
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3A. Ambury Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
64	I do not support the proposed change	There is already limited areas to walk well-behaved dogs off leash. You are penalising responsible dog owners to train their animals, pick up dog rubbish who want to walk with their family and dogs. Dog owners also have families and there are already so many restrictions on access that it is impossible. They are NOT mutually exclusive.
116	I support the proposed change	I believe that dogs should be required to be under control on leash at all times in all regional parks, in areas where dogs are allowed. Off leash in any busy areas like these parks is just asking for trouble.
464	I support the proposed change	We are dog owners but get frustrated with those who just don't follow rules.
525	I support the proposed change	Clear and concise
636	I support the proposed change	Dog owners generally do not share space well. I understand owners wanting to unleash their dogs and I support specific areas where this can be done. There is also the issue of poop left for everyone else to view and smell. I think most dog owners are good at picking up poop but if they cannot be seen then my experience is that they leave it where it falls.
647	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on beach, park and foreshore areas. There's already far few places that dogs are allowed in Auckland. For a small population surrounded by greenery and beaches we are very anti- dog compared with overseas.
770	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash should be allowed anywhere with registered owner.
863	I support the proposed change	Greater control of dogs is needed.
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.
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	It seems to be the samething just written differently.
1744	I do not support the proposed change	Please still allow dogs in Ambury.
2100	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed
2504	I support the proposed change	I support access to all regional parks for dogs when under control on a leash.
2671	I do not support the proposed change	Because there are limited amount of spaces where dogs can roam free as it is within Auckland. What about instead punishing the owners if they're irresponsible as I feel like this just punishes the dogs?

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2871	I do not support the proposed change	Agree only that they should be on least and controlled
2915	I do not support the proposed change	Well managed dogs do not do any damage to this park and I do not support changing so our well behaved dog is no longer able to access this park
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
3218	I do not support the proposed change	Its great walking area and the bird nesting area is in the park where you cant take dogs anyways. The farm area rightfully shouldnt have dogs but the rest of the area and walkways should be fine and offlead if safe to do so (not on road side)
3399	I do not support the proposed change	These say the same thing so a waste of time and resources to change it.
3689	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland has been extremely restrictive in the dog accessible areas already, not many options are open to dogs. Please support the friendly dogs with friendly policies!
4096	I support the proposed change	Allowing dogs on a leash to have access to this limited area of the park makes it safer for visitors to the park, stock and wildlife.
4324	I support the proposed change	There are native birds in this area and I've seen dogs out of sight of their owners in chaotic state.
4368	I do not support the proposed change	If this is to protect native shore-nesting birds like dotterel, i think that these species are best protected by making some beaches (nationally) entirely no-go areas, and by some ferocious predator fencing in places. One has to wonder how much effort should be put into saving a species which evolved to breed on beaches when there were no people here - now there are 5 million of us with motorised access to just about every stretch of coast in the country. I like this quote by Fred Pearce: in a world where supposedly pristine habitats require constant micromanagement to keep them going, where they are increasingly like theme parks for conservation scientists, the truly wild lies elsewhere. It is in the unmanaged badlands and novel ecosystems. The bits of nature we don't cosset and pamper. The new wild
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	Other (please explain below)	Auckland needs more dog off leash and accessible areas, not less.
4538	I do not support the proposed change	Curtailling the amount of space you give dogs in public spaces places dogs in closer proximity to one another. This creates a SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE in the risk of dog to dog aggression.
4611	I do not support the proposed change	Dog walking areas like this are rare and needed.
4627	Other (please explain below)	I can't quite understand the difference of the before and after

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4947	I do not support the proposed change	This is reducing the number of places that dog owners can walk their dogs. How is this fixing the REAL issues of dog ownership in Auckland; roaming dogs, irresponsible and abusive owners. How many people did you talk to/survey in order to decide these changes? How many of them were dog owners? These changes extend to most of the off road walking spots in Auckland. This is extreme. SORT OUT THE REAL ISSUES.
5251	I support the proposed change	Dog control is essential for the protection of native fauna
5375	I do not support the proposed change	This is for all banning of dogs in all the proposed parks, beaches etc. Dogs are such a vital part of many of our lives, they provide us emotional support, they help us get out and exercise and be social. For many the walk outdoors with their dog is much of their social interaction during that day. The more you retmatrict this the harder it will be for certain people to get to other parks that allow dogs (ie people with disabilities or limited by fuel costs etc). Also, other dog parks will become more crowded, which has issues of its own, including likely people being less able to keep track of their dog poo therefore less likely to pick it up and likely more incidents of aggression. Please don't do this, there must be other ways to meet your needs without reducing accessibility for us and our animals. Regards, responsible dog owner (don't let the few ruin in for the rest of us).
5654	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy is fine as it is stated.
5811	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash should be allowed in park on beach and foreshore . This will restrict a lot of families who have their dogs with them
6118	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed if on leash and off leash in areas without livestock or not often used by the public.
6401	I do not support the proposed change	This is too restrictive for public land. We pay our taxes, let the land be used.
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD		
1807	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be leashed but allowed
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!
3688	I do not support the proposed change	Well trained dogs should be allowed to enjoy the parks the same way humans are.
4773	I support the proposed change	Keeping dogs in leash helps keep them under control so they don't cause trouble with members of the public or other responsible dog owners walking their dogs
4790	I support the proposed change	Dogs are a nuisance with barking, pooping, running into people

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FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
62	I support the proposed change	There is a lot of native animals and birds we are trying to protect in our regional parks, therefore dogs should not be allowed in areas where we are trying to preserve our wildlife
509	I support the proposed change	On a leash with a maximum of 3 dogs is okay.
630	Other (please explain below)	Dogs are not the problem and until you address owners , something you refuse to acknowledge , things will just get worse. More areas opening to dogs will just be more areas unusable to the public. Work on policing and tidying up the existing dog areas and policies you already have before you introduce more that you can't manage.
655	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control on lead should be allowed.
906	I support the proposed change	This clearly outlines expectations for dogs in the area, especially as it is a Farm Park with other animals present.
1065	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be permitted on the coastal walkway track
1319		Lonely elderly people meet while walking their dogs. All dogs in public places should be on a lead. I walk 2 on lead, I can see when they poo so I can pick it up, but mostly are frightened at off lead dogs who may attack. Dogs have no power on lead.
1726	I support the proposed change	Having ALL dogs on leash in farm area is a good idea, keeps everyone safe.
2242	I do not support the proposed change	Because domestic dogs aren't eating birds, cats are.
3861	I do not support the proposed change	Don't see why dogs can't be on lead u der control in the other public accessible areas... especially watercare coastal walkway
3906	I do not support the proposed change	Because you leave no where for lashed or unlashed areas to walk the dog. It's very unrealistic for a family pet.
4521	I support the proposed change	There are other animals nesting in and around the ambury farm park area where the dogs maybe harmful to during these times
4560	I support the proposed change	many children (and animals) run freeleey in these areas, dogs can be dangerous and a menace
5406	I do not support the proposed change	There's only limited places dogs can go around off leash and we need to keep these available Dogs need more than just walking on concrete steets
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.
5864	I support the proposed change	If you allow on-leash access there will always be people who take their dogs off leash and there are too many animals and children around for it to be safe.
5867	I do not support the proposed change	There are more responsible dog owners than not. Taking away our right to exercise our dogs responsibly in our beautiful parks and beaches should not stop because of the few who do not look after their animals properly and have a problem with authority!

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5906	I do not support the proposed change	The rules to prevent dogs from beaches, bush walks, reserves and gardens seek only to punish good dog owners. Dogs love beaches and get a lot of enrichment from them. It is cruelty for the family to lock their dog inside a boiling hot house during summer while they go to the beach, as the dog cannot join them. With people stealing dogs to use as bait for dog fighting, dogs are locked inside houses because they are not safe in backyards.
5986	I do not support the proposed change	I am a responsible dog owner who has my dog under control on the beach at all times. I don't walk my dog at the beach during peak hours anyway because it is too hot for him. There is no need to ban dogs from these places when the whole family gets so much joy from taking the dogs along.
6347	I do not support the proposed change	I think the proposed wording is more complicated and less understandable. Keep it simple.
6430	I do not support the proposed change	No problem with off leash as now.
6434	I support the proposed change	Respect to the environment and the people who use it. Further restriction is required to achieve this.
6660	I do not support the proposed change	We need spaces to exercise our dogs
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
239	I do not support the proposed change	For high energy dogs, it's impossible to exercise them on leash. We need space to play fetch and teach them recall. Please don't punish good dog owners and good dogs by removing this off leash area for us.
345	I do not support the proposed change	There has been a huge improvement in dog owners ever since introducing more freedom. Don't go backwards
436	I do not support the proposed change	Registrations going up but you will remove our dog spaces! What do we pay for? roaming dogs don't care for the signs
823	I do not support the proposed change	Excessive to ban onleash dogs
950	I do not support the proposed change	Stop removing access to dogs
1055	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner I feel we should not be punished for the few people that disobey the rules. This policy change basically means I can't take my dog anywhere which is not fair

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1412	I do not support the proposed change	It is already ridiculously hard to find places to walk dogs ESPECIALLY if you want to allow the dog to be off leash. We claim to be a country that loves animals but there are very few places that you can actually take a dog which is crazy considering almost one third of Aucklanders have dogs. Summer is particularly difficult as it is so hot during the day, and you can't walk the dog unless it is at a beach or river where they can play in the water to cool down. However, the council continues to make this harder and harder particularly in summer. Either provide more beaches that are dog friendly and create more dedicated dog friendly off leash parks and walks that aren't small boring areas, around the whole of Auckland. Or at the very least do not put this proposal in place. You claim that the reason for these changes is to minimize risk in these areas. The reasonable solution would to be to create somewhere that people can go instead.
1456	I support the proposed change	the wording is clearer
1476	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should be allowed to go anywhere as long as they are leashed. I understand there are people that don't care about rules though. But don't let those people ruin a nice place to go, if you could bring your dog along and have them with you on a leash.
1606	I do not support the proposed change	You are taking away so many places for people to exercise their dog and enjoy at the same time. it's backwards instead of improving its just restricting and becoming unreasonable
2155	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy is good enough and there is no evidence of any negative effects of dog access
2258	I do not support the proposed change	We have a high energy dog who needs stimulation, and part of that is discovering new areas. I would support dogs on leash at all times, however a complete prohibition is far too extreme and bad for the dogs.
2375	I do not support the proposed change	Too much restrictions that are not strictly motivated by birds protection. Lack of freedom is a generally matter that matters in a democracy.
2449	I support the proposed change	Easy to understand
2556	I support the proposed change	Just too many dogs! Safety issue. Reclaim for people, not dogs!
2621	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are included in the family. There are already limited places where they are allowed and this will ONLY impact on responsible dog owners and does not address the actual concerns like dogs roaming the streets.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	You are limiting places to walk, despite charging a huge licencing fee, for no logical reason.

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3857	I do not support the proposed change	Now not so much on the bird life side of things as anyone with a brain cell knows that cats do way more damage than dogs yet you seem to do jack ***** in regards to that, but more in regards to your ridiculous summer laws I'm a local at some of these beaches that your trying to make full time lead and my dog is walked twice a day almost everyday of the year without any incidents yet I have too move over the summer period to allow families who come from afar to have a dog free beach were they leave litter break glass and I've witnessed multiple times children sqautting and laying a log on the beach to were the parents leave it even horses come and lay mountains of turds to were they don't have to pick up and nothing is done through council or wardens to punish, you guys just need to buck up and punish dog owners who have no control over there pets who bite charge or chase kids other dogs people and even the wild bird population, rather than punishing the innocent everyday users, But you won't because it's too hard basket for you and to be honest just lazy attitude to having to do your job, You should have a licence system where you have to bring your dogs training up to a standard to be able to have them in these public places and pass it, and punish those who don't and bring them out too the public places, it's really not that hard or diffrent to having a car license ***** if you guys did it right you could make money off it as that's all that really interests you shower of leaches, but like I said god forbid you did something which involved thinking and earning the wage you are given
5419	I support the proposed change	Keep it simple
6523	I do not support the proposed change	Local body heavy handedness. Changing rules for the sake of it...
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
566	I support the proposed change	To limit all the various harms badly behaved dogs cause
607	I do not support the proposed change	Make it all accessible to dogs that are ON-LEASH.
690	Other (please explain below)	More dog access should be granted at this park
745	I support the proposed change	Protect birds nesting
1026	Other (please explain below)	I've recently moved up from Christchurch which is far more dog friendly than here. I have been surprised with the lack of fenced off dog parks that's has the utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking fountains. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is seen as a socialy positive thing for communities? I currently live in gulf Harbour and we have an abandoned gulf course just wasting away. Wouldn't it be nice to purchase that land and create a space for dogs and the cummunity?
1034	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting green spaces available for dog walking

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1327	I do not support the proposed change	Need a longer track
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.
3788	I do not support the proposed change	I will include feedback just for this park
4082	I support the proposed change	Protect our, land and beaches. Keeping them safe and clean for people
5430	I do not support the proposed change	Restricts family outings and ability to have engaged and happy family dogs
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.
6485	I support the proposed change	I support clarifying the existing rules.
HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
164	I do not support the proposed change	I think this is just new wording as nothing seems to have changed in the areas for leashed and off-leash dog walking.
541	I do not support the proposed change	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!! Cats are responsible for far more bird killings than dogs! Why do Council still allow cats to roam free and be-unlicensed, un-neutered and unrestricted numbers in households?
1837	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be the ones being baned, you don't get bad dogs, just bad owners! Our dog is our child and now we will be limited to where we can take her!
2124	I do not support the proposed change	We need more place that we can go and enjoy with our dogs and family TOGETHER!
2215	I support the proposed change	Sensible to keep the farm animals safe dogs on leads are controlled

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2692	I do not support the proposed change	Please see my previous responses. Owners should be classified not dogs. Irresponsible dog owners should be limited but responsible dog owners should face no restrictions at all - other than requiring leashes in limited areas at limited times. Council needs to provide more rubbish bins in dog exercise areas.
3428	I do not support the proposed change	Is there any chance that dogs on a leash could be walked in more areas around Ambury Park.
3806	I support the proposed change	clarifying the police.
4357	I don't know	So this change looks like really you cant take your dog to this place without worrying that you have crossed some lline into prohibited areas at all times. To extensive the restrictions, how is anyone to remember that. This just says dogs and dog owners not welcome.
4378	I support the proposed change	There are a huge amount of children that use this park and they need to be safe.
4566	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks.
5100	I do not support the proposed change	It gives a dog only a short area to walk. Walking dogs are not only good for them, it is also good for the owners who walk them. If they are not allowed on most part of the area, then you are cutting their walk short which can be detrimental to their health as well as their walkers. I suggest that the dogs need to be allowed on all areas on leash. Have cameras and fine the people who let their dogs off-leash.
5145	I support the proposed change	It's easier to understand
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.
5647	I do not support the proposed change	Rules should remain as they are
6333	I support the proposed change	Dogs are nuasanse to other parks visitors. Dogs harass general public and dog owners only get defensive and aggressive. Dog owners do not respect signs and park rules, destroying native birds and contaminating grounds.
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
1400	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control and on leash with responsible owners should be allowed in all parks I pay rates for. So many times I have had to have upset children as we can't take our dog out for the day under control
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?

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1654	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control.
2511	I support the proposed change	Is less ambiguous wording
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	I do not support the proposed change	We're an active family and enjoy spending time hiking and at the beach. We have a beloved Welsh Springer spaniel is she is very much a member of our family. The current restrictions on dog walking at many Auckland regional parks and beaches, already impacts our day to day life as there are so many places we simply can't go as leaving our dog at home for many hours is not an option. Any further restrictions puts additional strain on our ability to enjoy what Auckland has to offer. Changing the dog rules will only punish those who already abide by current expectations and won't change the behaviour of those that already ignore them. But it will negatively impact how local families with dogs can enjoy our parks and beaches. Dogs need to be able to have spaces to run off-leash and release energy. If they don't, it will just lead to increased behavioural issues and boredom which will likely manifest into increased barking and reactive dogs in our neighbourhoods.
4167	I don't know	It's exactly the same. What is the need to spend money on this clarification.
4592	I do not support the proposed change	It is an unfair rule to ban dogs from public places, which are fantastic for recreation.
4616	I support the proposed change	Native birds life must be protected
4746	I support the proposed change	States clearly the prohibition upfront.
5318	I do not support the proposed change	I don't believe banning dogs from beaches or parks is the correct way forward. I will begin by saying not all dogs and dog owners are irresponsible but like anything you will always find bad apples in the mix and those owners should be held accountable not the owners that spend hundreds/thousands of dollars and hours training there dogs. Instead of taking a basic and simplistic approach to ban dogs from areas. I would suggest taking two different actions. 1. Time restrictions as a lot of popular beaches have. Both parties win. 2. Hold bad dog owners accountable. Stop avoiding hard conversation and deal with the problem head on. Instead you want to hold all owners accountable for bad dog owners. Does this mean we need to bad all drivers because a hand full are reckless? No This might result in additional work but ohh hey, you get paid for it so give us a return on our invest. Happy to come in a talk further on the subject.
5338	I support the proposed change	Clearer better worded
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

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5378	I do not support the proposed change	Well trained dogs should be able to enjoy public spaces
5509	I support the proposed change	Just a wording change
5568	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is on a leash or under control no further restrictions are necessary. Don't punish good dog owners. We have as much rights to use our public spaces as everyone else.
5682	I do not support the proposed change	These areas are great for responsible dog owners. I'd rather pay higher registration fees and see more policing than loose access
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.
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
590	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are sufficient
789	I do not support the proposed change	I regularly walk my dog on these routes & I feel the current laws are adequate.
933	Other (please explain below)	I think it is nonsensical to not allow dogs to be walked on leash inside Ambury Farm. One Tree Hill is also a working farm, and dogs are allowed there. What's the difference? I live in Mangere Bridge and own a small dog. Unfortunately, in my area many dog owners do not see the need to keep their dog contained on their property, and my dog has more than once been attacked by bigger dogs when we're out for a walk. I cannot walk in my neighbourhood without being constantly on the lookout for roaming dogs, which makes walks stressful rather than enjoyable. If I could walk her in Ambury Farm I would not need to worry.
1080	I do not support the proposed change	All you've done is reverse listed the clauses, you've made no change at all ! Prohibiting dogs from virtually all areas is unnecessarily excessive, allowing dogs under leash along the coastal walkway should be allowed.
1299	I support the proposed change	This seems fine but does not clarify about pukatutu island and the area near Ihumatao both of which the Watercare coastal walkway runs though
2150	I do not support the proposed change	Too wordy - why make it more complicated the current wording i think is much clearer.
2483	I do not support the proposed change	We pay dog registration fees yet there is nothing provided in return. Rounding up strays and unlicensed shouldn't be financed from responsible dog owners but from general rates and fines. Dogs are part of our family and go everywhere with us so restrictions also fall on family and children. They should be allowed on leash

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2695	I support the proposed change	Dogs must be to be kept away from any bird nesting areas in our park, we need to protect our endangered birds. I would include the esplanade area in this order as there are bird nesting areas here also and we have a problem with roaming, neglected dogs as well as irresponsible dog walkers who seem to think it is ok for their dog to be off a leash. I would like to see one fenced area for dogs off leads at the other end of the esplanade nearer the bridge and well away from birdlife. We also have major issues with roaming dogs threatening people and other leashed dogs in the Mangere bridge area. To make it clear to all I would specify all dogs must be on leads while walking, apart from in specific areas which are for unleashed exercise. These areas must be well enclosed so that people feel safe. Then any dogs off leads outside of these areas should be impounded or owners fined instantly if their dogs are off their leads. Mangere mountain is another area where dog owners ignore the dogs on leads signs and it can be quite threatening for walkers at times when dogs rush up to them and the owners are nowhere to be seen.
2729	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all areas.
2751	I do not support the proposed change	The key word should be under control for loop road, if your dog is well trained and under control without a leash this should be acceptable.
3484	I support the proposed change	Protects the local animal and bird population
3494	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the Watercare Coastal Walkway but on leash only, similarly to the Otuataua stonefields, and only on the track not the foreshore due to seabird habitat.
4270	I do not support the proposed change	I have no problem with keeping dogs off the farm area and environmentally sensitive areas .but the public walkways should be available to dogs on a lead ... but not packs of dogs
4321	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive. Prohibition should only be applied for protection of bird and farm animals.
4652	I support the proposed change	the park contains many animals and livestock that have been seriously injured or killed by dogs
4918	I support the proposed change	Regularly see people still taking their dogs down the Watercare Coastal walkway despite being prohibited and small signs. A number of them let their dogs off the lead if 'no one is around'. There is a regular number of dead birds and dog poo littering the area. Need much larger signs and regularly policing as this leads to the bird colony which are protected./ Roaming dogs are often down there attacking birds and then they come up to the farm and attack the sheep, people and horses.
5081	I do not support the proposed change	We need to have accessible land for dogs and owners to exercise. I have never seen one issue take place and think limiting to just the loop limits accessibility for many dogs and dog owners.
5581	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash at the beach
5680	I support the proposed change	We walk this almost daily.

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5971	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should be allowed in the Ambury Farm area as long as they are under control
6019	I support the proposed change	dogs shouldn't be near the farm to avoid disturbing the animals
6050	I do not support the proposed change	Currently dogs are already prohibited at all times from all other areas of Ambury Regional Park and associated foreshore (including foreshore associated with the Mangere Wastewater Treatment Plant), so I am unsure why need to waste more time and resources to amend. Won't council want to produce less waste?
6127	I do not support the proposed change	It's ABSURD and affects responsible dog owners.
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		
628	Other (please explain below)	I believe dogs should be allowed on leash under control on the watercare coastal walkway.
1342	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive - how many WILD ROAMING dogs are going to read this signage. Humans are they problem - not the animals. Humans shouldn't get pets if they can't keep them SAFE at home.
2629	I support the proposed change	The wording makes the access rules clearer
3865	I support the proposed change	A lot of families with little children visit Ambury Regional Park to see the farm animals so I am 100% for this proposal, for the safety of our animals and kids.
3896	I support the proposed change	Its a lot easier to understand.
3982	I support the proposed change	We must support the local ecology best we can and controlling domestic animals is of utmost importance in allowing this.
5448	I support the proposed change	Control of dogs and owners.
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		
180	I support the proposed change	Keeping dogs on a leash and restricting areas they can go makes public spaces safer for everyone.
615	I do not support the proposed change	I would love an off leash area pls
639	I do not support the proposed change	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

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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.
856	I support the proposed change	Currently there plenty of off leash dogs on the Kiwi esplanade to Ambury walkway.
1193	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in these spaces - leashed
1228	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners use this park for walking their dogs on leash. If there are issues with irresponsible dog owners then strengthen leash laws rather than punish dogs and owners who are doing the right thing. There are already so many limits on where dogs cannot go, this ban seems unnecessary here.
1768	I do not support the proposed change	Limits the ability of local people to socialise with their animals which benefits both the family/community and the animal
2335	Other (please explain below)	I support this in principle, but only if the new regs are able to be policed
2492	I do not support the proposed change	Why are we restricting dog access even more? Can't they be allowed with on leash regulation?
2545	I do not support the proposed change	why
2809	I do not support the proposed change	Because currently they're on leash and therefore under control.
2876	I support the proposed change	same rules, clarity of rules
3771	I support the proposed change	Bird habitat.. no dogs
3959	I do not support the proposed change	On leash dogs are under control of their owners Not enough places for dogs to play
4211	I support the proposed change	New wording makes areas clear.
4409	I do not support the proposed change	NZ has the most dogs per humans. Limiting dogs to an 800m stretch of land is not very big. Dogs enjoy smells and beaches and the foreshore give this. However birds should be protected so they have an opportunity to breed so part of the foreshore should be blocked Dogs are part of families. Families want to take their dog to enjoy a picnic or activity at a park and not have all these rules to consider before going out each time.
4470	I do not support the proposed change	This restricts access where there have been no issues in the past. Do not support this at all.

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4876	I do not support the proposed change	The wording is much more “anti-dog”. The original wording is clear about where you are allowed. The new proposal basically says the same thing twice in such a way that it could be confusing. Why not continue to start with the positive wording. There is no change to the policy and it does nothing to clarify the policy.
4927	I do not support the proposed change	We need more spaces for off leash dogs. A few inconsiderate dog owners risk ruining our green spaces for everyone to enjoy. Most dogs and their owners are well behaved, clean up after themselves and are safe to be around other people
5268	I support the proposed change	This is more specific and ensures the whole of ambury remains dog free
5522	I do not support the proposed change	A dog on a leash is uncontrollable.
5642	I support the proposed change	Clarification makes the rules easier to observe and enforce.
5801	I do not support the proposed change	These regional parks are a big reason why we love living in Auckland. We love to spend our weekends here in nature, getting both human and dog exercise. This would severely impact quality of life for us as we would be less likely to explore these areas. Living such busy lives, on our weekends we still need to walk the dog, and then wouldn't have the energy or desire to go out to a regional park for a secondary walk/day out with humans only. Our dog is a big reason why we love to exercise and experience nature on our time off.
6103	I do not support the proposed change	Leave the rules as they are it should not change all dogs deserve to be off leash not limited
6107	I support the proposed change	As long as the on leash road is monitored to check people follow the on leash rules. I support strongly no dogs anywhere at Ambury.
6124	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on lead should be allowed on the coastal walkway.
6181	I do not support the proposed change	No need to change the law to prohibit dogs on leash. Leashed dogs are good dogs!! More education and implications for OFF leash owners is where the focus should be.
6840	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be on leash the whole time at all park and beaches. However the dog owner currently not controlling their dog and let it run around and jumping onto children and other dogs which create safety concerns for others.
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
183	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of families. There should be more dog friendly areas not less
209	I support the proposed change	Less dogs in parks around kids increases safety. Parks are for people not dogs.

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369	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners struggle to find places to take their pooches on a sunny summer's day. I have taken my dog to some of these reserves such as Tapapakanga where she has laid under the trees and swam at the beach with us and she has been in heaven! She's a very small well-trained dog who doesn't bother anyone, and there are only a few people who drive out to that beach. We need some designated zones that give our furry friends a haven to enjoy nature away from the city centres.
447	I do not support the proposed change	Beach access should be allowed as per other areas
495	I support the proposed change	Ambury park is home to livestock and shore birds and therefore ensuring clarity in dog rules is important for the comfort of all animals
505	I do not support the proposed change	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 have dogs and that too off leash at all times. You must have consequences fir not following the rules.
542	I do not support the proposed change	The walk is lovely to take a leashed dog. Make the signage clear and enforce the policy
953	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be able to enjoy these parks
1029	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need access to the beach, there is no where else. Also greater space for the dogs
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
1167	I support the proposed change	Clearer rules
1181	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed at least on leash, it's a nice place to go for a walk. There are already so many parks and tracks that dogs are not allowed. For some people dogs are part of the family and they go together everywhere. Leash is ok, and people should clean up after dogs. Simply restricting access is "easy" fix, which will be harmful to a lot of people!
1341	I do not support the proposed change	Too draconian. Also this proposed policy treats small and medium sized dogs with the same treatment as aggressive larger dogs. Post-covid there has been a significant increase in small-medium sized dogs in families and rules need to adapt as 'dogs' under policy definition is too broad
1734	I do not support the proposed change	It's already restricted enough for dog owners, at this rate you might as well call dogs a pest
1845	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need exercise area.
1861	I do not support the proposed change	I see issue with current rules
1957	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed in all areas on a leash and off leash on the farm loop.
2017	I do not support the proposed change	will no change behaviour of bad dog owners

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2029	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and their owners need somewhere to walk dogs. The number of places dog owners can connect with nature get fit and healthy be part of community or enjoy their pet is getting ridiculously small !!!
2091	Other (please explain below)	Generally, It is frustrating that many areas are off limits to well controlled dogs. I would to see more access for dogs under "control" and much much more enforcement against dogs that are wandering, off lead when not allowed, or not under control
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.
2424	I do not support the proposed change	There is no ned to block beach access
2576	I do not support the proposed change	We should be able to walk our dogs and have freedom to attend all parks
2657	I support the proposed change	Safety of sheep and lambs
3081	I do not support the proposed change	This will kill domestic travel and tourism. Why can't better systems be in place instead of prohibiting responsible dog owners.

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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 is not a solution in these times. This is not a dog problem. It is a problem of responsibility.
3536	I do not support the proposed change	You Councillors have too much time in your hands. Over the top justification for your roles.
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.
4091	I support the proposed change	They're basically the same
4132	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting the space dog uses have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4735	I support the proposed change	seems ok
4775	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need of lead excise or issues with dog behaviour will become a major problem. I don't believe there are any issues currently so am not understanding of the need for change
5282	I support the proposed change	Birds, wildlife and farm animals need to be protected.

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5918	I do not support the proposed change	It is already quite clear
6063	I do not support the proposed change	This is crazy, dogs on a leash should be allowed in all parks. Strick rules about picking up poop should be advertised clearly. Dogs are an important part of family life. They offer companionship and in a time when people suffering in increased numbers of sanity and depression.m companionship and the outdoors are vitally important.
6116	I do not support the proposed change	Submission to Council: Advocating for Fair and Inclusive Access to Parks for Dog Owners 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
6122	I do not support the proposed change	Are you joking? You're making this beautiful area pretty much dog free. Of course I am against this.
6269	I do not support the proposed change	I believe dogs should be on leash at all times and this should include the water areas.
6310	I do not support the proposed change	I need to walk our dog

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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. 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.
6402	Other (please explain below)	Please make the signage very clear.
6456	I do not support the proposed change	This is a fantastic leashed walk. Why do we need to change this?
6474	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed and they do deserve going to any park and owners will follow rules.
6503	I do not support the proposed change	I run this park everyday and my dog keeps me safe as I run at daylight. There is no reason for dogs to be banned ? Doesn't make sense. I pay 2 x dog registration fees which helps with the maintenance of dog friendly parks. I
6673	I support the proposed change	to reduce nuisance and protect wildlife
6719	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are good enough and it's a matter of how we ensure the rules are observed. Dogs need exercise area and by reducing these areas will only lead to lack of exercise and social behavior training. This would only lead to behavioral problems.
6772	I do not support the proposed change	There's no need for change.
ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE LOCAL BOARD		
2245	I do not support the proposed change	Families and kids love the dogs being in the areas. It provides exercise and families to get out with their beloved dog
2317	I do not support the proposed change	we want to be able to take our dogs to parks beaches and foreshore areas
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
619	I support the proposed change	Mainly due to the nesting birds
838	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on walks as long as on a lead
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.

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4162	I do not support the proposed change	There are already limited parks that allow dogs in auckland, they need frequent walks. If dogs are controlled on leading this park I then I don't see why it needs to be changed?
4455	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to have access on leash with their human
4461	I do not support the proposed change	Just leave as is - the farm loop track is a great on leash walk for our dogs.
4619	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs on leash should be allowed
5060	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed anywhere on lead.
6256	I do not support the proposed change	As mentioned before, a dog on lead with responsible owners will not attack wildlife- if a muzzle is required at certain times then access should be granted if the dog is muzzled and on lead. If there are areas deemed sacred and not appropriate for animals, then I accept this as reasonable
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
558	I do not support the proposed change	dogs should be allowed on beaches at non busy times
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.
1369	I support the proposed change	I think the proposed change is clearer, although I would remove the repeated information "except on the Ambury Farm loop road" as I suspect that this will still cause issues in the future.
2327	I support the proposed change	Ambury is a significant bird (wader) site. There is too much non compliance around the bird hides and stock area with people claiming to not upstanding the rules. Clarifying these rule will hopefully reduce non compliance
2602	I do not support the proposed change	I like to be able to walk my dog responsibly in beautiful places.
3592	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and Dog owners should be entitled to acceptable, responsible, and respectful use of public land and areas for exercise and exploration. This will benefit the public with general exercise and safe areas for such activities away from roads and busy areas. Other public members tend to enjoy interacting with friendly dogs, and such proposed changes will limit this interaction and community spirit.
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.
4076	I do not support the proposed change	You are stopping dog owners making the decision where they walk there dog when the dog is on a leash it is controlled so there is no problem

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4340	I do not support the proposed change	My only comment here would be to restrict dogs access to any part of Ambury farm where there are animals. The foreshore should be available for dogs to walk and have a swim.
4364	I do not support the proposed change	A Dog on a lead under control can not cause any harm anywhere
4436	I support the proposed change	It doesn't seem to be any different to the current rules - just worded differently to clarify.
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.
5573	I support the proposed change	Seems like a classification
6212	I do not support the proposed change	I don't see any issues taking a dog for a walk on a leash as there should not be any threat to thre wildlife along the foreshore walkway.
6381	I support the proposed change	If dogs are allowed off leash in other parts of Ambury non compliant behaviour eg bothering stock or wildlife becomes too easy as there is no oversight. There is still a whole Kiwi Esplanade available to walk a dog. I would support a wellfenced off leash area to allow dogs to socialise. Even Ney York provides that option within Manhattan and it is good for a dog's behaviour to socialise naturally.
6511	I do not support the proposed change	There needs to be more dog friendly walking places in that are accessible for Dog owners in that area. Anecdotely, south Auckland has more abandoned dogs hence we need to ensure that this area is made convenient for dog owners
6602	I don't know	It seems the same
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
813	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that dogs should be allowed to be on ALL regional parks if they are on a leash. The rules are so limiting it hardly feels worth having a dog at times!
1247	I do not support the proposed change	I believe with a dog on a leash under control you should have the rights to enjoy the environment as much as any other person.human beings create more damage than dogs
1589	I don't know	Hard to determine if there are any actual restriction changes or if the wording has just been changed. Support if wording makes things clearer, do not support if restrictions are increased.
1936	I support the proposed change	The new rules are a bit confusing - are dogs still prohibited from from all other areas of Ambury Farm loop?
2178	I do not support the proposed change	Jeez, seriously - all that space and we can't we do better than 800 m for a dog walk? Not sure my border collie is gonna feel fab after an 800 m walk. These places should be for ALL New Zealanders and their dogs. They should not be so restricted. Personally I don't like children and rubbish - but we have a lot of that.
2537	I do not support the proposed change	Don't prohibit access

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2558	Other (please explain below)	I would suggest changing the order, as people who see "dogs are prohibited at all times on..." might think they are prohibited everywhere in Ambury Regional Park and not continue to read the point explaining where they are allowed under control on a leash
3367	I support the proposed change	Doesn't appear the rules have changed, do not support it as the rules are more restrictive
3541	I do not support the proposed change	Most of us are good dog owners and respect the rules. Don't penalise us!
3610	I do not support the proposed change	People are the issue as not picking up after their dogs. It is the responsibility for all dog owners and so all dog owners shouldn't be punished by this. Owners and dogs need space to run about off lead but removing this will not help. Auckland isn't dog friendly as it is and putting these in place will make it even less so
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 paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks.
4307	Other (please explain below)	As someone that's scooped up orphaned lambs on horseback and bringing them to the wool shed after dogs had gone through attacking and killing sheep overnight at Ambury Farm, and after working for years at Cornwall Park I've seen first hand the damage that dogs can do in a working farm. I also understand the difficulties of dogs separating lambs from mothers, dogs around other livestock and dogs around ground nesting birds. I would support a blanket ban on dogs for this particular park for these reasons.
4311	I do not support the proposed change	So we can no longer walk our dogs around Kiwi esplanade on leash? That ridiculous .. I am happy to retain the on leash option .
4322	I support the proposed change	Clarifies prohibitions.
4361	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland. You also stated the loving, social connection and companionship dogs provide so policy should reflect this, not the opposite.
4640	Other (please explain below)	There should be no off-leash areas in Regional Parks
4821	I don't know	I don't have enough information supplied to have a useful opinion on this.
4966	I support the proposed change	I support the proposed change to protect both wildlife and other users of Ambury Park.
4971	I support the proposed change	I support the proposed change to protect both Wildlife and other users of Ambury Park.
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 and learn from the south island.
5432	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.

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5440	I do not support the proposed change	We need more dog friendly places in Auckland not less.
5491	I do not support the proposed change	Should remain the same, no change.
5587	I support the proposed change	When walking with my grandchildren in the regional parks beach and foreshore areas I do not have to worry about stray or uncontrolled dogs approaching us. I support making the space used by animals that live at the park safer by restricting dog access.
6170	I do not support the proposed change	Because under control they should be allowed in these areas
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		
304	I do not support the proposed change	How many dog attacks have happened in these areas from dogs being walked by Professional Dog Walkers. Again irresponsible owners dogs for the most part.
466	I support the proposed change	It keeps animals, families and areas safer. Allows people to access some areas if dogs are on leads only.
1245	I support the proposed change	Bird life
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
2837	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe in the dog prohibition here.
3976	I do not support the proposed change	dont make changes that don't need to be made
4477	I do not support the proposed change	It seems obvious the park has catered for off leash area.
5349	I do not support the proposed change	The current loop is restricted and in all honesty not much of an area for dogs. Further restricting the areas around this is overkill.
5525	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas on lead, and dog owners must collect their dogs waste. To ensure dog owners are following these rules, these areas should be monitored and offences should be fined.
5702	Other (please explain below)	The original policy is clear. I don't think it needs changing
5873	I do not support the proposed change	Where do you expect people to walk their dogs?
6209	I support the proposed change	To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.

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WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		
2731	I support the proposed change	Will stop the hassling of native fauna
4893	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on lease in these areas.
6282	I support the proposed change	Just seem to be clarifying what is already the case
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
486	I do not support the proposed change	Dog walkers are responsible and ensure the safety and well being of dogs as well as the public. They do not need to be restricted or be prescribed the number of dogs they can walk.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	I do not support the proposed change	The issue is not dogs with their family, this will not stop roaming dogs.
689	I support the proposed change	Good to have this clarified
713	I support the proposed change	To many dogs and owners and making these parks not fit for people and are out of control
965	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs which are under control and on leash, should be allowed to access all public areas of the park
1148	I do not support the proposed change	It's too restrictive for dog access
1220	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash
1576	I don't know	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 dog 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.
1612	I do not support the proposed change	I know there are irresponsible dog owners and they are probably the same irresponsible parents, but don't drag everyone under the same umbrella. If someone makes a mistake in Council, do you want EVERYONE to be sanctioned? NO. There are many more responsible dog owners. There will also be people who refuse to pick up their dog excrement irrespective of whether it is a park or on the side of the road. Again, STOP sanctioning EVERYONE.
1833	I support the proposed change	The proposed changes are clearer and more specific

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2095	Other (please explain below)	This answer applies to all aspects of the 'off-leash' changes. I believe we need more not less off-leash dog areas for the reasons below. The answer lies in the policing of owners who must be held to account if they do not have their animals under control. It is essential that we retain off-leash areas for public use because: 1) Puppies and their owners need socialising. As with children, supervised play is important for the dogs' development. Dogs which are not socialised or adequately exercised often develop aggressive/anti-social behaviours 2) Off leash dog areas become meeting places where strangers from the community come together to interact. In an increasingly online world this helps with human connection and combats loneliness. Supervising dogs playing together is a totally different experience to the leashed experience of cursory greetings whilst the dogs sniff butts in passing. 3) Owners who have good dog handling skills share their knowledge with newer and/or less competent owners. 4) Bigger dogs especially need to stretch their legs. My (very well trained and socialised) pointer needs at least an hour of running each day and this exercise cannot be achieved on leash. Set the expectation for owners to behave well rather than ruining the experience for everyone. Use signage and social media to emphasise the required behaviour (ie better signage showing that dogs must be under control at all times and you must pick up after your dog). Empower dog control officers to issue hefty fines to owners who do not have their dogs under control. Spend some of the Council's massive comms/PR budget educating dog owners and encourage people to become licensed responsible dog owners rather than punishing the majority of us.
4044	I do not support the proposed change	Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off leash areas would be far more beneficial than an outright ban.
4067	Other (please explain below)	It would be lovely to take dogs on lead along the coastal walk way.
4767	I do not support the proposed change	I think there should be some onleash areas available to walk a dog on the beach/foreshore
4934	I support the proposed change	I understand that the area is significant for birds when migrating. I often cycle there and dogs off leash can be a problem.
5582	I do not support the proposed change	People travel a long distance to be here. An 800m track is nothing. May as well walk back and forth in front of a dairy on the footpath. Let dogs be a part of life for heaven's sake There are so few places dogs are allowed anymore. An 800m fenced road is completely ridiculous. Leashed dogs are under control.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	People should not be punished for having a companion
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101	I support the proposed change	Dogs and their owners can be a danger to walkers, farm animals, and native wildlife. The latter must be prioritized at Ambury. Dog owners can be more menacing than their dogs at times, unwilling to obey rules and using mobile phones to pretend they don't see their dogs defecating, or acting out of control.
122	I do not support the proposed change	I think this is a clunky solution to irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs off leash and don't have control/consistent recall of their dog, and don't well socialise their dog, and the proposed changes greatly affects all responsible dog owners. Unfortunately, I think there needs to be more 'legislation' around dog ownership (for example needing to pass a basic test to get a dog ownership license) and enforcement around irresponsible dog owners (non-registered dogs etc), as opposed to clunky restriction to public parks.
370	I support the proposed change	Leashed dogs will not have the chance to upset the animals at the farm
560	I do not support the proposed change	I suggest on beach before 7
948	I do not support the proposed change	how do you expect to have a dog run to burn energy if they must be on a lead at all times. As someone who isn't able to run this isn't possible if they have to be on a lead
1157	I don't know	It is unclear that there is any practical change except in wording. Appreciate this may be needed for bylaw consistency so if that is the case, I would support the change.
1379	I do not support the proposed change	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.
1601	I support the proposed change	Stricter rules are needed to protect bird life & walkers & cyclists.
1732	I support the proposed change	Clarifies the areas where dogs are allowed on leash
1910	I do not support the proposed change	the current state of rules are fine.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	This is better I choose current policy rules
2185	Other (please explain below)	I feel very strongly that it is already very difficult to find a place to (legally) walk your dog within parks & beaches. I urge you not to make the rules more restrictive in this regard. I am happy to walk my dog on a lead, so if adjustments need to be made, I suggest restricting off-lead dogs and requiring them to be on a lead as an alternative to outright banning. 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.

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4779	I don't know	That doesn't clearly describe any changes, I can't actually tell from the description what is being changed
4942	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are not just pets, they are family members and a way of life. Limiting the access areas will dramatically impact the wellbeing of the dogs and their owners. In a society impacted by obesity why would the council make it more difficult for people to exercise with their dogs? Why in a society where we are wanting to get people out of their vehicles would you force people into cars so they can drive their dogs to outdoor areas to walk their dogs. Look around the world and you will see sophisticated societies increasing access to dogs not reducing. Do not impact the social interaction of the dogs, the exercise and fresh air opportunities of their owners. The parks and open areas need to be for all New Zealanders not just those without a dog as part of their family. The areas and hours they can be walked are already restricted enough. We should be increasing access not reducing.
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.
5125	I support the proposed change	Where there is livestock and wildlife areas there must be strict rules on dog access.
5358	I support the proposed change	Because I am scared of dogs and this will help me
5624	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in this part, They are part of NZ culture.
5638	I support the proposed change	Having the prohibited part first seems to make better sense.
5788	I do not support the proposed change	Too restricting. Dogs need to run and allowing this also brings a lot of people to the park, creating a strong community vibe at the local parks AND providing exercise and mental well-being to people as well as the dogs. Most dogs do not get the exercise needed on a lead. Still important, however, to have rules in place to ensure threatening dogs are restricted (as agreed on above).
6331	I do not support the proposed change	Why the dogs are prohibited at all times on – all park, beach and foreshore areas (except on the Ambury Farm loop road); and dogs must be allowed in public areas freely, especially beaches and parks and shopping malls.

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52	I support the proposed change	Makes good sense.
135	I do not support the proposed change	Walking dogs on the beach or on trails is very popular and good for the dogs health and energy development
460	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are a key part of families, wellbeing and health of people. The thousands of People and their in control dogs should be allowed to use public spaces. You are proposing to punish the many to control the few. We need to keep dogs on leashes and under control which means policing it. It is clear that Animal Management and regulatory officers do not have enough resources to ensure the few people who don't follow the rules are reprimanded.
728	I support the proposed change	It's safer for the kids to use the park, especially when there's no confined areas for kids/dogs where they can't be isolated from each other.
2034	I do not support the proposed change	I think dog friendly areas are already so limited and for people who control their dogs and are doing the right things, we should be allowed the same areas and maybe have it more controlled and more fines so the people not respecting will start to...
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	I can't see how this is a rational change. A dog, on a lead, is not going to have a large impact on this area. However restricting people's options for exercise with their dog is detrimental to community wellbeing. This feels like pointless bureaucracy rather than a change for the good of the community.
4157	I do not support the proposed change	The wording structure has changed and yet it is stating the same thing. Why change the original
4281	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash under controlled should not be restricted further as they pose no risk to the public or wildlife. There just needs to be increased enforcement of off leash dog walkers who need to be fined on the spot.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety!
4888	I support the proposed change	Sadly there are a lot of irresponsible dog owners who do not adequately control their dogs and allow them to soil areas.
5023	I do not support the proposed change	I like the colours but the rest of the information is too confusing (there is too much of it). People will need to read everything and they won't. It needs to be clear and concise. I would keep the same information the same but highlight 'prohibited' in red and 'under control on a leash' in orange as the new suggestion. I will copy this feedback for the rest of the parks as I've had a read through all the parks and changes and I share this sentiment for all parks.
6077	I do not support the proposed change	It's too limiting for dog exercise
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627	I do not support the proposed change	Regulation changes override public consent and community freedom of movement
903	I do not support the proposed change	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.
1222	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are an essential part of our lives and we want to be able to take them with us. Most dogs are totally fine and I don't think it's fair that complaints about a few dogs that their owners failed to train properly, cause a these restrictions for everyone! Auckland is already one of the most pet-unfriendly cities. Your proposed changes would make it worse and take away part of our quality of life! And our dogs' for that matter!
1875	I do not support the proposed change	Dear council I am writing to urge you not to ban dogs from our beloved regional parks, beaches, and public spaces. As a vibrant part of our community, these natural areas should be open to everyone, including responsible dog owners, who are an integral part of our society. Why Dogs in Parks Matter: 1. Health and Well-being: Dogs are not only wonderful companions, but studies have shown that walking with dogs encourages more physical activity, which can help combat the rising rates of sedentary lifestyles and chronic diseases. These outings promote better mental health, lower stress levels, and a deeper connection to nature—benefits that extend to the whole family. 2. Economic Impact: Dogs help generate revenue for our parks. Local businesses benefit from dog owners spending on pet-related products, pet services, and park fees. Tourism also sees a positive impact as people often choose destinations where they can bring their dogs, boosting the local economy and increasing the sense of community. 3. Social Responsibility: Responsible dog ownership is a core part of being a good community member. Many dog owners are highly committed to respecting public spaces—cleaning up after their pets, keeping dogs on leashes when required, and ensuring their pets do not disrupt others. Banning dogs punishes those who are mindful and courteous, while the real challenge lies in enforcing responsible behaviour. Ensure you are fining and implementing consequences for those who
1914	I support the proposed change	The new change is clearer of current rules.

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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.
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.
4329	I do not support the proposed change	Too many rules n not enough dog walking areas
4489	I do not support the proposed change	Fewer and fewer areas are being made available to dog owners. I am sick of travelling miles away so that I can take my dog for a walk.
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?
5103	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are unreasonable and unneeded. They will not help with the actual issues we face with roaming dogs, and only punish responsible dog owners
5330	I do not support the proposed change	They are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leesh. 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.
5514	Other (please explain below)	Add in a map to make it clearer.
5787	I support the proposed change	Effluent is discharged from the Mangere Wastewater treatment plant into the Manukau Harbour, Dogs could be at risk of exposure to contaminated water. There is nesting seabird colonies along the walkway, also there is native trees providing food and shelter for birds residing and migrating
6058	I do not support the proposed change	This puts more limits to the dog access which make Auckland even a less pet friendly place than already is.
6178	I support the proposed change	It seems like only the wording changed.
6544	I support the proposed change	I support clarity of wording to help all dog owners be held accountable to following the regulations. Shitty owners ruin it for good owners

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6594	I do not support the proposed change	Dog walking areas are already limited. By restricting areas where families can take their dog and enjoy a family outing we are making it harder for families to enjoy time together which will increase absence from nature for many families. Owners control their dogs in these area, but should be allowed to enjoy the parks in an unchanged fashion. As rate payers they have a right to enjoy the parks. Their rates as well as the dog registration money ought to be enough to buy them the right to exercise themselves with their dogs in these park without any changes to the bylaw/law..
6940	I support the proposed change	This is an excellent example of appropriate leash-legislation within a recreational park. This will protect animals, wildlife and children (often young) who attend. Of note, a roaming dog recently killed a horse at the nearby Pony club. My own daughter and son volunteer at the farm feeding the animals. I am very grateful for this change prohibiting dogs.
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4517	I do not support the proposed change	Ridiculous, unfair and unnecessary. As the rest of the world gets more dog friendly why would we become so ridiculously unfair to our dogs?!
5410	I support the proposed change	It is just clarifying the current rules
5426	I do not support the proposed change	Other than the obvious impacts on the health of dogs and their owners (!) these are big changes that do not meet the criteria of the Dog Policy 2019. Much of what has been suggested as 'findings' is merely a statement of what is happening already, and in many cases completely wrong interpretation of councils own survey. Most of what has been cited as 'structural change' and 'significant risk' are in fact minor changes, if any, or low-impact issues (by councils own findings). The way the policy works is that Council and Dog Management are supposed to manage the low impact issues from irresponsible dog owners through better education and direct intervention, not massive changes to access. The policy is NOT designed to enable mass changes to dog access without significant reasons and due consideration to alternatives and/ or providing other places – neither of which are present in the proposal. In short, these are 'issues' that could and should be managed with a few good signs and better management of irresponsible dog owners, not sweeping dog access changes for the vast majority of responsible dog owners!
6428	I do not support the proposed change	NZ is already behind the rest of the world when it comes to allowing dogs in public spaces. Look at Europe for ideas. Dogs there are part of normal life and it is not a problem.
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6845	I support the proposed change	This is much clearer wording.