
3536	I do not support the proposed change	Again wasting time. Most Aucklanders May visit Wenderholm on rare occasion. It is not reasonable to provide such detail of restrictions when many will not be familiar with the area without doing a lot of homework,. I believe the Councillors should be focused on core services only and particularly during a cost of living crisis. How much is the exercise costing?

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3618	I do not support the proposed change	In Current Policy rules under 3. Dogs are harmless if on a leash so let them be. In Proposed Amendment 4. Allow on leash for the beach, grass areas and all tracks. Dogs make a great contribution to families lives, bring much joy and getting people out walking and enjoying the outdoors. People are very busy these days with work and raising families and if dogs are allowed to go on outings with their families it makes life a lot simpler, than having to walk them separately. Which many families don't do and end up with aggressive, unexercised, over exuberant dogs.
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.
3990	I support the proposed change	Seems fair
4735	I support the proposed change	seems ok
5302	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash should be permitted
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 residents. These restrictions 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.
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.
6379	I do not support the proposed change	Under control on leash dogs should be permitted
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.

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6456	I do not support the proposed change	It becomes very complicated. The original rules are easier to understand.
6490	I do not support the proposed change	Same as before leave the rules the same
6524	I support the proposed change	to ensure no farmlife is at risk e.g. new born lambs to ensure families can relax in the public areas without having to be worried about off leash dogs
6673	I support the proposed change	to reduce nuisance and protect wildlife
6772	I support the proposed change	Sounds reasonable
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
2245	I do not support the proposed change	Nothing wrong with the current rules there work well Stop the changes
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
1357	I support the proposed change	An improved change to allow dogs in the park
1574	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few places for us to legally and correctly exercise our dogs. Rather than shoving dogs and dog owners into corners, why not make spaces more accesible to educate the pubilc and owners on dog ownership and correct dog behaviour. Again, a license to take dogs off-lead in areas or parks could be an idea. Owners can get a license (not some silly annual thing, for the life of the dog), to take their dog in spaces such as parks.
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.
2231	I do not support the proposed change	Tell ME why you are removing total access for dogs to the foreshore areas!? These new prohibitions are suffocating! How repressive!
4162	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine, do not change
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
84	Other (please explain below)	There is no change?
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.
1057	Other (please explain below)	There needs to be clear maps to help as we don't all know the beach and roads
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.

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4366	I don't know	I agree with the new changes in sections 1, 2 and 3. however prohibiting dogs from some other areas of the park, for example Wenderholm Beach, grass areas I dont agree. When out with our family enjoying the day at the beach we also want our dogs, who are apart of our family to be there too.
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
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
213	I don't know	Dogs should be allowed on leash in picnic / grass areas
638	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs shouldn't be allowed on the tracks at all - either on or off lead. Wenderholm is one of the parks I go to with my daughter as it is dog free for the most part (although we have encountered dogs on the tracks and been met with abuse by the owners when pointing out the dog access rules - and not just at Wenderholm, but also Cascade Kauri). Many people are scared of dogs (my daughter is terrified of them) and finding somewhere to go where there are no dogs is virtually impossible. Wenderholm should be completely dog free. Access rules seem weighted in favour of dog owners. There must be some places completely dog free for families to go to enjoy without fear of encountering dogs, and they need to be better patrolled and dog owners breaching the rules fined more. Cynophobia is very real and very debilitating - sufferers should be able to have safe places to go to to enjoy the outdoors.
813	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the tracks etc here if they are on a leash. Agree they should not be near lambs.
845	I do not support the proposed change	More areas for dogs should be allowed.
1185	I support the proposed change	While this makes the information clearer, the issue is it is still challenging to understand the boundaries if you are not famaliar with the area. Maps attached to the signage would go a long way.
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 sto enjoy the out doors Humans create more damage
1589	I do not support the proposed change	Council should not be allowed to dictate whether or not my dog is allowed in my vehicle. Support not allowing him out, but do not support a policy that means I cannot go for a drive with my dog in the car.
2178	I don't know	Don't know this area well - my vote goes to whichever version allows the MOST freedom for dogs to be walked, particularly off leash, under control.
2537	I do not support the proposed change	Current policy is fine as is
2558	I support the proposed change	Makes rules clearer

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2609	Other (please explain below)	I appreciate there is some access however, the restrictions are still severe given the extreme lack of other possible walks. We desperately need some forest/shaded walks for dogs in this area. Auckland council quite literally takes all the joy out of owning a dog. When I visit other regions, I can walk my dog on beautiful trails, round lakes, through forests and parks, yet here, we are forced mostly to walk out in the baking sun on the streets. Yes, we try to walk early or late, but it is already hot and sunny by 7am, and still hot at 7pm. We need more options.
3343	I do not support the proposed change	I believe prohibitions should be eased, then the rules clarified.
3367	I don't know	Map would be useful to show differences
3596	I do not support the proposed change	Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. There are already few areas where dogs are free to explore, please don't increase these restrictions. Many people are considerate and responsible dog owners and deserve to be able to enjoy our national parks and beaches with their dogs I love dogs and want to see our parks full of them!
3808	I support the proposed change	Wenderholm is one of the busiest and most pleasant parks in the area. Again, dogs are a threat to native species and can be a nuisance to visitors. Dog access and movements should be restricted as much as possible here.
3809	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is on a leash they should be able to access a track in full
3850	Other (please explain below)	Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to all paths, walkways, and beaches within this regional parks.
4788	Other (please explain below)	I want to see dogs prohibited from this area completely
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4950	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
4966	Other (please explain below)	I would rather see an enclosed fenced-off area for dogs to be allowed off-leash away from the main public park and beaches and waterways. The proposed changes do not NOT appear to be practical when it comes to restricting the dogs away from other areas of the park given there are no fences currently.
4971	Other (please explain below)	I would rather see an enclosed fenced off area for dogs to be allowed off leash away from the main public park, beaches and waterways. The proposed changes do not appear to be practical when it comes to restricting the dogs away from other areas of the park given there are no fences currently.
5164	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changed looks more confusing about where dogs can and can't go. It would be easier to have no dogs past the entrance gates. Signage should also be increased as well as monitoring compliance

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5165	Other (please explain below)	The current and proposed rules are inconsistent and ambiguous. They also put birds in the Waiwera side of the park at risk. 'Under control.off leash' is a contradiction. We support exclusion of dogs from the perimeter track.
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, its madness. Please. Look amd learn from the south island. And can u make it anymore complex??
5429	I do not support the proposed change	How about informing dog owners WHY these proposed changes are being made? And why not make all this more public , what have you got to hide , unscrupulous behaviour - shame on you Auckland Council !!! 🤔 go away and come up with some more fair & productive work , you are just bullies
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.
5901	I support the proposed change	Makes more sense. Was confused where access was allowed when I took my dog here.
6170	I do not support the proposed change	They should be allowed in the picnic area
6465	I do not support the proposed change	It appears that walkers with dogs will no longer be allowed to cross from the East to the west on the perimeter track/walk on the Waiwera Estuary. Is this because there is a short walk along the edge of the paddock between. If this is so, surely a dividing fence could installed.to continue the dog walkers' enjoyment of this publicly owned facility.
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 effect everyone
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
138	I support the proposed change	I support the change but it would require people to ensure that the people who flout the rules (because their dog is special) have some type of enforced fine etc.
304	I do not support the proposed change	The Status Quo should be preserved.
1363	I support the proposed change	Same as muriwai, this gives us more access to share spaces with lead restrictions
1814	I support the proposed change	It's good to be clear.
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
2733	I do not support the proposed change	This is confusing!

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3976	I do not support the proposed change	dont make changes that don't need to be made
4172	I do not support the proposed change	There is to few areas dogs are allowed leading to these areas being congested
4608	I don't know	Seems to make it hard for families with children and dogs to have an outing at Wenderholm
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		
2731	I support the proposed change	Clarifies where dogs can go and protects native fauna and lams and sheep during lambing season
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
713	I support the proposed change	I don't want to share other peoples dogs
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
1325	I support the proposed change	Please provide better enforcement.
1576	Other (please explain below)	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
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.
3649	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs in under control on leash in park except lambing season. Access to a safe swimming area for dogs
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.

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5579	Other (please explain below)	I support the changes with the exception of dogs not being allowed in vehicles at the boat ramps. We drop paddlers off and go and meet them elsewhere and the dog remains in the vehicle at all times in the restricted area. It is not practical to not be allowed the dog in the car.
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 Further restrictions are unnecessary. Current policy is fine. Anti-dog sentiment in council is really restricting the ability of people to exercise and socialise their dogs outside of the footpath outside their home. It's getting so ridiculous.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Herding dog owners into narrower and narrower areas is not right
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD		
560	I do not support the proposed change	As mentioned above. What damage are they doing. I suggest there is an alert when lambing is on, it's not always those dates
914	I do not support the proposed change	There is no demand from anyone outside council for any changes to the dog bylaws. This is just council staff "creating work" where no work needs to be performed on this unnecessary "project!".
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting dog access
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Focus on the feral cats
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	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.
3284	Other (please explain below)	Allow more dog access please
4930	I support the proposed change	Excellent proposed changes

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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.
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? That is a long lambing season, it is usually much shorter than 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.
850	I do not support the proposed change	There are few options as it is. What is the rationale for this proposed change?
1277	I do not support the proposed change	Too complicated
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.
2455	I do not support the proposed change	Once again, too restrictive and too complex. Lambing season restrictions are also draconian if dogs have to be on leash. Few dogs are going go after lambs.
3033	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland has extremely limited decent off lead areas for dogs. Limiting this won't stop the irresponsible owners, it just punishes the good ones.
3651	I do not support the proposed change	There are few places I can take my dog for a swim during the day. This council has a militant anti dog agenda and it has to stop. Summer is hot and dogs suffer. There needs to be more beaches open to dogs for swimming during the heat of the summer days.
4025	Other (please explain below)	should BE ALLOWED ON lead during day & all other areas of the park and associated beach and foreshore areas,
4157	I do not support the proposed change	Proposed changes are too wordy. Simplicity is the key to understanding.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
4888	I support the proposed change	Protect stock
5023	I do not support the proposed change	Too confusing. Too many details. People won't read all of this.

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6077	I support the proposed change	Again, don't use landmarks as indicators. I guarantee not many people know the difference between a plane tree and liriodendron. Use clear signage not vague landmarks
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	It's more clear
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	This is discrimination! My dog should be allowed in the same places where I go. Use tax money to have a ranger that checks dog owners that you believe cause problems.
2684	I do not support the proposed change	As per my previous notes..
4489	I do not support the proposed change	Overly complicated and further restricting where people can walk their dogs. Soon we will have nowhere left.
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	There are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leash, 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.

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6544	I support the proposed change	Support clarity without loss of access
6594	I do not support the proposed change	An update should be devoted to increasing areas for owners, families and their pets to enjoy the outdoors, not make it more complicated and restrictive for no reason. Leave the rules as they are.
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		
4517	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you doing this? So restrictive. No current issues.