
Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

Q3 Regional park dog access rules

(Q3K. Te Ārai Regional Park)

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ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD		
375	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
636	I support the proposed change	I want dogs away from beaches.
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	much clearer
2239	I do not support the proposed change	Te Arai South to Parakai Beach is a 10km stretch of coastline. It's a considerable distance of inaccessible coastline to most local residents and the Aucklanders alike. For part of this coastline, New Zealand Dotterels call it home for their breeding season. For the other months of the year, it's an isolated treasure that many people and their canines enjoy for exercise and pleasure. I do not support the proposal to turn this stretch of coastline into a no-dog zone. I do not find enough evidence or justification provided from Auckland Council to substantially support this decision and believe this section of the proposal requires further information to be provided to the public to adequately justify the removal of dogs from the beach and foreshore areas. One of the reasons for the proposal is to "protect wildlife (including dotterels) on coastal areas between Te Arai and Pakiri". Without any additional specification of the wildlife species requiring protection within this area, I can only determine that the NZ dotterel population is the reason for the proposed prohibition of dogs. There is limited research on the NZ Dottrels and their breeding behaviors available. Only 6% of the population inhabit the area between Mangawhai Sandspit and Te Arai Point. Of the available research, studies refer to the destruction of dune habitat as a leading cause in the decline in population of the dotterels (Lord,2001). The modern development of Te Arai's coastline is undoubtedly impactful to the habitat of dotterels and this construction is only increasing with large residential properties now becoming a characteristic of this shoreline. Consented by Auckland Council, there seems to be an off-leash approach to the expansion of development along the dunes. It's been studied that the local decline in the number of breeding NZ dotterels is correlated to the loss of breeding areas due to dune stabilisation and housing developments (Cumming, 1991). Yet despite the documented impacts of construction, this proposal seemingly offers that the solution to the Dotterel breeding problem is the creation of a dog-free zone. The success of this proposal relies on the compliance of a long-standing
2358	I support the proposed change	The changes sounds great, keep the dogs out of the dunes and away from paths, birds, people etc!
2781	I support the proposed change	Increased clarity

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2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
2990	I do not support the proposed change	For reasons already provided
4412	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support any further restrictions on where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk. There are so many restrictions already! The focus should be on education and licensing, not access.
4538	I do not support the proposed change	Why lessen the number of places people can take their dogs to. This fall on effect of this is that dogs will end up in closer quarters in the places they are allowed to be and this is problematic for behavioural issues. It also makes life hard for dog owners.
4721	Other (please explain below)	I would support this change with the exception of 3c its quite ambiguous
4822	I do not support the proposed change	Hi there, The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ...” I agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. However, I strongly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. - This proposal goes against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw. - This proposal would mean that around a 20km stretch of the beach running from Mangawhai through to Pakiri would have a dog ban, leaving the entire dog community with nowhere to run their dogs. - Te Arai South is a real meeting point for the locals and their dogs. - We never see dogs on the sand dunes, they only swim in the ocean and run along the beach. - There's no evidence of dogs affecting wildlife. Te Arai North already has a dog ban to protect the Dotterals. - The proposed quarry "off-leash" area is, in my opinion, futile. It's a tiny space with
4947	I do not support the proposed change	This is reducing the amount of space available for off leash walking. I do not support this. This is the only off leash beach that your constituents can enjoy with their dogs for miles. These proposed changes are infuriating.

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5811	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash should be allowed on Beach . But prohibited from sand dunes .
5840	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach should be accessible for dogs for people who exercise with their dogs and mountain bike but also as a designated off leash dog beach.
6194	I do not support the proposed change	Large beach - provision for dogs should be provided.
6505	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules are a good balance. Forest beach in particular is a great place to walk dogs, and apart from surfers isn't that busy over summer. Please confirm to allow dog owners to enjoy this off leash with dogs
6822	I do not support the proposed change	No, dogs should be fully permitted off leash on forestry beach. This is a big beach and lots of room to spread out. There are so few beach's that dogs are allowed off leash on the east coast and this should be one that is reserved for this. There should be some allocation of beach Soave for dog use. This is overly prohibitive for an area that can easily manage off leash dog use with dogs under control.

DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD

17	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few beaches in the area where dogs have always been welcome. I
831	I support the proposed change	Dogs are a constant issues in regional parks with young children and native animals
1954	I do not support the proposed change	You allow some rich white people to cut down all the trees at Forestry Beach for a golf course but won't allow dogs, how backwards!! 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.
2107	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry is the best place to run dogs in our region. It's often empty and provides an important part of my families wellbeing to walk our dog in this place.
3149	I support the proposed change	To protect endangered wildlife and their habitats. Enforcement should be encouraged particularly during the breeding season. August to March.
3688	I do not support the proposed change	AND
3762	Other (please explain below)	Allow them on the beach

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3897	I do not support the proposed change	There is very little off leash space in Mangawhai/Te Arai for large dogs to have a good run due to kiwi and other birds coming back to areas (mostly bush walks). We took our dog to Forestry for years to give him good exercise where he could run along the beach without being on a leash. We have never seen dotterals close to the carpark when taking our dog for a walk. The dogs we do see on the beach are under control and close to their owners. The quarry area that is proposed for where you can take dogs off leash, is too small an area for large dogs. Keep the beaches as they are. If there are dotterals nesting along the coast, perhaps put signage up as to where they are so dog owners can put their dogs on a leash nearer the nesting areas. It is a large space from Te Arai to Pakiri. Te Arai beach is a no go zone for dogs and is a much popular beach so leave the Forestry beach for families to enjoy with their pets. I think Council's are better spending their money trying to control the increasing issue of wild dogs roaming free, who are causing more damage and spread of diseases such as Kauri Die Back, than not letting dogs and their families enjoy one less space they can have fun.
4743	I do not support the proposed change	I believe dogs should be allowed to run free along for beach at Te Arai South beach . It would be okay to say they should be on a leash between the carpark and the waters edge. There are many larger dogs in this semi rural area which need a lot of exercise and it is wonderful to see how they enjoy the freedom of running along the beach and swimming in the sea. it is also an opportunity for locals to socially and for the dogs to do the same! I believe there are no Dotterals nesting at the South end of Te Arai, Forrestry Beach and so feel it is unnecessary to make any changes.
5129	I do not support the proposed change	same as before
FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD		
350	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is absolutely amazing for dogs! Its one of our fave places to get away to and enjoy.
655	I do not support the proposed change	I think on a lead under control is okay at this park.
1314	Other (please explain below)	I don't agree with the off leash. It should be on leash only
1336	I do not support the proposed change	Why should dogs not be allowed on this beach? It's huge.
3861	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think dogs should be banned from Te Arai or forestry beach... we regularly walk our dog here on leash
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.
6088	Other (please explain below)	Waterbodies and parks provide enrichment, socialization, and stimulation, all of it contributing to a well behaved dog; council should attempt to increase dog access instead of reducing it.
6430	I do not support the proposed change	Te Arai is a long virtually unused beach most times of the year. Not necessary to change existing rules.

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6434	I support the proposed change	Clarifies existing restriction which is clear
HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD		
832	I do not support the proposed change	Why can dogs not go on the beach off leash? Protection of bird life is important but that is not mentioned here as a reason.
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.
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
2258	I do not support the proposed change	I don't want my dog on leash prohibited.
2375	I do not support the proposed change	Too complex. Impossible to follow...
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
3611	I do not support the proposed change	There is already a really small number of beaches dogs are allowed as it is. It makes it impossible for responsible owners to have access to beaches in summer time with pets. This is not fair for those who are responsible for their pets.
3790	I do not support the proposed change	This is over complicated and will lead to mistakes being made.
3829	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are controlled on-leash, I don't see an issue with dogs being on the beach. Again, good owners are being punished because of a few bad owners who let their dogs off leash or who have them on leash but aren't paying attention. Why don't you just punish the bad owners instead of punishing us all?
5419	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should be allowed on the beach
6317	I do not support the proposed change	On leash rather than prohibition. Human recreation and dogs go hand in hand.
HIBISCUS AND BAYS LOCAL BOARD		
566	I support the proposed change	To limit all the various harms badly behaved dogs cause

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607	I do not support the proposed change	I STRONGLY OBJECT. THIS DENIES FURTHER ACCESS!!! You are further discriminating against dog-owning ratepayers by further denying access to public shared spaces.It's too confusing and discriminates against dog-owners unnecessarily. Make it all accessible to ON LEASH DOGS ONLY.
690	I do not support the proposed change	More dog access should be granted at this park
814	I do not support the proposed change	For Auckland Council Governing Body - Forestry Beach (Te Arai South - Regional Park) I OPPOSE the proposal that Dogs are PROHIBITED from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and tracks & campgrounds (for example coastal tracks), and on any roads and parking areas used in accessing Forestry Beach and it's associated foreshore and coastal tracks as above. I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: That dogs have OFF LEASH AT ALL TIMES access to/from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and tracks & campgrounds (for example coastal tracks), and on any roads and parking areas used in accessing Forestry Beach and it's associated foreshore and coastal tracks as above. REASON: Along the 24.5KM coastline from Goat Island to Te Arai Point council are proposing to remove all Dog access (As part of this review Pakiri Beach adjacent to the regional park is also being proposed to move to PROHIBITED from the current OFF LEASH). I believe that retaining dog access to Forestry Beach would be the best location and option for dog access along this coastline. It would future proof for growing needs from the local population of dog owners and for visitors with dogs. It would
1026	I do not support the proposed change	I recently moved up here from Christchurch which is fairly dog friendly and I'm surprised at the lack of fenced of dog parks with utilities like bins for dog poo and drinking stations. Don't you think creating spaces for dogs and owners is a positive thing for communities? I live in gulf Harbour and we have no where to take them up here other than parks and beaches. Do you expect them to live in a backyard their whole life?
1034	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting green spaces available for dog walking

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1118	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing the area where locals can walk their dogs will cause an increased risk of dog incidences if they cannot have the space. A suggestion would be maintaining the northern end of forestry for dog walking but make the southern end dog free to protect the birds. Reducing access to these areas makes it harder for locals and should be retained to some extent while protecting the wildlife at the same time
1137	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to go anywhere if under control and have good recall - it's more about the owners they should be fined if they don't pick up poo or if dogs are not well behaved
1150	I do not support the proposed change	NO DOGS. After the devastating development of the golf course on the dunes give nature a chance, keep the dogs off the beach and surroundings. areas
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.
1518	I do not support the proposed change	It is too confusing and will be abused. Almost impossible to enforce. A simple ban is more direct.
1819	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times.
2140	I do not support the proposed change	Same as previous parks.
2268	I support the proposed change	Clear and reasonable.
2435	I do not support the proposed change	As long as they're on leash and under control I think dogs should be allowed to visit these areas.
2547	I do not support the proposed change	The dogs and owners enjoy the beach and are respectful of others. As not all beaches allow this, dog owners understand this is special and treat it as such.
3836	I do not support the proposed change	There is no need to exclude dogs from Forestry Beach. Having spent many years walking this beach I have never had any issue with dogs being off the lead. Quite the opposite, I have seen so many families enjoying summer days swimming and playing with their dogs (myself included) at this beach. It is one of the very few spots in which we can do this, currently I drive for an hour each way in order to visit Forestry with my family and dog. Please stop penalising us and stop these restrictions you are trying to impose. So many people have dogs these days and the majority are good mindful owners.
4620	I do not support the proposed change	I support North Te Arai but not of the southern beach. If restrictions were to proceed they should not be blanket and could follow other restrictions e.g. dogs can free run before 10 and after 5 and anytime in winter

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4664	I do not support the proposed change	Hi , I am writing in to STRONGLY DISAGREE with the proposed ban on exercising dogs on Forestry Beach south . This aggressive approach to further restricting dog owners to beach access along this stretch of coastline is yet another act of Auckland Regional Councils approach to the "Risk Adverse" attitude to exclude the proportion of society that loves to enjoy the outdoors and exercise with their dogs. Anyone who goes to this stretch of beach would see the enjoyment that dog owners get from socialising and walking along this stretch of beach, which most would only walk for the first kilometre south , and is nowhere near the endangered Fairy Tern nesting area . If Auckland Regional Council is ***** Bent on putting dog restrictions in place then a compromise would be to erect , as they have done everywhere else , signage at the beach entrance and further south along the beach as approaching the Nesting Area to keep dogs on a leash in these areas . This totally negative approach to make dog owners enemy No. 1 has got to STOP . There are many other factors that are contributing to the endangerment of the Fairy Terns which have not been addressed by this council and that is the continuing development activity that is going on directly behind the Sand Dunes . Thankyou
4851	I do not support the proposed change	There should be at least part of the beach with dog access. It's a huge beach and is not busy at all. And dogs are being ban but not fishermen? Fishermen do more harm to the wildlife then dogs. We need some space at the beach where dogs are allowed.

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4904	I do not support the proposed change	Very strongly do not support!! Leave Forestry and Pakiri beach alone! Council is already responsible for law changes allowing machinery to destroy the foreshore and beauty of Pakiri beach and Forestry (south of TeArai point). Rules to push out campers at TeArai north and south TeArai and these proposed rules restricting open community use of our beaches is another disgraceful example of a few wealthy golf lovers and foreign investors manipulating our home. TeArai north appropriately protects nesting birds which is respected by the community. For many years Forrstry (Sth TeArai point) has been one of the only natural environments for all to enjoy including with dogs and horses. We still use the beach with our kids and dog and the wider community still enjoys what's left of the beauty of this space, which works very well as it is. Due to the large extensive open space of Pakiri beach (Forestry) the current rules work well for our beautiful environment and the community work exceptionally well together under the current rules. There is no need to make changes other than to satisfy further political manipulation of local council by wealthy golfers and foreign investors. Most of the year there are hardly any people or pets on the beach, other than those walking with their dogs or riding their horses in an environment unlike any other. Leave this alone and make your rule changes closer to the city and the more densely populated city beaches. Your proposed changes are not welcome.
5221	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be prohibited from beaches and regional parks for the safety of people
5385	I support the proposed change	This is 1 of NZs most beautiful areas Keeping it as close to natural as possible Limiting the impact of changes to the environment by dogs and dog owners Leaving the beach to recover each day from so many
5430	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive and depressing, for those who need to get out to exercise their dogs it's just hopeless

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5602	I do not support the proposed change	as a regular use of forestry beach for surfing and walking my dog, I don't support the proposal at all. If you are serious about wildlife protection - then stop the sand mining along that coast all together as that has a far more detrimental effect on the environment and birds than a few dogs and owners walking down the beach. I've also seen people walk through nesting areas, its not an behaviour exclusive to dogs, so if you really believe in protecting the birds, then close the beach off entirely. You would say that this is extreme and I agree, but banning dogs is not an fair solution as there is no guarantees the birds will not be disturbed by humans and/or horses going up and down that beach. In addition, for people who live local to the area, Parkiri is being removed as an option, the access to walks around Te Arai beach have slowly gone, and if you remove Forestry beach access, you leave the locals with NO alternatives to allow dogs to get effective exercise, socialisation and fun, which they need to have in order to be content and well behaved. As a meet in the middle- I'd suggest allow dog access on Forestry Beach for 1km from Forestry beach south, and past that point ban access for all foot traffic - (human, horse and dog)
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.
5904	I do not support the proposed change	This part of beach is well known dog beach - which to add is one of the only beach dogs are allowed in summer. We have be coming up here for years with our dogs and this would be such a shame to lose. Its out of the way so i just dont see the issue having dogs here!

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6348	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the proposed amendment policy (Schedule 2) wording in relation to subclause (3) on prohibiting dogs to Te Arai Beach South/Forestry Beach. Forestry Beach is one of the last beaches on Auckland's northern coast that dogs can access. Noting that other significant beaches such as Tawharanui, Pakiri and Te Arai Beach North prohibit dog access to the beach and/or regional parkland, there are extremely limited options to take dogs to Auckland's northern coast beaches that are within an hour's drive of the city. As a family, we enjoy taking our dog on regular surf trips to Forestry that provides for both their wellbeing and for us after a week spent at home due to work and school commitments. It is noted that the '2024 Statement of Proposal to amend dog policy bylaw' states that the reasons for the proposal are to protect wildlife. However, this seems questionable when Forestry is used for horse riding. Although dogs may present a risk to wildlife (in particular nesting birds such as dotterels), horses are likely to have greater harm to nesting sites and/or young birds on the beach. It seems to make little sense prohibiting dogs from Forestry when horses are still permitted. Furthermore, it is unclear as to what evidence there is to the extent that dogs are affecting wildlife at Forestry and as to how much protection is in fact required. In addition, Forestry is extremely popular with day trippers that mainly utilize the northernmost 500m of beach where the best surfing and swimming is (and also where dog access is mainly concentrated), which no doubt already influences nesting patterns of birds. It doesn't seem to make sense to raise concerns over wildlife protection when human use and interaction is undoubtedly already affecting and influencing their use of this section of the beach. In essence, the anthropogenic influence that already exists is likely to have more affect on wildlife than dogs, of which will not change even if dogs are prohibited. Rather than banning dogs from Forestry it is suggested that more signage is
6469	I do not support the proposed change	Unneeded further restrictions on dogs in a quiet spacious area
6476	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great beach for north aucklanders to take their dogs to have a beach day at any time of day and time of year.
6494	I do not support the proposed change	please read my letter in the previous section. In no way do we support prohibition of dogs on Te Arai Forestry South and to suggest this has anything to do with wildlife and how destructive our dogs are to this wildlife I would love to see actual evidence of this. Especially evidence in relation to the destruction of wildlife due to the creation of Te Arai Links. Perhaps your team should come out and spend a day at forestry and watch how dogs and families conduct themselves instead of making baseless allegations.

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HOWICK LOCAL BOARD		
541	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on -leash on all walking tracks, car-parks and parks in Auckland! There are too few dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas for dogs in all Auckland areas! We need many more dog-friendly off-leash exercise areas!!!! Rules should not be changed as a result of complaints against a few negligent dog owners spoiling it for the remainder of decent dog owners!! Instead, the Council should be targeting and educating the negligent and problematic dog owners!!
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous

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2856	I do not support the proposed change	Why are dogs prevented from access to the beach the parks? Why is this not consistent with other beach access. This is very restrictive unnecessarily. Dotterels do not need protection all year round - it is only their chicks which can be done with allowing dogs on leash in season. What other wildlife needs protection 365 days a year? This makes no sense to me.
3466	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off lead on Forestry. Existing restrictions on dogs on the beach north to Mangawhai are already too restrictive
4466	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is a great beach for dogs to be off leash, there are heaps of beaches for people to go to without dogs if they prefer. It's a remote beach with limited facilities meaning it doesn't attract large crowds and young families making it a great option for a dog beach.
4566	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should have ON-LEAD ACCESS to all regional parks. With additional areas within those parks designated AND FENCED for off leas access.
5453	I do not support the proposed change	This is not needed in NZ. Our pets are well looked after and trained. They help with most owners mental health, and something that helps with mental health is getting out and about, and the amount of good it does for the dogs overall health. This is a very stupid proposal and should not be brought up ever again.
6333	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be banned from regional park
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD		
160	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing access for well behaved dogs is not a good idea. Penalise those people breaking the rules, don't add other unenforceable rules.
289	I support the proposed change	I support this change as long as determining compliance for the prohibited areas is simple - ie there is no grey area
337	Other (please explain below)	Work with PDWA to establish effective management strategies.
381	I do not support the proposed change	NO WAY! Forestry beach is one of the ONLY beaches in Auckland that is big, beautiful and accept dogs. I drive an hour and a half to take my dog there, is our happy place. ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!
399	I support the proposed change	Clear
810	I do not support the proposed change	We DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead we want OFF LEASH at all times.
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	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to all areas when under control. Families and children should be able to go to the beach with there dogs!!
2082	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead I want ON LEASH at a minimum or OFF LEASH ideally.

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2510	I support the proposed change	I have 3 small children and often visit the beach at T Arai and Forrestry beach. Currently it seems to not be clear about the locations that dogs are allowed and often dogs are on the beaches. My wife and i are often having to shoo dogs away that approach my children who are scared of dogs. We fond we can't enjoy the beach because we are always on the lookout for animals approaching the kids which presents an unsafe environment for my kids. I do not want to see these beaches become like mangawhai surf beach where there is numerous dogs off leash and you cant walk down the paths/beach without looking out for faeces. We need beaches on the area that we can goto without dogs.
2511	I support the proposed change	It appears relatively similar to previous dog access and the wording is clear, albeit a little convoluted
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
4592	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are adding unnecessary restrictions

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5276	Other (please explain below)	I support the proposed changes EXCEPT for the change re dog access to Forestry beach. In Auckland there are far more beaches that exclude dogs than there are beaches that allow dogs. Te Arai beach (the main surf beach) is enormous and never over crowded even in the height of summer. What is the reasoning for removing yet another beach from allowing access to members of the public who wish to take their family pet with them for a day out? If the concern is regarding native birds in the dunes then why not do as they do at beaches like Long Bay and Omaha, where they rope off and clearly mark what areas are prohibited to dogs. Most members of the public who wish to bring their pet dog to the beach do respect the rules. There are always a select few people who don't abide by rules, however those people also will not abide by the rules of no dog access and will come to the beach anyway. So why punish good dog owners who are in the majority and who will abide by the rules. Instead, clearly mark protected areas, rope them off and allow people to enjoy the beach with their dogs. Why is it that if you have a dog you don't deserve to enjoy beautiful beaches just like everyone else. Why are we treated like sub standard citizens? There are already so many more beaches without dog access, and those beaches are not at risk of overcrowding. So surely there should be some beautiful beaches which are inclusive to ALL members of the public. For me personally, I have been in 2 violent marriages and I was diagnosed with PTSD and as a result I choose now to remain single. My focus now is on my 3 children and we have a golden retriever who provides comfort and who is very much a part of our family. We love nothing more than spending the weekend together and we love nature. Why should we be unable to enjoy a day at the beach just because we have a dog. I am a responsible dog owner, I have the responsible dog owner license, I am about to apply for the good canine citizen certificate for my dog. We always pick up his poop, he is exceptionally well trained. And yet with the proposed changes we will not be able to enjoy a day at a beautiful beach because yet another beach is having dog access removed. This won't stop the irresponsible dog owners who will still go to remote beaches like Forestry with their dogs. But how
5318	I do not support the proposed change	Waste of time.
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.
5450	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this change. All dog owners I have come across on this beach have been responsible.
5484	I do not support the proposed change	there is no reason to prohibit dogs from te arai and forestry beach. reducing the number of dogs a dog walker can take to these beaches will alleviate the need for full prohibition
5849	I do not support the proposed change	No further restrictions to dog assess. Reducing access to off lead areas will only bring about further behavior issues in dogs who are unable to run around and exercise. Dogs are meber of family in many many house hold. Acknowledge that this isn't going to change any day soon and be practical in dog access approaches.
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.

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6443	I do not support the proposed change	Why make the only actually off leash beach not available to dogs? there is soooo many other beaches extremely close by that can be utilized by humans
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU LOCAL BOARD		
1847	I do not support the proposed change	For all reductions in dog access areas, I strongly oppose the changes. Resources for dog owners are already so minimal. There are nearly limitless options for people that don't want to be around dogs. Why continue to punish dog owners? It will only cause more problems as dog owners will become desperate so start ignoring rules entirely. More areas for dogs to be adequately stimulated, exercised and socialized will only lead to better behaved dogs.
1975	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban. Forestry Beach is the only nearby surf beach where we can take our dogs off-leash. It has become a cherished destination for dog owners, attracting visitors from across the region who are willing to drive long distances to enjoy its unique combination of open spaces, natural beauty, and the freedom to let their dogs exercise and socialize. A ban on off-leash dogs would have several negative implications: Displacement of Responsible Dog Owners: Many dog owners, like myself, rely on Forestry Beach as one of the few places to safely and responsibly exercise our pets. Removing this opportunity would leave us with limited alternatives, diminishing our quality of life and that of our dogs. Unintended Consequences: If the ban is implemented, many people will still visit the beach but leave their dogs at home. This could lead to an increase in barking, noise complaints, and loose dogs in residential areas as pets become under-exercised and frustrated. Community Impact: Forestry Beach is more than a recreational spot; it is a social hub for dog owners. The ban would erode the sense of community built around this shared activity.
2483	I do not support the proposed change	Should allow beach on leash
MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD		

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6580	I do not support the proposed change	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.
6686	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is loved and enjoyed by so many dogs and dog owners. This change will impact people like myself who work hard to ensure their dogs are exercised and enriched every day. There are so few beaches where I am able to walk my dog (on or off lead) already, particularly in Mangawhai and there seems to be no need to restrict dog access on the beach year round. This is yet another blanket rule which will only work to disadvantage and punish responsible dog owners. Forestry beach does not have protected wild-life, and there is has been huge development allowed and encouraged nearby by private billionaires while the Council seems to seek to punish every day kiwis who enjoy the beach with their families and pets. Instead of limiting the places people can take their pets you should be expanding the places.
MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD		
615	I do not support the proposed change	Let my dogs off leash from the car park to the quarry
639	I do not support the proposed change	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.
698	I do not support the proposed change	As of now, the only way we can enjoy the beach with our beloved dog is in Forestry Beach. Dogs are family, owners should be able to freely spend quality time with their family to support their wellbeing.
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.
783	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be prohibited from the entire park to support indigenous biodiversity including tara iti. A kekeno / New Zealand fur seal was killed by a dog at this beach in 2024.
1437	I do not support the proposed change	Again this prohibits my enjoyment of these beaches because I take my dog everywhere - she is a support dog. I would support on leash and under control on the beaches with hefty fines for those who breached the rules and didn't pick up after their dogs etc.

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2545	I do not support the proposed change	why
4470	I do not support the proposed change	Terrible
5169	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should never be allowed off leash in a public area
5371	I do not support the proposed change	Our do. Wes's lots of exercise and it is not feasible to provide this with on lead restrictions being proposed.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Give us off leash 24/7
6763	I do not support the proposed change	There are limited beaches that dogs are allowed on in Mangawhai and it is important to me and my family that we can take our dog to this beach. We control our dogs and they swim in the ocean and run along the beach but do not go up into the sand dunes where they could cause harm to native birds. This would be devastating if we were no longer allowed dogs on the beach.
6840	I do not support the proposed change	Rules should be consistent and dog should be control on the leash all time.
ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD		
369	I do not support the proposed change	god so confusing, just keep as is
417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing nad dog ownership, not making it impossible le for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
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? The main beach and surrounding areas should be open to off leash at either end of the day.
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.
520	I do not support the proposed change	Again dogs need to get a run and council is closing many places they are allowed to be free why are they doing this ?

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714	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach south of Te Arai beach is the closest white sand beach with surf waves that we can get to with our dog for a family day out. So many beaches ban dogs during the day in summer. Aucklanders should have a beach they can take the family dog to for a fun day out. Our dog does not go into the dunes. When we have been there we have only ever seen well behaved dogs enjoying the sand and water with their families. Don't take away the amazing pleasure this brings to everyone. Why change access to his beach that has been available to dogs in the past - families with dogs have rights too.
947	I do not support the proposed change	You are prohibiting dogs unnecessarily
1027	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibitibg dogs in a vehicle? Silly
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
1133	I do not support the proposed change	There are so many dog restrictions already up around the Te Aria area and struggle to find beaches to walk our dog and that's why we love forestry beach because we can walk our dog there and think with all the restrictions along te Arai north beaches it makes sense to have te Arai south/forestry available to walking dogs
1181	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach was great to go, as it's close to beautiful te arai, but you could have your dog with for the whole day. At least some part should be available for people to come with a dog for the whole day
1210	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to have my say on the dog policy at Forestry beach. I do NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry beach and surrounding areas. Please keep it as is, I want it to stay dog friendly, off leash at all times. Thank you
1248	I support the proposed change	Important clarification. Hope it will be policed.
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 support the proposed change	Clarifies I guess? But overly complex in way it's written.
1957	I do not support the proposed change	Keep the rules as they are

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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.
2262	I support the proposed change	Dogs need an area to run and have fun. Also nice to have a separate area away from the dogs. I see no issue with the change. Dogs are still able to play at the quarry beach area.
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.
2399	I do not support the proposed change	Many dog owners are currently walking their dogs along Forestry Beach. Forestry Beach is now adjacent to golf course NOT nature reserves. This beach should be able to be enjoyed by all New Zealanders not just surfers and golfers. In the many years we have been letting our dog run along Forestry beach, we have not seen any instances where there has been harm to people / animals/ plants.
2616	I do not support the proposed change	I completely disagree with making forestry beach dog free. This is the nearest white sand beach to us that we can go to and enjoy a family day out with the family dog. We do not like to leave our dog alone at home for the many hours it takes for a beach day trip. The enjoyment we have as a family of being able to take our dog with us and watch her delight at being free on a beach is as valuable as the dotterels! Human enjoyment is also important. The dogs can be excluded from the dune areas where any special birds may be nesting. The beach is huge and there is plenty of room for everyone. You already exclude dogs from most Auckland beaches during summer. Don't take our last option that we thoroughly enjoy away from us. There are so few places to take your dog, and so few things we can afford to do as a family in this cost of living crisis. But a day at the beach with the dog is one we can afford and enjoy.
2712	Other (please explain below)	I would prefer to see an amendment to allow dogs on small area of the beach to enable people to go to the beach for the day and be able to bring their dog (even if it was on lead).
2864	I support the proposed change	Very clear directions.
3152	I do not support the proposed change	There is misleading information about the extent of the change so should be excluded in this round of review. In Appendix D, there is an incorrect map showing the area south of the headland as part of Te Ārai Regional Park. This contradicts other council maps showing the park ending near the headland.

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3164	I do not support the proposed change	It's the only beach in the area dogs are allowed off leash
3430	I do not support the proposed change	Regarding Forestry Beach- Te Arai South. KEEP OPEN AS OFF-LEASH AREA. This is a largely vacant beach area where many people bring their dogs to run freely and swim in the surf. I would fully support keeping off the dunes except for designated beach access points, while being mindful of wildlife and dune conservation. Te Arai North, where sensitive bird nesting areas are common, is already no dog access. Submission Process Issues: Difficulty navigating the online submission process. Request to add feedback about Te Ārai Regional Park and attached document. Te Ārai Regional Park: Support for keeping Forestry Beach (Te Arai South) as an off-leash area. Emphasis on conservation and designated access points. Local Parks (Madills Farm and Glover Park): Rejection of proposed changes to dog access rules. Importance of preserving current conditions for diverse community use. Concerns about attributing park damage solely to dog activity. Personal Impact: Importance of parks for personal exercise and dog walking. Advocacy for responsible dog ownership and enforcement of existing rules. Community and Environmental Concerns: Need for additional rubbish bins and dog waste disposal options. Issues with road congestion and parking during sporting events. Parks as shared community resources outside of organized sports events.
3536	I do not support the proposed change	What rubbish. Another beautiful wild spot where all can enjoy. This beach is really long. You Councillors are wasting my rates bill on issues which are minor at most. I know this area and have enjoyed on occasion. Have you visited Te Arai. The quarry area is not inviting - basically a total ban. Any Councillor whom supports this be should be held to account - put your name on it so we can vote you out. Stick to core services and stop inflicting more costs on the public you supposedly serve.
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. Definitely oppose full ban of dogs from regional parks

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3796	I support the proposed change	Makes sense because of the bird sanctuary and no dogs permitted on TeAri or Taraiti Golf courses.
3990	I support the proposed change	They have been given an area where they can exercise . There are too many wildlife nesting in the sand dunes that a dog can scare off
4132	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting the space dog owners have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4261	I do not support the proposed change	Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship,emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the public of Auckland. The need to keep Forestry Beach available to dogs and their owners is now a crucial one. This is due to the recent introduction of banning of dogs and their owners right to exercise them on both TeArai Beach to the north and Pakari Beach to the south by the Auckland Council. If this proposal proceeds, then nearly 20 continuous kilometres of beach coastline will be completely banned to dogs and their owners right to enjoy them there. Forestry beach is the last remaining bastion of freedom for dog owners along this massive stretch of coastline that was previously all unrestricted to dogs. This proposal is both draconian and unjustified in the extreme The sole reason stated in the proposal for banning dogs on Forestry Beach is to “Protect wildlife (including dotterels) on the coastal areas between TeArai and Pakiri.” There is no evidence that dogs have negatively affected the wildlife along this coastline. I and many,many others, have walked this beach regularly for years and never witnessed a negative impact from dogs on the wildlife . It is approximately 5 kilometres of beach between the carpark and the Poutawa Estuary at the southern end of Forestry Beach . There is almost no evidence of wildlife along this stretch of coastline other than a few sea birds. The dogs and the sea birds have both shared this beach for all these years without evidence of a
4735	I support the proposed change	yes
5918	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are clear
6033	I support the proposed change	This is the first step toward a more reasonable policy. I'd like to see dogs on lead allowed on tracks.

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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 and on leash should be permitted. As should off leash below high tide to swim.
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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6663	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only beach area that dog owners can use in the area. The Quarry at Evers point is not a beach, and is tiny. Dogs are not a conservation area on this beach. There are no endangered birds on this beach (unlike Te Arai Beach). Dogs have always been allowed on this beach, allowing dog owners to enjoy the beach with their dogs. The beach would not be used as much if dogs are banned. I honestly think that people would be so upset they would take their dogs anyway and break the law. It makes absolutely no sense to prevent dogs from accessing a beach. There is a massive golf course development behind the beach, this has far worse environmental impact than allowing dogs to walk on the beach.
6772	I do not support the proposed change	Only implement times and seasons rules
6783	I don't know	I do not know this area well enough to comment. Sorry
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2245	I do not support the proposed change	Maori land to be determined by iwi you have already had huge push back stop doing it Family and dogs love it there
PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD		
1357	I support the proposed change	Good change to allow dogs on leash.
2109	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed in all areas and areas should only be designated by on/off leash and these should be enforced to achieve the same results.
4162	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine. Do not change
4619	I do not support the proposed change	Too wordy and over regulated- too much red tape
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
81	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs should be banned from the quarry area as well. Having an area so close gives dog owners an excuse to say oh i didn't now
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. In particular Forestry or Te Arai south has been a dog friendly zone.
1369	Other (please explain below)	Generally i support adding clarity, however, the disused quarry is not marked on any of your maps which will undoubtedly lead to confusion. Also allowing dogs off leash anywhere even remotely near to the Tara iti or it's habitat feels irresponsible in the extreme.
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.
4436	I support the proposed change	It clarifies the situation rather than restricting further access.

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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.
4848	I do not support the proposed change	Te Arai beach is a huge area and prohibiting dogs completely from both the north and south ends of the beach is excessive. Perhaps one end could be prohibited and the other kept as off leash. In my experience the vast majority of dogs stay away from the sand dunes and prefer the waters edge anyway
5452	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken
6563	I do not support the proposed change	For most of the year this area has low volumes of people and dogs should be allowed to walk in dune areas under control off leash
RODNEY LOCAL BOARD		
577	I do not support the proposed change	Horses are a massive part of this beach as well as dogs. Dogs should be allowed on this beach! There are already limited dog beaches and too many dog laws around times they are prohibited to be walked along beaches during summer etc.
742	I do not support the proposed change	Very limited area, forestry beach has always been dog friendly and the quarry is far too small! No other areas on southern end of te arai either
813	I do not support the proposed change	Do not support point 3 prohibitions. Allow dogs on a leash.
816	I do not support the proposed change	The forestry road is an excellent area for dogs and their owners and mostly locals use this area year round, visitors are not frequent users. Locals dog owners have always been reliable and responsibly use this area because we live our area. If anyone is disregarding the rules locals let council know and are very vocal. It is usually the visitors and once they know they are quite compliant as well. Dogs are our family and us locals take our 'family', kids, friends and dogs, stop making blanket decisions for areas, especially those who make the decisions often don't live in the area. If anything, have better education- good signage, free phone numbers to call if we see anything, substantial information on pacific websites for our area. Stop targeting 99% of great dog owners for the a minority, tired of been put in the same category
845	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control should be allowed.

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970	I do not support the proposed change	(1) only the northern end of Forestry (near car park) is used by dog walkers as it's a long beach (11km south to Pakiri) therefore could still be shared and enjoyed by both dogs and birds. Generally dogs walk only 1-2km in each direction from northern car park. The other 10km south is dog free because of remoteness no other access road. (2) furthermore there is another 11km stretch of dog-free beach to the north from Te Arai to Pacific Beach to Mangawhai Sand dunes which is all dog-free for birds and dotterels to enjoy/mate/nest/forage without dogs. (3) Forestry beach is remote and uncrowded so dogs are not competing with beach goers unlike beaches situated closer to towns. It is the only beach locally and in wider area that is ideal for dogs to not be a nuisance (4) no other close beach to run high energy dogs because dogs are prohibited north at Te Arai and south to Pakiri to Leigh. (5) council should not prejudice good dogs and their owners. (6) Prohibiting dogs in more places will only hurt responsible dog owners not unlicensed and dangerous dogs because they do not adhere to the rules anyway.
980	I support the proposed change	Makes sense
1010	I do not support the proposed change	There is only one other beach that dog owners can let their dogs exercise off-leash in this area. Taking away this option is just not acceptable. Where are we meant to let our dogs let off steam if we can't enjoy running on the beach with them? We strongly oppose this change as we enjoy this area with our family dogs and we will be unable to enjoy the beach if our dogs have to stay locked up at home.
1013	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach has become part of Te Arai Regional Park. This is Te Arai South. This is one of the few beaches where dogs can be off leash and the beach is very sparsely populated even in the summer months. I do not support prohibiting dogs from Te Arai South. I have walked my dogs there for years and have never had a problem with my dog or any other dogs that I have come across. I would support keeping dogs on leashes until we are 100m (or similar) south of the main car park entrance, or I would also support prohibiting dogs on that beach area by the Forestry carpark and 100m (or similar) south if we are provided with an alternative way to access the beach with our dog - a back of beach track for example.Thanks
1063	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few dog walking areas in our region, and being able to bring my dog to Forestry beach is an important part of my daily routine. All the dog walkers at forestry are sensible, stay off the tracks and keep dogs under control. I would be supportive of there being no dogs past a certain point down the beach, for example outside the Ocean Restaurant at Te Arai Links. This still allows a reasonable amount of beach for dog walkers to enjoy, while still allowing a large amount of the beach for nesting birds (who already have the entire rest of that coastline!)

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1066	I do not support the proposed change	I am a resident in the area of forestry beach and this is the only beach we can currently take our dog and enjoy a day at the beach. Black swamp, terai and Pakiri are all non dog beaches and the quarry is not suitable for swimming due to being very rocky and a lot of dangerous rips. The birdlife is protected right up pakiri and tearai beaches and this should be more than sufficient especially considering forestry now has golf courses running along the full beach and not particularly suitable for bird nesting as the dunes are constantly sprayed with glyphosate by the council contractors and golf course employees
1094	I do not support the proposed change	We moved to Te Arai because of the beauty of the beaches and dog access at Forestry beach. We've been coming to Te Arai for over 20 year and living here permanently for over 8 years. We've never had any issue walking our dog or with other dogs. The beaches is often empty and we have many in our community who meet at Forestry beach to walk our dogs. I don't understand what reason there would be for such a ban. Particularly as Te Arai is already banned for dogs and there are no other beaches or public reserves within a 40min drive to my knowledge for dog walking.
1112	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is one of the few off leash areas where we are able to exercise (run on the beach) with our dogs. We have been using forestry beach for several years and have generally seen the dog owners to be responsible and keep their dogs under control. Most of the year, except summer holidays, the beach is largely empty of anyone. We often are the only ones on the beach. This change will severely impact our ability to get healthy exercise for both us and our dogs. The addition of many new mansions on this beach has surely done more harm to this beach and wildlife than any dog. Very much against this change and suggest that the rules should not change.
1130	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry is the only beach south of mangawhai village with dog access. By restricting access the only beach walk is the Heads. It's already crowded and parking is limited. Forestry is lightly populated and providing the dogs are not allowed in the dunes, impact will be minimal (less than building 36 holes of golf, 60 homes, 80 plus hotel rooms, 2 club houses and 2 restaurants whilst mining for sand over the next 30 years. By all means, restrict during peak times (holidays etc). Have a look at the dog activity on the beach - it is utterly harmless.
1159	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only beach in my area that I can walk my dog. When I go to forestry beach dogs are always under control and it seems to me that the recent developments and future planned housing in this location is of much more risk to the environment than a small number of dogs. There are not often dogs on the beach and I support dogs being on leads across the dunes and on tracks. There are very few areas to walk dogs when you live in the country. No ability to walk across fields and no footpaths on many country roads. We already have to drive 20 minutes to get to forestry beach. I also suspect this ban would be hard to enforce. Perhaps consider dogs being kept on a lead at certain times for example breeding season if the birds need to be protected. Country folk want to look after their environment. It comes naturally. We can walk our dogs without risk on the beach

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1184	I do not support the proposed change	There is limited areas for Mangawhai residents to take their dogs. Removing the beach access will result in more dogs in one place. It is a big enough beach to accommodate dogs and is often quiet and safe. At the very least allow it during restricted times of the day but do not remove all together!
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
1280	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on Forestry Beach. We need one dog-friendly beach access. keep Te Arai as dog restricted. VITAL to have Forestry Beach left as dog friendly, otherwise people will take dogs to restricted areas anyway
1307	I do not support the proposed change	I believe dogs should continued to be allowed access to Forestry Beach.
1589	I do not support the proposed change	Again, the suggestion that you are not allowed to go for a drive in this area with your dog in the car just seems ridiculous. Do not support Council telling me where I can and cannot drive with my dog in a car.
1625	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few beaches that allows dogs. Dogs under control are not a problem. Dogs enjoy the beach as much, if not more, than people. It is essential for their wellbeing and health.
1643	I do not support the proposed change	Te Aria beach is often quiet and mostly deserted on the weekday mornings when I walk my dog off lead. He stays off the sand dunes and loves galloping around in the open space. It would be incredibly disappointing to limit his playtime here. The only other beach option is the heads which is often busy and although we enjoy it the crowds can be hard on our canine companions who really just want to romp and sniff and play.
1761	I support the proposed change	These beaches are some of the most important breeding grounds for our critically endangered fairy tern and dotterel. They don't need to compete with dogs for survival
1779	I do not support the proposed change	I am strongly against the proposed change to prohibit dogs from Forestry Beach at Te Arai Regional Park. There are already a lot of beaches in the area that do not allow dogs, for example, Black Swamp / Pacific Ocean Beach. Horses are allowed there, but dogs have to go to Forestry Beach. We live 15mins away from Forestry Beach, which is the only beach where we can still take our dogs off leash. At the very least, make it certain hours of the day when dogs are not allowed on Forestry Beach. A blanket prohibition of dogs on Forestry Beach is unfair, especially when horses are allowed on Forestry Beach and Black Swamp / Pacific Ocean Beach.

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1842	I do not support the proposed change	I really DONT understand why the restrictions are being proposed in so many areas. Is it because dogs kill endangered birds? I don't think so because I have never heard of dogs being the cause of killing birds or eggs or chicks not once. I've heard of stray cats being an issue but I guess that's an issue that is too big for yous to tackle. Is it because the wealthy who live or visit the area dislike dogs in these areas? Because as far as I'm concerned dogs have to be considered also as responsible owners have been taking their dogs to a lot of these areas for so long and it's definitely wrong that the dogs are the ones to have to be penalised for something someone else considers to be more important than the dogs welfare and happiness
1849	I do not support the proposed change	Lessening of amenity
2018	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed amendment to the dog policy and bylaws for the Te Arai Regional Park. More specifically, prohibiting dog access to Forestry beach. Dogs are already prohibited from Te Arai beach, as well as Pakiri Beach, which covers approximately 12km of foreshore distance. A vast majority of the beach between Pakiri and Forestry has no access, and experiences very little human traffic, with or without dogs. This is a very significant area where dogs are either prohibited, or are not present. This leaves a small little corner of Forestry beach (the only place in the local area), where locals and dog lovers can bring their best friends for exercise or a fun day at the beach. The councils reasoning for prohibiting dogs, being to protect the wildlife (Dotterels) is laughable. How about the development of the Tara Iti and Te Arai Links golf courses? How has the wildlife been protected with these huge multi-million dollar playgrounds for the rich and famous. Three 18 hole golf courses, with restaurants, housing, facilities, infrastructure. Massive amounts of pine forest cut down, clearing and excavations, noise, pollution, waste etc. No issues with this, but instead lets target your typical New Zealander or dog owner, and take away the one local beach and bit of coastline they have to take their dog for a walk along the beach and a swim. The question is where will this stop? First Forestry will be dog free, next will be Mangawhai, and soon there will be no dog beach access anywhere for locals living in this region.

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2087	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is the only nearby surf beach where we can take our dogs off-leash. It has become a cherished destination for dog owners, attracting visitors from across the region who are willing to drive long distances to enjoy its unique combination of open spaces, natural beauty, and the freedom to let their dogs exercise and socialize. A ban on off-leash dogs would have several negative implications: Displacement of Responsible Dog Owners: Many dog owners, like myself, rely on Forestry Beach as one of the few places to safely and responsibly exercise our pets. Removing this opportunity would leave us with limited alternatives, diminishing our quality of life and that of our dogs. Unintended Consequences: If the ban is implemented, many people will still visit the beach but leave their dogs at home. This could lead to an increase in barking, noise complaints, and loose dogs in residential areas as pets become under-exercised and frustrated. Community Impact: Forestry Beach is more than a recreational spot; it is a social hub for dog owners. The ban would erode the sense of community built around this shared activity. I respectfully request the council reconsider the proposed ban and explore other ways to address concerns, such as designated times for off-leash use or enhanced signage to promote responsible behavior. I am confident a balanced approach can preserve Forestry Beach as an inclusive space for all.
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2132	I do not support the proposed change	We live on Lake Road, Te Arai, and walk our dogs at Forestry Beach on a daily basis. We have used Forestry Beach, with different pets, for over 35 years, long before the regional park or Tara Iti & the Te Arai Golf Courses were established. Should access be denied for dogs, the only alternative for dog owners is to use the Mangawahi Surf Beach which is a 25 minute drive away & in summer it can be up to a 45 minute drive, which is simply untenable.
2136	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly feel that walking your dog off leash on a beach should be protected in New Zealand. It is one of the few remaining 'wild' areas where this is possible. Who are you to remove these freedoms from the citizens, taxpayers and rare payers of this country? And for what? Protecting wildlife? I can guarantee that feral and domestic cats slay vastly higher numbers of birds and other wildlife than the domestic dog could ever dream of yet dogs seem to always take the wrap. If you begin to remove these areas where dog owners can enjoy their passion and their pets you are taking their freedoms away from them. And who are you to determine that a bird is more important than their freedom to enjoy their country? The beaches and parks in question are vast and the country has thousands of beaches and other habitats that are generally inaccessible to the public. These areas provide more than ample opportunity for wildlife to thrive, you don't need to remove our rights to enjoy the popular areas as we see fit. This is an example of rules for the sake of rules. Everyone has had enough.
2147	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry has historically been a dog exercise area and a place for people to enjoy one of the only large white sand beaches in the Rodney area with their dog. By taking away access there will be nowhere left for people to have a day at the beach with their dog.
2178	I do not support the proposed change	I'd be surprised if anyone can make sense of the results of this survey. Why on earth would you want to ban dogs and dog walking from grassed areas, dunes, paths, beaches, car parks - dear GOD - y'all are mad and I hate that my taxes are being wasted on this rubbish.
2228	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is one of the only off lead dog beaches in the area for rule abiding locals and making this illegal for dogs would just encourage people to either just ignore it or take their dogs to other beaches in the area and break rules there instead. We go out of our way to go to forestry for this reason. Dogs are already not allowed at Te Arai and almost every other beach. Forestry is almost always quiet so it is the perfect place to allow dogs off lead. I strongly disagree with this and can guarantee if this goes ahead the only outcome will be people ignoring the new rule or just taking their dogs to other local beaches which are closer but technically unallowed with dogs.

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2283	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban. Forestry Beach is the only nearby surf beach where we can take our dogs off-leash. It has become a cherished destination for dog owners, attracting visitors from across the region who are willing to drive long distances to enjoy its unique combination of open spaces, natural beauty, and the freedom to let their dogs exercise and socialize. A ban on off-leash dogs would have several negative implications: Displacement of Responsible Dog Owners: Many dog owners, like myself, rely on Forestry Beach as one of the few places to safely and responsibly exercise our pets. Removing this opportunity would leave us with limited alternatives, diminishing our quality of life and that of our dogs. Unintended Consequences: If the ban is implemented, many people will still visit the beach but leave their dogs at home. This could lead to an increase in barking, noise complaints, and loose dogs in residential areas as pets become under-exercised and frustrated. Community Impact: Forestry Beach is more than a recreational spot; it is a social hub for dog owners. The ban would erode the sense of community built around this shared activity. I respectfully request the council reconsider the proposed ban and explore other ways to address concerns, such as designated times for off-leash use or enhanced
2356	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is a wonderful place to walk dogs. Most times I've been there there have been fewer than 10 dogs on the beach, all well behaved. Owners respect the environment and keep their dogs under control, and pick up after them. I have never seen any issues. I understand the need to protect Birdlife but most dogs in this area are used to seeing birds on the beach and leave them alone. It's very important for dogs to be able to run, swim and explore, great for socialisation, their mental health, and fitness. While we are fortunate to have bush walks and a surf beach in Mangawhai, this proposal will mean other dogs miss out.
2396	I do not support the proposed change	This restricts the amount of off leash beach area in the region so will put pressure on more popular areas like Mangawhai Heads Beach, Langs Beach, and Waipu Cove. Forestry Beach is huge and the dogs are only on a small portion of it. Removing access for dogs would be a terrible loss for all the dog owners in the area.

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2417	I do not support the proposed change	If i understand this correctly, It would be so awful to not be able to continue to take dogs to the forestry at Te Arai. It was a beautiful open beach where the dogs can be easily kept contained. Taking that away would further limit the special spaces we can have dogs.
2437	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived 5 minutes away from forestry my whole life. All local dog owners have been careful with on and off leash knowing it can be taken away from us because of new developments in the area. Horses walk along this beach and leave there poo behind, they never pick it up, I have never seen a dog owner leave a poo behind. There's no native birds or species there. Leave it alone
2450	I do not support the proposed change	The Forestry Beach is generally very quiet during the week when we walk our dog There is a lot of respect shown by all dog owners with responsibility taken by all owners we meet Dogs behave Poop is not left on the beach With the golf course development it is not a natural area There are no nesting areas on this beach The quarry is too far for me to get to regularly from Wellsford
2454	I do not support the proposed change	We love this beach and travel 40 minutes so we can enjoy it with our dog. There are so few places that are off leash and this big. Please don't make this change to their access.
2479	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is a beautiful beach that must be accessible by all, including dogs so families can spend the day together in nature. Most of Auckland beaches do not cater for family days out, these rules mean you can not take your dog there anytime, so unfair. It is a beach I have enjoyed sharing with mine and other dogs for 20 years and to lose this facility in Auckland would be unthinkable. I acknowledge that the other side of Te Aria Point is dog free so please ensure we have somewhere where we can exercise our dogs whilst enjoying our beautiful beaches.
2485	I do not support the proposed change	You are limiting the places people can genuinely walk their dogs. This is a well cherished walking spot. Don't take that away from us. We respect the beach/bird/and our enjoyment
2537	I do not support the proposed change	100% disagree. This is my rural beach. Limited people and access. Sounds like Te arai links has got you in their pockets. Unreasonable and unjustified.

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2559	I do not support the proposed change	This is absolutely devastating to hear that dogs would no longer be able to be at Forestry beach. Please not do proceed with this change to Forestry Beach - you would be impacting the mental health of those (humans and dogs) who respectfully use this beach. This is our beach, our local beach, and dogs have always been allowed here. We walk this beach and exercise our dog every week day morning here. I am often one of the few people there with my dog in the morning, and when we boogie board in the afternoon it is one of the most chill beaches with families and dogs that is not overloaded with people. Mangawhai heads is the ONLY other restricted dog beach in this area and that is a 50 minute return trip for me, I can't afford the petrol or the time for that. Not only that, there are always dogs attacking dogs reported at Mangawhai heads. My dog would then get no exercise or socialisation with other dogs and humans. You say the reason "Protect wildlife (including dotterels) on coastal areas between Te Arai and Pākiri." - Have you even been there? I've never seen a dotterel on Forestry beach. There is no wildlife on the beach. The only dead birds that wash up are from the big easterly storms - seagulls and gannets. There's no wild life there anymore because of Te Arai Links golf courses and all the monstrous homes they're building there - you allow this?!?!! Even the DOC person for this area does not understand why the AKL Council would apply a dog restriction here. AKL Council say this: "Our policy helps us:
2592	I do not support the proposed change	Rich listers shouldn't be able to dictate what and how a public area is used A huge amount of everyday people use this beach all year round, while the rich listers visit for part of summer It's already hard enough to get beach access with the whole foreshore owned privately, let local people use our land not just rich visitors
2638	I do not support the proposed change	The risks are too high of a dog breaking out and dogs should at least be on leash in the quarry. A separate more remote dog area should be found.
2821	I do not support the proposed change	This is a fantastic place where people and dogs can come together. Off dog areas are very limited in northland and this is one place I can go, within my local area where I can take my well behaved dog to get a decent amount of exercise and swim. I would support the area adjacent the carpark being Dogs on a lead, until roughly 100m down the beach to the south. After this point, the beach is generally empty of people. Dogs need areas to play and be free to run, sniff and explore. My dog is not allowed to go up into the dunes and I have trained to not chase birds. Dogs are part of our community and this beach is critical to people and dogs well being.

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2858	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived near to Te Arai Beach for 35 years. I frequent the Forestry Beach with my dogs. There are seldom any beachgoers there who are not surfers or families with their dog on a happy family outing. Most people prefer Mangawhai Heads Beach or Te Arai Point. I have never encountered out of control dogs /dog poop or anything rather than happy people with happy dogs. The enormous long beach is little used apart from by surfers.
2937	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is rarely congested and is a very good place for dogs and their owners to exercise.
2962	I do not support the proposed change	The quarry beach is far too small to accommodate dogs. Forestry beach is a popular dog walking beach and one the the few left in our area. There are no suitable alternative dog walks in our area. This beach and the fact that it is dog friendly is one of the main reasons why we live here.
3087	I do not support the proposed change	I live in Wellsford and regularly exercise my dog at forestry beach. This is the only place that I can take my dog off leash to run. Wellsford does have a designated off lead area and is not fully fenced so it is not suitable. My dog regularly interacts with other dogs and members of the public. If this access is taken away it will be detrimental for the physical and mental wellbeing of my dog as we access the beach on a weekly basis. This is essential for his health to have this facility. Will horses also be banned from the beach as I believe the rule should be applied in blanket fashion to all animals.
3103	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach should remain as an area people can walk their dog(s). There are less and less areas available for walking of dogs.
3343	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place, if anything they should be eased - this is completely unfair to dogs and owners and will have significant consequences and negative impacts. These rules will damage the wellbeing of both dogs and owners.
3361	I do not support the proposed change	This is a huge beach and dogs should be allowed to have access under control at some part of the beach. Dogs are a part of so many families it is just not fair to not allow them here and so many other beaches.
3367	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support reducing the areas that dogs can access
3437	I do not support the proposed change	We are respectful dog owners who look after our dogs at this beach area, and clean up should they make a mess, this is the only area in the local Mangawhai region where dogs can be dogs!!!!

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3441	I do not support the proposed change	Page 1 in the Council statement of proposal will be immediately negated by the prohibition of dogs on the beach at Forestry. Walking our dogs on the beach gives both people and dogs exercise. It also allows both dogs and people to "foster social connections" as people of similar outlook enjoy engaging on the beach. We (locals and others) have slowly had our access to the beach closed off. The beach pleasure for everyone is being eroded. How is this a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders? We are ratepayers also. Why is the Council pandering to a few non doggie people? How about keeping at least one area for our (people & dogs) pleasurable enjoyment! Pushing everyone into the little quarry area is not a good plan as the quarry area is mostly used by parents and their little people! The pleasure of people watching their pooches free to run, swim, chase sticks and roll or dig in the sand is so uplifting. The pure joy is amazing and spirits of all been refreshed should not be curtailed.
3477	I do not support the proposed change	With reference specifically to Forestry Beach, this beach is one of the few areas that we are able to exercise our dog off leash. As an older Auckland resident, exercise for both myself and my dog is a priority for both our wellbeing. We are encouraged to get out and enjoy our surroundings, but banning dogs from this beach will once again decrease the choices available to me. There is a supposed "dog park" in Wellsford, but as this is not enclosed on all sides it defeats the purpose of having an off-lead designated area.
3485	I do not support the proposed change	To ban dogs from Forestry Beach would be a total disaster for many responsible people who live in the area. There is no reason to do so as there is very little bird life at the end visited by dog walkers. The sea has been depleted of sea life from mining and does not attract birds. I have lived in the area for 7 years and visited weekly for a swim with my dog and never seen or had a problem. There is no genuine reason to ban dogs from Forestry Beach please let us oldies have our little pleasures as time is running out for both of us.
3488	I do not support the proposed change	I live in Te Arai and walk my dog on Forestry beach every morning. There is nowhere else to exercise our dogs where they can have freedom off leash and are able to socialise with other dogs. All the local dog walkers are responsible dog owners, we clean up after our dogs and have them under control, it is a very positive and pleasant part of our and our dogs day. Te Arai main beach is already off limits to dogs, Forestry beach is the only beach we have available to us to walk our dogs. Providing access to the old quarry is too small an area for dogs to get any decent exercise. Please consider the dogs and their owners who enjoy walking on the beach and having healthy interactions with other like minded dog owners. Thank you

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3501	I do not support the proposed change	The Eyres Point quarry beach at Te Ārai Point is a tiny little space so could be filled with 20 dogs playing on a weekend if all the dogs that are currently walking the 11km of Forestry Beach had to meet at the small quarry instead. Humans love the quarry beach as a tourist destination because it is sheltered from the wind, and people love to jump in the water on the point and swim up to the quarry beach- with many people watching the manus etc (a Kiwi source of fun in Te Ārai). Many seals love to sunbake on and around Te Ārai Point so it's a danger filled place to have dogs playing and swimming at Te Ārai Point. The quarry beach is made up of small rocks instead of sand, so it will be impossible to pick up dog poos cleanly like we do from sand. It is the native hawks that eat the dotterel/other bird eggs (as observed at Tara Iti by Alex Flavell). Pet dogs that are fed are much more interested in swimming, chasing sticks, meeting other dogs. People are walking Forestry Beach happily and taking dogs to play and walk there. It is a social outlet for dogs and humans. There are no dog parks within 1 hours drive for this purpose. Quarry Beach is too small for a dog park, and it wouldn't be fair to humans to lose the fun of this swimming beach because there are dogs and dog poos there instead, as well as unhappy seals who will be in danger next or displaced. Dogs and humans have enjoyed Forestry Beach for hundreds of years and the fairy tern population is growing again due to knowledge and awareness in this community. Locals do not want to lose their native birds OR their casual beach (the only one left for over 1 hour drive) for socialising with happy dogs, due to mansions and golf courses taking over- we have lost all our shade and natural views already. Please don't make this change. Locals have dealt with all the building, loss of forest walks, new traffic and more people to date- leave us the fun of socialising with dogs in wide open spaces with beach water. We traditionally look after it and stay away from dune breeding areas -
3505	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is used by many locals as a dog walking beach which contributes to the wellbeing of the community. I recognise the need to protect and restore the dunes and wildlife but feel these two things can be done by stricter rules relating to the use of the beach. I.e no dogs in dune area / maybe a limit to how far dogs can go down the beach i.e to the river outlet but to take away this much loved recreational resource will be devastating for the local community and add further pressure to other locations such as mangawhai heads. There is a big wellness element to this location where many locals run with their dogs etc.

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3507	I do not support the proposed change	The Eysers Point quarry beach at Te Arai Point is a tiny little space so could be filled with 20 dogs playing on a weekend if all the dogs that are currently walking the 11km of Forestry Beach had to meet at the small quarry instead. Humans love the Quarry beach as a tourist destination because it is sheltered from the wind and people love to jump in the water on the point and swim up to the quarry beach- with many people watching the manus etc (a Kiwi source of fun in Te Arai). Many seals love to sunbake on and around Te Arai Point so it's a danger filled place to have dogs playing and swimming. The quarry beach is all small rocks so it will be impossible to pick up dog poos cleanly like on sand. It is the native hawks that eat the dotterel eggs (as observed at Tara Iti by Alex Flavell) Dogs that are fed are much more interested in swimming, chasing sticks, meeting other dogs. People are walking Forestry Beach happily and taking dogs to play and walk there is a social outlet for dogs and humans. There are no dog parks within 1 hours drive for this purpose. Quarry Beach is too small for a dog park and it wouldn't be fair to humans to lose the fun of this swimming beach because there are dogs and dog poos there instead, and unhappy seals who have to move elsewhere. Dogs and humans have enjoyed Forestry Beach for hundreds of years and the fairy tern population is growing again due to knowledge and awareness. Locals do not want to lose their casual beach (the only one left for over 1 hour drive) for socialising with happy dogs because mansions and golf courses are taking over- so we lost all our shade and natural views already. Please don't make this change. Locals have dealt with all the building, loss of forest walks, new traffic and more people to date- leave us the fun of socialising with dogs in wide open spaces with beach water. We look after it and stay away from dune breeding areas - as we have for hundreds of years and the bird population is safe. The mansion owners are moving in to our shared natural whenua and they can get used to happy dog walkers- mostly on the weekend. You can still have 11km of Forestry Beach to yourself during the week- so perfect
3510	I do not support the proposed change	I take my dog to Forestry Beach during the week and we are often the only ones there and it is so good to be able to walk along the beach and allow my dog off lead. You can walk a short distance from the car park and be on a long white sandy beach for as far as the eye can see and is perfect for taking your dog for a good walk. As there is so much space you can see if anyone else is coming and can put your dog on a lead to avoid any other dogs or people if required. This is the only beach that is like this for our dogs in our area and to lose this privilege would be devastating. The small shelly Quarry area that you are proposing for dogs is a small confined area and is NOT somewhere you can take your dog for a good walk, also it is near a very busy beach. Its also not a suitable area to have many dogs off lead as its is such a small area. The endangered birds have other areas where dogs are not allowed. I hope council will allow dogs on the Forestry Beach off lead even if is not all the way to Parkiri.

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3519	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is the only beach were I can take my dogs and enjoy quality time. We don't have a lot of beaches up here where we allowed to take dogs of lead and are not full of people. I never experienced a bad encounter at the forestry Beach. All the locals are really respectful of each other and everyone is aware our locals birds as well. Prohibite dogs at the forestry Beach is not a solution, it's important to have a space away from home were you can take your dogs and they can release their energy otherwise I see more and more issues appearing like unsettled dogs (barking) because they have to be left at home, people leaving dogs in cars because they can't take him (risk of heatstroke/death) etc Restricted times or on leash rules over summer/bird breeding season might be an better option instead of prohibiting completely.
3526	I do not support the proposed change	There are hardly any dogs that go to forestry and it's such a huge beach, that this change seems excessive. All dog walkers go past swimmers and down main beach. Keep as is. Or fine those doing wrong but banning ok this Beach is unusual as we go every weekend for main reason there's only few dogs so not sure why would want to ban this area.
3539	I do not support the proposed change	Banning dogs from Te Arai South, Forestry Beach to Pakiri is ridiculous as dogs have always been allowed there with no problem. All locals from Pakiri to Wellsford and Mangawhai exercise their dogs here and there is no good reason to stop this. I also strongly do not agree with dogs not being allowed in private cars on any public road in New Zealand anywhere, it is our right. This is clearly originating from the American lead anti dog sentiment out of Te Arai Links golf course. I understand not wanting dogs on golf course grounds but why should dog owners and dogs be restricted and suffer by not being allowed on surrounding park and beach areas where they have been welcome for my entire life over 60 years.
3545	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking this beach for 17 years and never seen a dotteral or fairy tern. The removal of acres of trees/vegetation, and the construction of infrastructure and the golf coursed, houses, helicopters and sand mining has, by comparison, had a massive impact on the loss of natural habitat for wildlife and significantly increased the dune exposure to coastal erosion. The area has no parks, walking tracks or dog parks so we rely on this beach for social and mental well-being of our dogs and us. All the lovely dog owners here have the dogs undercontrol and we also keep this rubbish free as we all pick up rubbish on our walks. I feel very strongly about this as well as all my friends that walk this beach.

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3560	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach. I've been walking my multiple dogs there for 10 years. There is nowhere else near by to do this except cential park in wellsford which takes about 7 minutes to walk around, not exactly stimulating. I've never had a bad experience there with any animal but my dogs and i have had so much fun and learned to socialize with other dogs and humans. I don't walk my dogs at te Arai because I believe the birds need a safe place to live. Is this the reason behind the dog ban ar forestry? If so what about the 3 golf courses, all those big fucking houses and all there light pollution and all the helicopters. Surely all that is more of a disturbance to the wildlife than some poor guy trying to walk his dog
3563	I do not support the proposed change	Dear Auckland Council, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the increasingly restrictive dog policies in Auckland. While I understand the need for reasonable regulations to ensure public safety and cleanliness, the current level of prohibitions and limitations on dogs in public spaces is becoming excessive. Globally, there is a movement toward recognizing dogs as part of the family and allowing them in more public areas, including cafes, beaches, and parks, with responsible ownership. Unfortunately, Auckland’s restrictive approach seems to be going in the opposite direction, making it increasingly difficult for dog owners to enjoy the city with their pets. These restrictions are not only inconvenient but also contribute to the broader feeling that Auckland is becoming less welcoming for responsible pet owners. In fact, for some—including myself—such regulations are becoming a factor in decisions to leave New Zealand in search of a more dog-friendly environment. I urge the council to reconsider its stance and look toward more balanced policies that reflect the global trend of inclusivity while still maintaining necessary guidelines for safety and hygiene. Auckland has the potential to be a truly dog-friendly city, and I hope to see more progressive changes in this area. Kind regards,
3567	I do not support the proposed change	There region has a growing population of dog walkers with a decreasing number of off-leash dog walking areas. Te Arai south is one of the only remaining off leash dog walking areas in the region. If dogs are to be prohibited an equivalent area for offleash dog walking needs to be provided. The eyes point beach/quarry is not sufficient to accommodate this growing need. Without providing for dog walking it will create conflict and less support for conservation in the area
3572	I do not support the proposed change	As mentioned previously, Forrestry road is used by many families and their dogs as a safe place to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. This should not be taken away

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3578	I do not support the proposed change	I have witnessed dogs off leash chase young children and wildlife on the beach. It is also concerning how many dog owners don't pick up the dog poo
3585	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support forestry beach being included. In my view it is not part of the regional park and it feels like unnecessary creep. But even if it is, it is the only beach in the area where people can walk their dog on the beach. The Te Arai side gives people a no dogs option. People choose to have dogs to encourage them to exercise. Removing dogs will in effect reduce people's exercise over time. It will reduce people's enjoyment of the beach. I have been both a dog owner and non dog owner and over 20yrs of using this beach never seen an issue with current usage
3586	I do not support the proposed change	Unfairly limiting time and enjoyment off leash with our dogs. Te Arai forestry beach has limited public access and very rarely when we've visited, are there any other dogs. Our dogs are trained to not investigate any other wildlife or areas.
3587	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog on the forestry beach all the time - it is an environment that even a Jack Russel can cope with due to the sand hills confining her movement. There are no protected birds in the area, always very few people and to restrict dogs in madness.

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3588	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach has been accessible for a number of years to both dog and horse owners. The vast majority of these owners show respect for their fellow animal owners and members of the general public. Knowledgeable owners do not allow their animals or themselves onto the fragile dune areas and give shorebirds a wide berth when walking their animals. In the first instance the total removal of access to Forestry Beach seems a very harsh measure which deserves better explanation for. As far as I am aware, as a regular beach user, there have been no adverse events that would deserve Council to even begin to consider a ban. Secondly as there are an increasing number of residents coming to the area their access to open public grounds to exercise their animals would be zilch if this van comes into effect. Currently Forestry Beach for more than 90% of the year is a very unpopulated beach, so pressure of numbers could hardly be a justification for this ban. Kaipara District Council's Mangawhai is under far more pressure between animal exercisers and the general beach goers. KDC's control policy for beach use by animals is a well informed one which reduces the competing needs of summer time beach goers and animal owners. From what I understand there are hours set and areas defined for when pets can use the beach. Apparently it admirably meets the needs of both groups of beach users. Finally, if the issue is the threat of harm to birdlife, I am yet to witness any animal harming birds. If this is the reason for the ban, since most bird life sits above the shoreline, surely there could be a solution. My off the cuff one would be to restrict animals to being walked from no further than 20m from the shoreline and on a leash. Ban the animals from the rest of the park but not the beach.
3596	I do not support the proposed change	Walking my dog on Te Arai beach has been something I have enjoyed for many years. This is the most special place to me and to potentially lose the right to do this is devastating. 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!
3602	I do not support the proposed change	Because I have been exercising my dog on Forestry Beach for many years, it is the only beach around that allows dogs in it all throughout the year. All the dogs I've seen there have under control by their owners and everyone who takes their dogs there are a responsible dog owner. It would be such a loss to the community if this was to change.
3605	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry is one of the very few beaches in the area where dogs are allowed off leash and it would be great to keep this available for people and dogs to enjoy.

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3610	I do not support the proposed change	My dog currently run on Te Arai amongst other dogs and they do not cause any harm to those on the beach- Whether that be humans or other animals Your proposal does not state why- just that they are not allowed. It is unfair and unjust. There is no other place close by to me where dogs are allowed to run and so removing this just makes it an unsuitable place to live! These rules will be driving our community out. Auckland council should be training people on how to look after and handle their dog if this is such an issue. You can't let one bad apple spoil the bunch who actually look after the beach. Dogs are apart of the family and should be treated like so! Auckland is becoming even less dog friendly, and for reasons unknown. Maybe there needs to be more patrol on badly behaved dogs and not those that are good! Dogs should be allowed on the beach as the quarry does not give space for running about
3623	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs must be allowed in forestry beach as they currently are. We go on dog walks most days there and there is no trouble at all. It appears that this is becoming a blanket rule/ suggestion rather than an individualise rule. Not many people live in Te Arai and not many people visit with dogs and so making such rules will make next to no changes for the council however it would degrade the quality of life that our dogs have. They deserve to be part of the family and removing this area as a run about for them makes absolute no sense!
3624	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to walk on Forestry beach. They currently do no harm and there aren't any nesting. If there were nesting then I would appreciate that dogs could be on a long line to ensure they do not disturb any nests. However, taking away a dogs run is not good for their health- they need space where they can run and exercise otherwise it is abusive to not allow them to get the exercise they need. Do you have a dog? How would you feel if your local dogs running place was taken away from them! The proposal makes me angry!
3635	Other (please explain below)	Forrestry Beach is wonderful place we all enjoy with our dogs. It is one of the most unpopulated beaches around. In winter there is no one there . School holidays and over Xmas weekends have people enjoying the beach close to the carpark . It is a huge beach with no one on the rest of it. The quarry on the other hand is busy and a lot of families take their young children there to play and swim. It's not a suitable place for dogs. I cannot understand why you want to crowd people and dogs in such a small area.. I would have thought a remote beach was preferable.
3647	I do not support the proposed change	My dog has walked on forestry beach for 14years. What has changed, so that it is no longer ok? It is ser aside as a park but growth and development seem to be dictating what happens on these beautiful reserves?

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3664	I do not support the proposed change	There are enough beaches in Auckland for people who don't like dogs to go to. Te arai and forestry have been dog friendly beaches forever and does not cause any issues. It would be the end of a beautiful way of life for so many animals and families in the area with them
3672	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on Forestry Beach under control off a leash.
3739	I do not support the proposed change	The document provided by the Auckland Council on "Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw" quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections" The second paragraph of the document states "We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ..." I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship, emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the public of Auckland.
3758	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only beach in the area that supports the tight community of dog walkers. Coming from Australia where dogs are banned on nearly all beaches we embraced New Zealand's view. Dogs in Australia are unsocialised as. Result of the strict rules which is a tragedy for both dogs and owners. I fear New Zealand may go the same way. The damage done to the Forestry beach by the golf course far outweighs any odd dog walker. Ridiculous.

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3781	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only off lead beach exercise area for dogs in the far north of Auckland council, and the only high tide dog exercise area around Mangawhai Heads. It is the responsibility of the council to provide the dogs of the area with access to off lead swimming/ beach exercise area for dogs to express there natural behaviours. If dogs are not allowed the freedom to exercise and to express there natural behaviours then dogs become anti social, behave poorly and increases the risk of a dog biting a human! Dogs have to be registered, so they are rate payers too and deserve to be treated with respect.
3792	I do not support the proposed change	I find this flabbergasting to be honest that you would propose this on Forestry Beach. Forestry is generally a locals and family beach which always has responsible dog owners and i have never seen any problems with dogs with humans, dogs with dogs or any excrement left anywhere on the beach. Te Arai literally next door has a no dog policy (for those who have an issue) and appreciate that but to have both beaches unavailable to dogs and their owners is absurd. Lumping these 2 beaches in with 'Auckland beaches' when they are on the council border shows a lack of understanding or appreciation for just how important they are for the local communities and not just minimal tourist traffic. Everybody knows Forestry is dog friendly and always should be. It's how many Kilometres long? I mean how much room to you need to find a space. I emlore you to seriously reconsider applying these rules to Forestry beach. Can you provide the actual reasons why this is even being considered by the Council? I would appreciate hearing them to be honest.
3834	I do not support the proposed change	Why?!
3838	I do not support the proposed change	We walk our dog regularly on forestry beach as do others and I have never come across any dog that was out of control. All owners respect each other and the landscape they walk in.
3841	I do not support the proposed change	We frequent Forestry beach with our dog usually on lead as he is a puppy in training. He is always under control. We have only experienced positive encounters with other dogs and people there. We only know of one other beach in mangawhai dogs can be off lead. Banning dogs at forestry will mean there are more dogs at the surf beach in mangawhai. I predict this will cause problems with over crowding and many dogs not being under controll. Forestry is a good area to let dogs run around. We live in Wellsford there are no other beaches nearby to let our water loving dog visit. We abide by all rules not letting him on the sand dunes and I have seen other people with dogs doing the same. Dogs need spaces to be able to run around freely under control. If dogs needs are not met this has the potential to cause more problems. There will be dogs who are not socialized, dogs at home barking causing noise distrubances, roaming of dogs.

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3844	I do not support the proposed change	Quarry and forestry beach are the two last standing beaches we can properly exercise our dogs, I have lived in mangawhai the past 16years and visit both these beaches weekly, rain or shine to run my dogs. I was born and raised in Matakana hill and spent my entire youth on the coast from Leigh to mangawhai. It's the only place left we have to let our dogs run, to let them sniff and swim. Just before Christmas I took my 16 year old dog to forestry to spend his last day with us, we had to carry him down there to his favorite spot as he could no longer walk, it was his happy place, the place where he could truly be a dog. These beaches are not even busy beaches. I know, I am always there. Yes the reserves should be protected but shouldn't our dogs rights also be protected?! I have large dogs, they are my family, I cannot just chain them to my section day in and day out because they aren't welcome to the beach. Walking a dog on a lead, at human pace, restricted in direction or freedom is not exercise to a 20-50kg dog, you can talk to a vet about it if you need confirmation. Not only do your new suggestions impact the wellbeing of my dogs it impacts my own mental wellbeing. For many years I walk those beaches with my dogs well I reflect on my day and process the mental load, it's just absolutely absurd you want to eliminate our one place of freedom. My dogs have never strayed to the new development... I guess this last comment is likely the most important one to you. Shame.
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 this regional parks.
3886	I do not support the proposed change	This is nuts. Dogs too benefit from a coastal connection. We've been traveling to Forestry and Te Arai Point for years for this purpose. Everyone and every species can co-exist. There is plenty of space and the beach is not under any pressure.

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3887	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to formally oppose the proposed ban on dogs at Te Arai Regional park and in particular Forestry Beach. As a daughter of local residents and dog owner, I believe this decision is both unnecessary and unfairly targets responsible pet owners while ignoring far greater threats to the local environment. Forestry Beach is one of the few remaining places where locals can exercise their dogs freely while enjoying the outdoors. For many residents, particularly those without large private properties, it provides an essential space for physical activity, mental well-being, and community interaction. Banning dogs would disproportionately impact these individuals, stripping them of one of the last accessible areas for responsible pet recreation. The claim that dogs pose a significant risk to wildlife and dune stability is difficult to take seriously when considering the scale of recent developments in the area. The construction of three 18-hole golf courses, along with extensive infrastructure, has resulted in the destruction of hundreds of acres of natural habitat. These projects have had a far greater impact on the environment than local dog walkers ever could. If environmental protection is truly a priority, then efforts should be focused on regulating large-scale developments rather than punishing everyday residents who simply wish to walk their dogs. Furthermore, responsible dog ownership—including leash laws, waste disposal, and wildlife awareness—can be managed through education and enforcement rather than an outright ban. Many dog owners are already conscientious about their pets' impact on the environment and take appropriate measures to minimize any disruption. I urge the council to reconsider this proposed ban and instead work with the local community to find a balanced approach that accommodates both environmental concerns and the needs of residents. Options such as designated off-leash hours, seasonal restrictions, or increased signage about responsible pet ownership would be a far more suitable solution than a total prohibition. Thank you for considering
3892	I do not support the proposed change	There are limited places that dogs can go in general. The Forestry Beach as part of Te Arai is a space that is great for dogs and due its size poses no threat to people enjoying the beach. It is good for dog socialisation too. Most owners are responsible and keep dogs on lead and pick up their waste. My family certainly does. We have used this beach with our dogs for years and it would be such a shame that access to this great spot be taken away.
3927	I do not support the proposed change	There are very limited parks available for off leash dogs and owners in the region. Dogs and dog owners need open spaces where dogs can be off leash to exercise and run. and these large stretches of beach allow for more than one type of user to enjoy. I.E walkers, joggers, horse riders, beach goers. People using these parks and reserves are responsible dog owners who are providing the stimulus and exercise for their dogs to ensure their health and wellness. Dog which do not have access to open spaces to explore become unsocialised and can lead to potential behavioural issues.

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3933	I do not support the proposed change	Currently dogs are allowed on Forestry Beach and there has been little to no issues. This is one of the only areas where there is usually very few people outside of the holidays that dogs can be taken without being a problem. This area is widely used by locals for such activity. It was always a concern that the golf course would drive such a ban and override the use of the beach for the locals. Permitting such a ban would be an adverse effect on the local community and reducing the ability for those in the area to have a place to exercise their animals away from crowds. Personally my dog loves to surf in the waves and the council would be taking away her enjoyment and fun.
3948	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is an extremely large beach. There is between 50-75m from the sand dunes to the water depending on the tide. If the council is concerned about the native birds, as we are, then it should create greater awareness of the birds (who nest in the dunes typically), their nesting locations and create restricted areas on the beach during their nesting season - August to January. To forbid dogs on the beach at all times is extreme, heavy handed and unfair. Forestry Beach is never crowded and there is always huge areas of beach space for dogs and humans to interact without threatening the birds nesting sites. Not only is this unfair, but it would mean that dogs are only allowed on the beaches in the Mangawhai are at the Heads, and that is assuming that it is not high tide, as access then is challenging. I add that the restrictions in the surrounding forest, not even allowing dogs on a lead even though horses are welcome (as they will no doubt be on the beach still) means that, under this proposal, dogs and their owners will have very few open areas to explore and enjoy. The proposal is extremely draconian and appears to favour only one point of view. I am strongly opposed to the proposal.
3955	I do not support the proposed change	I think dogs should be allowed on Forestry beach. There are many other beaches around this area there are no dogs allowed and there needs to be somewhere for them and their owners to enjoy the beach. A solution would be to put signs up if there are dotteral or fairy tern around and or cordon off areas and ask people to keep clear and keep their dogs away from them - but it is a huge beach - some 5km and seems ridiculous to limit the use of it because of this. You could still walk by the water and be well clear of any birds who typically nest in the dunes. The uncrowded beaches is one of the reasons we live up here and want to continue to have somewhere to take our dog on a run/ swim where we can enjoy the beach as well, the quarry is not a good alternative - is small and rocky. In summary, I strongly oppose this proposal.

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3975	I do not support the proposed change	Many locals walk their dogs responsibly and respectfully in this regional park. By limiting access to the disused quarry which is a relatively small confined space it may increase the potential for disturbances between dogs, owners and the public Currently dogs on Forestry beach and its environs are : well controlled, managed well- waste is removed, put on leads when needed etc. Forestry beach is much longer and allows better dispersal of dogs and owners reducing: density and possible conflict. Forestry beach no longer has the trees that used to provide limited habitat for birds etc. On the land side it is bordered by a golf course again reducing the habitat for animals and birds There are no populations of the fairy tern so dog access is not a threat. To argue that the removal of dog access is to benefit habitat is incorrect and not supported by the actions of council or the golf course developers.
3989	I do not support the proposed change	The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship,emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ...” I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship,emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the public of Auckland

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4017	I do not support the proposed change	There is no other option for beach access with dogs, the quarry is a tiny area that if a lot of dogs are put into will likely create more issues Forestry beach has always been a known off leash spot that people are happy to travel to for dog access, if people don't want to be around dogs, they have the te arai regional park next door they can access
4092	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach which is included in this is a great place to exercise dogs. Pakiri just south is closed to dogs and Forestry is the only available dog exercise place in this area. Perhaps it could be closed at the southern end, ie the Pakiri area extended but I can't see any issue with dogs at the northern end of Forestry beach.
4093	I do not support the proposed change	I get that not everyone likes dogs. Not everyone likes horses, cats or balloons etc etc. As a dog owner I don't like dog owners who let their dogs become a menace in public spaces. New Zealand is a pet country, in Auckland ~135.5k dogs are registered pets. Dogs need caring loving homes and plenty of exercise. If the council does not support allowing safe open spaces for owners and dogs, they should ban dog ownership completely. Forcing animals into tight restricted spaces will result in more aggression. It makes no sense that dogs are allowed in cafes, shops, schools, but are banned from wide open spaces with very few people around. This proposal is nonsense.
4123	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry is a much loved destination for families with their dogs. First you propose to take away Pakiri and now Forestry. This is unkind to the local community, who would be happy to have their dogs on leads to enjoy this end of the beach.
4143	I do not support the proposed change	Te Arai proper already prohibits dogs. Allowing dogs at forestry allows owners of dogs to enjoy the area with their dogs.. having one beach that allows this is much appreciated.
4145	I do not support the proposed change	This is ridiculous as a local we take our dogs for walks almost daily at forestry, along with many other locals. It's a beach where locals love taking their dogs for run and walks enjoying the coast line. Thousands of dog owners come here to exercise their dogs. Taking this away from them won't go down well. The relationship between humans and k9 is special for many of us dog owners it's so good for our mental health. Dogs aren't allowed on black swap or te arai so forestry is a destination dog owners love to visit where their dogs can roam freely. When I'm down at the beach you see more people with dogs than without. If you're worried about the bird life then look at all the land the golf course has taken over! That's more of a worry than having dogs on the beach. My dogs have never harmed a bird in the beach.
4186	I do not support the proposed change	Would significantly restrict families with children and dogs

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4199	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few off-leash dog exercise areas in the Te Arai/Mangawhai with sufficient space for dogs to run and play. The quarry does not offer much space to make up for what would be lost in completely prohibiting dogs from forestry beach. As the Te Arai/Mangawhai area grows, more people with dogs come to the area and need a place to properly exercise their dogs. Te Arai beach north from Te Arai Point up to the spit in Mangawhai Heads already prohibits any dogs. Losing Forestry Beach and also prohibiting dogs on Pakiri Beach would leave locals with only the Mangawhai Heads surf beach as a dog exercise area, and it is already crowded at peak times. Leaving the rules at forestry beach as-is, with dogs allowed off-lead, retains an important dog exercise area for the benefit of the community.
4208	I do not support the proposed change	I respectfully disagree with the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry Beach. Forestry Beach has long been a place where residents and their dogs can enjoy companionship, emotional support, and social connections. Removing this right would significantly impact the local community and the wider public, undermining freedoms that have been cherished for generations. The importance of maintaining Forestry Beach as a dog-friendly area is even more evident following recent dog bans at Te Arai and Pakiri beaches. If this proposal is implemented, nearly 20 kilometers of coastline will be off-limits to dogs and their owners, leaving little space for responsible exercise and enjoyment. Forestry Beach remains the last accessible stretch of coastline along this area that was once entirely open to dogs. Given this context, the proposed ban seems disproportionate and unjustified. While the proposal cites the protection of wildlife, specifically dotterels, as the primary reason for banning dogs, there is no evidence to suggest that dogs have had a detrimental impact on local wildlife at Forestry beach. Many individuals, myself included, have walked this beach for years without observing any adverse effects caused by dogs. In contrast, the development of golf courses and high-end holiday homes in the area has caused significant habitat loss, increased coastal erosion, and exposure to noise, light pollution, and chemical spraying. These issues present far greater ecological risks than the presence of dogs. A more balanced approach, such as requiring dogs to be on-leash in specific areas or designating dog-friendly hours, would offer a reasonable solution while still accommodating responsible dog ownership. Exploring these alternatives would better serve the community, ensuring a sustainable balance for all users of Forestry Beach.
4275	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed on Forestry beach under control
4278	I do not support the proposed change	The is no other east coast beach in Auckland where I can spend the day at the beach with my family, and dog. If you have to change anything, just make the Forestry beach on leash at all times. I often go to forestry beach to swim, surf and walk the dog. I've noticed lots of families doing the same. If someone wants a dog free beach, they have a lot of other options.

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4292	I do not support the proposed change	Banning off leash dogs at Forestry beach would be disastrous for many dog owners. The only other beach where dogs are allowed off leash is at the end of Mangawhai Heads beach. There have been several incidents over the past few years that have made this inaccessible to those who live in the Te Arai area ...tornado, floods, Covid to name a few. This is a fairly unpopulated beach and those who use it are aware that it is a dog friendly area. Removing this area would place unnecessary pressure on other off leash dog areas...of which there are very few. The Domain in Mangawhai is far less safe for off leash dogs as there are often children playing sport. I really don't see what the council is hoping to achieve with this proposed new law.
4305	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should continue to be allowed on Forestry beach. The entire of Te Arai beach has a dog bank which is plenty of room for the dotterels
4311	I do not support the proposed change	Again a blanket ban for those of us who take our responsibility of owning a dog seriously ..
4356	I do not support the proposed change	•The Forestry Beach is highly valued by local dog owners as an off leash exercise area for their pets. The local dog walking community is a significant regular user of the beach. •The use of the beach for dog exercise is achieved in harmony with other beach users such as the surfing and fishing communities. In 20 years of regularly using the beach I have only ever witnessed positive interaction between dogs and other beach communities. Dogs are often the catalyst for this positive interaction which otherwise might not occur to the detriment of all. •Even in the height of summer it is only the beach immediately adjacent to the carpark and perhaps extending 300m to the south that is utilized by surfers and bathers; the remaining several kilometres of beach are usually empty except for dog walkers. •The disused quarry at Eyres Point is quite inadequate for meaningful dog exercise. •Over the last 20 years the areas for dog exercise in the Te Arai area have been progressively reduced, the proposal to ban dogs from the last remaining beach appears entirely contrary to the espoused Council policy of providing opportunity for dogs to be taken to public places to promote the positive part they play in our lives. •Dogs are an integral part of many families, if we were to lose this valued exercise area there simply would be nowhere else to include our dogs as part of a family beach outing. Council's own dog access principles express a desire for the provision of balanced use of public places for dogs and their owners. Such balance will best be served by preserving dog access to Forestry Beach. Please allow us to

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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.
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4386	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed change of a blanket dog ban extension to forestry - pakiri beach appears to be completely over the top. There is already 12 km of beach north of Te Arai point which is out of bounds for dogs due to a very limited number of Fairy tern. To the south from Forestry to Parkiri lies another 12km of beach which at most times has little to no people on it and is perfect for dog walkers. To restrict access to this for the protection of nesting birds seems disproportionate to its amenities for the wider Auckland region. This is vital resource for walker and dog walkers, for mental well-being, and safe extensive exercise area for dogs. People travel to this area from the local community and further afield as its is known as a safe, quiet, open walking space for dogs. All dogs and owners here are respectable of others. I have lived in Te Arai for the last 4 years and visit daily with my dog, often there is no one else here. To remove this access removes a vital aspect of both my life and my dogs life. And the wider area had no safe roads/footpaths for walking dogs. There is little evidence of extensive bird nesting in this area and ample space further down the beach/in the dunes in front of the golf course. Given its a man-made golf green, full of expensive houses fronting a pine forest it is somewhat devoid of any bird life anyway. There are very limited numbers of nesting birds along that very long extensive coastline. Like many other beaches around NZ, including Omaha which also likely has nesting birds, I don't see why there cannot be specific areas noted as out of bounds due to nesting birds e.g. like Pauanui beach. (The entire length of Te Arai beach is out of bounds for dogs also. The ridiculously small dog exercise area at Te Arai carpark, around the disused quarry is far too small and not suitable for dog exercise, anyone with a dog would not bother using this. I believe there must be a better solution? The birds nesting is stated as the main reason, how can we restrict dog walkers to an entire 24km of coastline for birds that nest for a few months of the year?? Surely there can be areas cordoned off when birds are nesting or what about dog-on-leash areas during that times? There
4397	I do not support the proposed change	We have been visiting this area for many years with our dog which we believe have little environmental impact on the beach and we have never witnessed any threat to wildlife or even seen a dotterel.

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4426	I do not support the proposed change	When the land behind the beaches (Forestry and Te Arai) became Te Arai Regional park in (2019) there had been no public consultation about Forestry and Te Arai becoming dog free. Here is the evidence from the council confirming this . (See email below from council) The reason for this current policy review is to “clarify that the rule is appropriate “ As we have discussed and all agree it is NOT appropriate and so we must now provide alternative solutions to their proposal of the quarry as the only area where people can exercise dogs. The solution that provides a balance between community needs and environmental protection. 1. On leash at Te Arai north up to Te arai stream 2. On leash in Forestry car park (so you can exit the Regional Park) 3. Off leash on Forestry beach (excluding Poutawa stream 4.7km south of car park) where dotterals are supposedly nesting .

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4586	I don't know	Te Arai south beach (Forestry) is an excellent option to relieve the volume of dogs at Mangawhai Heads beach. It is a safe, long beach and at peak times during summer holidays, has no more than around 10 family dogs running along the beach. Most dogs are there with their owners for regular exercise. The dogs run, sniff and swim, all with family members nearby, carrying a lead. Research: There has been research conducted by the SPCA which states that a mere 30% of owners walk their dogs. It is unfair and inhumane to have an animal, in this case a family dog, and not exercise it. For the Council to restrict options of walking a family pet dog off leash is incomprehensible. Regular exercising of dogs, particularly off-leash, should be encouraged. Well exercised dogs are much better behaved and easier to manage, not to mention preventing canine obesity. The most important international research is from Animal and Veterinary Sciences publication "Let'm Loose - The Importance of Off-leash Walks for Dogs", Sandra Foltin Udo Ganslosser. It states in part that "dog have idiosyncratic exercise requirements to preserve optimal health physiologically and psychologically. Studies demonstrate that dogs that spent more time using their olfaction through regular nosework activity are more optimistic which increases their welfare.:" There is the risk that dogs which are not allowed off-leash do not get the opportunity to use their "nosework". It also seems that to restrict options over one species (dogs) in favour of another (birdlife) is the proverbial "sledgehammer to crack a nut". The DOC website states in an abstract regarding coastal wildlife and dogs, that the most important aspect is education of owners. With a little thought there are various ways of educating owners - signage at the beach, online tutorials (maybe for reduced registrations fee if passed); information supplied at the time of registration. The importance of setting a good example with a lead is also highlighted.
4618	I do not support the proposed change	Our beach, for much of the year is under utilised. As locals we walk our dogs over the cooler months and never see another soul on this beach. We look after it, collect rubbish after storms and want to protect it. We understand that 5 km down the beach (where most of us never go) there can be signs of dotterels. It would make sense that dogs are put on a lead from the stream outlet. As locals, we would even not mind a 'no dog' time during the day. Remember however that this is not a busy beach outside 3 weeks over December and January and the odd public holiday. The alternative that you are suggesting is ridiculous. That very small section of beach is flanked by protected areas. This does not make sense. Most of us have helped restore the sand dunes. We are passionate about keeping our beach clean. The golf course uses sprays to maintain their greens, has constant helicopter traffic and has another 5 years of construction happening right near the dunes. Surely if you were concerned about conservation, this would be your first concern. As responsible dog owners, there can be a compromise (as I listed before) but banning our dogs is not the answer.

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4630	I do not support the proposed change	Currently dogs are allowed at Forestry off leash. People get up to this area and are often at Te Arai Beach north, where they are allowed at Eyres point? The small shelly beach that often is where we have small children enjoying the space without big waves. There is limited walking access over to the other side and it is difficult for people to navigate. Only a short walk. Reality is that people don't walk their dogs there. As a local, I will tell people how to get to Forestry if they have brought their dog and this is a great situation for them - they are able to take their dog over to there and enjoy a day with their dogs. Locals also know that they can take their dogs for walks on Forestry beach. I think that reducing the amount of dogs being walked on a leash is a good idea as dog walkers are starting to bring large packs of dogs up this way and there is no way they can control them. I have horses and we ride on the beach and there have been issues where people don't understand how to control their dogs or how much energy a large pack of dogs have and the horses anxiety. If a rule was added that your dog has to be on a leash or close to you if you see horses could be more helpful to keeping every one safe - but at the end of the day, we are so remote and things won't be policed, but as a rider and local, if this was a rule, I could inform others of this. As I initially said, having only dogs at the little quarry is dangerous - as that is where small children swim and hang out. I do not support the change of not having dogs at Forestry beach, people are used to this being a dog zone and they bring their dogs up there for that reason. I support reducing dogs in packs - less than 5 would be best to per person - and the leash situation and perhaps 3 off leash, but that would also mean that they have recall. Thank you for reading my response. Rachelle Millar - Te Arai Point local for 8.5 years.
4638	I do not support the proposed change	As a keen birder and bird guide, I believe the impact to native birds on Forestry Beach. Te Arai North and Pakiri are different because of the nesting NZ Dotterel and Fairy Terns, but none of these birds nest along Forestry Beach
4639	I do not support the proposed change	Too complicated works ok now

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4646	I do not support the proposed change	Hi there, I'm a Te Arai local and belong to a community group called "Love Te Arai" which is a group aimed at protecting and preserving Te Arai. https://www.lovetearai.org.nz/ Myself and our group strongly appose with the proposal to ban dogs at Te Arai Regional park (Te Arai South) Please see the submission below fro one of our members. Key points are: -This proposal would be mean that around a 20km stretch of the beach running from Mangawhai through to Pakiri would have a dog ban, leaving the entire dog community with nowhere to run their dogs. As stated below Te Arai South is a real meeting point for the locals and their dogs. I've never seen a dog on the sand dunes, they only swim in the ocean and run along the beach, there's no evidence of dogs affecting wildlife. Te Arai North already has a dog ban to protect the Dotterals. The quarry "off-leash" area is pointless. It's a tiny area, literally nowhere to run and it has sharp shells which is terrible for dog walking. Because of its size, it's also terrible for the locals and visitors who swim and use that quarry beach. - How can you possibly propose a dog ban to "protect wildlife" when 3 golf courses have just been built along the same stretch of beach? - Could we propose that dogs are on leash until they reach the waterline? Te Arai with be The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places.”
4673	I do not support the proposed change	there is no real risk to wildlife at forestry beach.

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4675	I do not support the proposed change	Firstly, let me make a disclaimer: I do not have a dog, never walk a dog, and have no personal interest in this ban. However, there is a bigger issue at stake here, and that is that this often neglected outpost of the so-called Super City continues to have decisions imposed on it by people who barely know the region. The idea of banning dogs from Forestry Beach is made without any understanding of the local conditions and daily usage. This is not a crowded suburban Auckland beach like Mission Bay or Takapuna; without a full appreciation of the extensive nature of the beaches up here there is no basis for justifying this sweeping change. The issue of shorebird protection along this coast is of supreme importance, and locals have always supported and respected the restrictions on Te Arai North beach. However, Forestry is a different scenario. Shorebirds along that coastal strip have long been pushed southwards towards Pakiri - ever since the clearing of the forest and the development of Te Arai Links golf course and related residential mansions. Thus for around two-three kilometers south of the Forestry beach access there are no shorebirds to be disturbed. Very few dogs and dogwalkers would venture that far down the beach. Also, in my twenty years along this coastal strip I have rarely seen dogs wandering around the dunes; their natural instinct is to bound around on the beach itself. Furthermore, the expanse of the beach is such that there is never any sense of over-crowding by dogs and their dog walkers; a leisurely trickle most mornings and evenings. (To suggest that the quarry cove at Eyre's Point is an adequate option is bizarre; that area is a stony bowl about the size of basketball court, and is heavily-favoured safe family spot!). Finally, the doggie people from far and wide around the district treasure this wonderful facility, and do everything they can to maintain the pristine beach. They even carry their lovely little doggie-doo bags away with them (that's one reason I don't have a dog), and the community does not deserve to have this freedom taken away, least of all under a sweeping decision that makes no allowance whatsoever for the special local conditions. This ban must not be implemented.

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4676	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is a haven for dogs, families and dog owners. Except when the surf is up, it is mostly deserted and a wonderful place for dogs and owners to walk and enjoy the beauty and the solitude with no traffic to worry about. There are very few birds on the beach - the odd Oyster Catcher, the odd seagull and occasionally a migratory bird resting on its journey south. My dog and I rescued a Shag by shepherding it up the beach where it stayed drying for three days before flying away. A friend and I freed a Gannet caught up in a fishing line all with our dogs around us. The dogs enjoy the freedom of Forestry Beach and they run and swim and relax as dogs need to do. Dogs cannot be leashed all the time and Forestry is the perfect place. When the dogs are free and relaxed so are the owners. The space that Forestry Beach provides is essential to the wellbeing of both the owners and the dogs. Families can come to the beach with their family pet. It is great to see kids and parents and grandparents and friends all enjoying the beach with their precious dogs in tow. I have been a dog owner for most of fifty years and I am appalled at the draconian rules proposed by a Council that simply does not understand the value of a haven like Forestry Beach. Take your hands off our beach!! Dear Auckland Council, We are writing to express our strong objection to the proposed ban on dogs at Forestry Beach, as outlined in the document "Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw." While we wholeheartedly support the council's stated aim of "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders," this proposal directly contradicts that very principle. For generations, Auckland residents, particularly those in the Forestry Beach area and also Mangawahi, have enjoyed this beach as a vital space for dog exercise, companionship, and social connection. Banning dogs from Forestry Beach would be a significant loss for our local community and all Aucklanders. ~~This proposal is particularly concerning as the council has previously stated that~~

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4681	I do not support the proposed change	Myself and my husband strongly oppose the proposal to ban dogs at Te Arai Regional park (Te Arai South) Please see the submission below from one of our members. Key points are: -This proposal would mean that around a 20km stretch of the beach running from Mangawhai through to Pakiri would have a dog ban, leaving the entire dog community with nowhere to run their dogs. As stated below Te Arai South is a real meeting point for the locals and their dogs. I've never seen a dog on the sand dunes, they only swim in the ocean and run along the beach, there's no evidence of dogs affecting wildlife. Te Arai North already has a dog ban to protect the Dotterals. - The proposed quarry "off-leash" area is pointless. It's a tiny area, literally nowhere to run and it has sharp shells which is terrible for dog walking. Because of its size, it's also terrible for the locals and visitors who swim and use that quarry beach. - How can you possibly propose a dog ban to "protect wildlife" when 3 golf courses have just been built along the same stretch of beach? - Could we propose that dogs are on leash until they reach the waterline? The document provided by the Auckland Council on "Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw" quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections" The second paragraph of the document states "We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ..."
4688	I do not support the proposed change	Because the rich should not be allowed to dictate the rules to benefit themselves It was always family and dog friendly untill they built the golf course cut down all the trees on the beach to enhance there views and now no dogs soon it will be no public access Enough is enough

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4694	I do not support the proposed change	The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ...” I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship, emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the public of Auckland. The need to keep Forestry Beach available to dogs and their owners is now a crucial one. This is due to the recent introduction of banning of dogs and their
4714	I do not support the proposed change	As locals, we love and want to protect this beach. We care for the Sand dunes and collect rubbish after storms. Our beach is mostly empty for 10 months of the year - except for us locals and our water loving dogs. Your alternative is not an alternative. With a post grad in environmental science, I am all for protecting the environment, therefore I ask you to look at what is happening on the other side of those sand dunes. I agree that we could have compromise - dogs on lead until they are on the beach and dogs on lead where the stream comes out, 5km away from where we all like to be.

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4737	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach has no breeding endangered birds and is the only accessible offlead beach in the area. (The disused quarry and beach to the south which is listed as off lead is inaccessible due to slips since cyclone Gabrielle.) Forestry is a well-used well-loved beach enjoyed by locals and the wider community for off lead dog exercise, fishing, surfing, family gatherings and horse riding. There is never any conflict between these activities. The size of the beach allows for long walks in nature in relative solitude, a rare thing as our population grows and so important for mental health. Preventing off lead dog exercise benefits no one and will inhibit community enjoyment of the beach for no reason.
4789	I do not support the proposed change	I do support the changes proposed to Te Arai Forestry Beach. We specifically go to that beach to run our dog as we cannot go to Te Arai point beach and there needs to be somewhere where the dogs can exercise with the family on the beach. We use this beach all year round and I have never seen any wild life there and I have never seen any dogs running on the sand dunes. I sincerely ask you not to do this, it is very upsetting for our family.
4819	I do not support the proposed change	You have removed all the places locally for dog walking now. This is the only place we have left as road walks are unsafe with increased traffic. The quarry beach is too small to accommodate dogs and people
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4834	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach has been a dog walking area for the over 30 years I have been using the beach . The changes in 2019 were made without any consultation with those who were to be affected, this is evident by the shock and dismay of long time locals who only recently heard about these rules.. These changes in 2019 represent an environmental absolutism culture at council that has scant regard for locals who use this beach on a near daily basis. There was no good reason to extend a dog ban to the beach front (in 2019). If dunes and tracks are a sensitive area for wildlife then it is reasonable to exclude dogs from these areas, however this can be done without excluding them from the beachfront. A compromise can and should be reached by giving dog walkers at least 2 kilometres of beachfront south of Te Arai Point. All parties should be able to live with this and certainly the wildlife preservation activities would still be successful.
4836	I do not support the proposed change	Locals have historically taken care of our areas and parks, being farmers and lifestylers ourselves. for 10 months of the year the beach is empty. It is ridiculous that the given compromise space is flanked by 2 protected areas, nonetheless dangerous due to the shells and the unpredictable currents. Golf courses are globally harmful to the environment, so that is what we should be focusing on.

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4857	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach (Te Arai Beach South) has been the off lead exercise area for local dog walkers for decades. The changes in 2019 were imposed without consultation with local ratepayers and interested parties. There was no good reason to extend a dog ban to the beach front in 2019. If dunes and tracks are a sensitive area for wildlife (dotterels and other birds) then it is reasonable to exclude dogs from these areas, however this can be done without excluding them from the beachfront. The provision of a couple of kilometres of beachfront south of Te Arai Point (i.e. Forestry Beach) for dogwalking, for the physical and mental wellbeing of your ratepayers, is required
4859	I do not support the proposed change	Currently well used for dog exercising off leash, a lot of people out of the area come to use this spot because of this, it is also great having a space in which the council can refer people to use when they are in an area which is of higher conservation value. I recommend allowing people to have their dogs off leash at Forestry, and having NO DOGS allowed anywhere else on park.
4897	I do not support the proposed change	It's the only beach area left in the wider that dogs can be allowed to run free on, not widely populated with people or native birds and access is not easy for the general public
4899	I do not support the proposed change	Tara it golf course developments are exclusive and that's what's ruining it for the wildlife all the excavating, land clearing, machinery, blocking forestry access.. not a dog that's intermittently there and now part of the circle of life in that area
4902	I do not support the proposed change	I work for the Department of Conservation and lead the tara iti recovery program. I have significant experience with conservation of threatened species specialising in shorebirds/seabirds. I also own a dog. One of our main areas of focus is Te Arai. Because of this I do not understand the ban of dogs from Te Arai south. There are no shorebirds nesting on the beach south of Te Arai point with the exception of Poutawa stream mouth which is approximately a 30min walk and birds tend to nest on the southern side. Therefore this beach provides the perfect location to provide for recreational oppourtunities for dog owners as well as protection of threatened species elsewhere. Happy to discuss further.
4905	I do not support the proposed change	We went to forestry beach last week with our dog and it was awesome to be able to take him to a nice beach off leash. The current rules should be kept as they are for this area
4912	I do not support the proposed change	There is no evidence that supports that dogs are danger to bird life on Forestry Beach. A total ban of dogs in dunes, aside from limited crossways from park to beach) would protect birds theoretically in danger, & still give dogs & owners the beach yo exercise on. Cramming dogs into a small space at the quarry is likely to create more undesirable behavioural issues. With so much space available on Forestry, owners can give reactive dogs plenty of space thus significantly reduce any chance of aggressive encounters.
4914	I do not support the proposed change	As a local responsible dog owner I do not support the proposed changes. Most locals are respectful of the area and we should be able to walk and swim our dogs.

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4926	I do not support the proposed change	I am a local resident who has walked their dog off leash for years. I was involved in organising the protest at Forestry Beach and was overwhelmed with the support from locals alike. I cant understand how the council can use the conservation wildlife card when they have allowed helicopters to fly in and out of the golf course regularly, allowed thousands of trees to be removed and vegetation removed. I can hand on heart say that I have never seen a dotteral or any endangered wildlife ever on the beach. The beach is a rural unpopulated beach predominately used by surfers and dog walkers. Some dog walkers we have met travel by car 45 mins to visit the beach. It is the last place available for numerous miles where we can walm our dogs- we do not have dog parks and all other nearby beaches have been deemed no dogs. The area council are allowing for dogs at the disused quarry is pathetically small and literally the size of a lounge. The councils own definition is a place to foster stewardship, social connectedness and belonging for all Aucklanders to the place and each other. The beach is important to socialise our dogs, humans and for spiritual and mental wellbeing. I would like to know what evidence or survey has been conducted to prove their has been a decline in wildlife conservation. The councils own vision in the 2022 management plan is to allow freedom camping at forestry beach carpark- surely this and the sprays used at the adjacent golf courses is causing more harm than a handful of dogs walking the beach. Your own rangers have said that the dogs are allowed to cross the carpark to use the beach. This should be kept this way. It is not an overly populated beach and all owners that walk there dogs are respectful of the area and pick up after their dogs and also pick up rubbish. You are not banning horses from the beach and surely they would do as much damage to the beach. Please leave the beach as it is and was always intended to be before it became a Regional park.

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4928	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy written above is not correct. Forestry beach has always been dog off leash friendly. The Council Ranger has even stated this at the beach. Council's acquisition of forestry beach in 2021 and then the Council's decision to include Forestry beach in the Te Arai Regional Park (without any public consultation) has altered what has been the historical use of the beach for more than 20 years. All dogs are walked on the beach which is below the high water mark and as such is owned by the Crown and is part of the "common marine and coastal area" (CMCA). This area is considered Open to Public access. What we, the public are asking for is that the historical use of the beach be allowed to continue. Council can use its discretion, the same as it does for farmland areas within a Regional park and class this as an inherited land use and allow dogs and dog owners to enjoy the beach remain. Council's only claim for dogs to be banned is for conservation and wildlife protection. It's a bit hard to accept this as Council have given a permit for 2 golf courses, over 50 dwellings and a sand mine in the same area. This has resulted in a huge loss of native vegetation and natural habitat. There is also constant sound pollution from helicopters bringing people to the golf course. The poison spraying at the golf course is also detrimental to local habitat. Council have not provided one shred of evidence that dogs are having a detrimental effect on the environment at Forestry Beach. Please consider the above and allow the continued use of Forestry beach for walking dogs off leash. Thank you. Auckland Council acquired Forestry Beach in 2021 as a trade off for giving approval to build 2 golf courses, a sand mine and several properties. They then combined this acquisition with the Regional Park known as Te Arai which is a beach North of Forestry beach. They then renamed it Te Arai South.
4946	I do not support the proposed change	This beach has wide open spaces, often no one else around and is perfect for both my family's mental health and the health of our dog. If the proposed changes went ahead, our only options to walk our dog will be Mangawhai heads beach or the quarry. Mangawhai heads beach would then become overpopulated with dogs.
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.
4962	I do not support the proposed change	It is one of the only beaches that dogs can enjoy themselves. Don't ruin it for the locals

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4969	I do not support the proposed change	I'm not aware of any endangered species at this area of the beach/park I'm not aware of any dog related incidents at this area This is only 1 of 2 beaches you can walk your dog between Mangawhai and Leigh Over the busiest period i.e. the Xmas break the amount of people on the beach was minimal and those who were on the beach at least 75% had dogs! It's a very quiet beach Most of these groups were families with the family dog There's many other beaches people without dogs can visit The reality is a high % of people have dogs (35% NZ wide) ; you need to listen to the rate payers - good dog loving families who want to share at least a few nice areas with their dog I hope common sense prevails with this one
4976	I do not support the proposed change	The quarry at Te Arai is a great spot for dogs however is limited for space. Forestry beach has allowed dogs for lifetimes and has never been a problem for the birdlife that lives out there. Myself and the local community find it incredibly disrespectful you are trying to take away the beach which we all enjoy walking our dogs at and have for lifetimes, only because there is a golf course there now. Especially considering we were also promised it would not affect our day to day life. Everyone has used the beach with dogs roaming freely with no problems. We trust with the rules being unchanged no more problems will occur and everyone will maintain being respectful dog owners of the land and wildlife out there. Please have some faith in humanity and don't take our rights away. Yours sincerely Blake Everson
4977	I do not support the proposed change	I do not think banning dogs from forestry beach will make any changes to the environment you are building multimillion dollar mansions and golf course for people who not even live in our country which will be doing far more damage to the flora and fauna of the area and the only dead birds on forestry have died due in pollution in our waters. forestry beach is cherished within the dog community in mangawhai and surrounding areas as it gives our dogs a chance to be dogs and freedom to run as the other beaches such as the head surf beach and estuary are over crowded with people, children and other dog walkers (banning us at forestry is going to contribute to the population at these other beaches making it more dangerous - if anything you should ban dogs at the head surf beach) I myself have a reactive dog and only feel comfortable taking him to forestry as I can keep my distance from others. For such a fast growing community we are extremely limited as it is on where we can take our beloved family pets, we do not have a dog park and all walks/hikes in the area are not strictly no dogs. Part of the reason people want to call Managwhai home is to enjoy the beautiful outdoor environment it has to offer - please don't limit that

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4983	I do not support the proposed change	we like many other Aucklanders have enjoyed taking our dog along with our family to Forrestry Beach over summer. We have been doing this for years and usually go for most of the day. We have owned several dogs over this time and all were well behaved enjoying spending family time, walking and swimming. We have never witnessed any altercation between dogs or any dogs chasing sea birds. We also have always seen people pick up their dog droppings. If this proposal proceeds, then nearly 20 continuous kilometers of beach coastline will be completely banned to dogs and their owners right to enjoy them and would disproportionately impact on the local community, stripping them and day trippers of the last accessible area for responsible dog recreation. I understand the importance of protecting our shorebirds including the Dotterels that exist in small groups along this coastline. There are already areas like the Te Arai stream entrance, Poutawa Stream entrance, Parkiri Beach which are dog free protected zones. I would support that dogs be on leash from the car park to the high water mark at Forrestry Beach so that we can continue to enjoy this beach environment. I would like this strip of public Coastal land to remain a dog friendly space for future generations to enjoy.
4984	I do not support the proposed change	We have lived up at Te Arai for 10 years and have always appreciated to ability to walk our dogs off lead at Forestry Beach. This is one of the most positive features of the area for us. We are horrified to learn of the proposed changes and strongly disagree. The people who choose to live in this area, most of whom have lived here for a long time and well before Te Arai Links golf course was dreamed of, enjoy a simple life and one of them is walking their dogs on Forestry Beach. There are less and less options for places to walk dogs and to assume the disused quarry at Te Arai north is the solution is a ridiculous notion. This is a tiny area which would not be at all suitable for many dogs and their owners to descend on. Have you actually been to the quarry and seen how small the area is? We, like all our local neighbours, will be gutted if you change the dog bylaws to exclude dogs from being exercised on Forestry Beach. It is totally unreasonable, unfair and mean to consider taking away this activity from those of us who get so much pleasure from walking our dogs along the beach - not to mention the positive benefits to our mental health. Please DO NOT proceed with this proposed change.

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4994	I do not support the proposed change	As an owner of a reactive dog, Forestry beach is the only beach I have ever been able to take my boy to. We can walk on leash for 10 minutes until we find ourselves away from others. Only then can his leash come off and if you could see the look of pure joy on his face being able to run unrestrained until he's absolutely exhausted. He then swims and tells me when it's time fir home. There is no way possible that we will be able to use the tiny quarry you has set out as off leash area. I fear there will be dog fights and other incidents due to the small nature of the area you are deeming fit for dogs. I've been walking, running, swimming with my rescue dog at forestry beach since March 2018 and never once have we seen dogs injuring birds or even animals washed up. I have only ever seen responsible dog owners using forestry beach. I am so so saddened for my dog and the hundreds of others I have seen using the beach and it's expanse, knowing it may be taken away. It's truly devastating
5059	I do not support the proposed change	The reasons for the proposal are not logical and are purely speculative. The council have not provided any empirical evidence that the current access of dogs to Forestry beach causes any damage. There is more than ample area for dog owners and non dog owners to share. The vast majority of dog owners who use Forestry beach are responsible and caring owners. If the intent is to protect wildlife, then more attention is needed towards the poisonous outflow of chemicals which is known to come from the golf courses, the destruction of natural habitat from excessive beach side building and bird and marine life damage through discarded fishing line. Area's for dog exercise are continually being reduced. I hope that this process will be transparent about the true outcomes and not an anti dog sentiment by a minority of influential people
5066	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only place I can give my dog freedom to roam on a leash, he loves the beach and I can't take them any where else.
5101	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the beach off leash - except for bird breeding areas (seasonally) - we are already limited where we can go

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5113	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is the last open area in the region for dogs and families to enjoy and socialise with each other, older people are often seen walking their pets along this beach as in some cases pets are there only companion. Regular visitors have not observed any harm caused by dogs to local wildlife can't say the same about golf courses and housing though The Poutawa Estuary hosts limited bird species, which have coexisted with dogs for decades. The clearing of forests for golf courses and there restaurants and housing has had a much greater effect on on bird loss Recurring Pattern of Restrictions. Dogs were prohibited at Te Arai following the development of Tara Iti Golf course and now that Te Arai Links golf courses is finished it would seem the same Te Arai features a designated conservation zone and active nesting protections only at Te Arai Stream. Forestry Beach includes marked nesting sites at Poutawa Stream The restriction would significantly affect dog owners and visitors who appreciate this quiet, natural location. we grew up with our pets on this beach and I see so many families doing the same, this would be a tragedy to take away part of the kiwi dream as we' have enjoyed.
5115	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on Forestry Beach, there are already so few beaches that dogs are allowed on, don't remove more of them
5119	I do not support the proposed change	There is no good reason to ban dogs from this area. Wild cats, stoats, and weasels are the problem . Not not dogs.

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5123	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach has long been a place for Aucklanders and their dogs to enjoy companionship, emotional support, and social connections. With dog bans already in place at Te Arai Beach (north) and Pakiri Beach (south), this proposal would eliminate nearly 20 km of coastline for dog owners. the last Remaining Dog-Friendly Beach Forestry Beach is the only remaining unrestricted stretch in the area. generations of beachgoers have seen no negative impact from dogs, the golf courses however has had a far greater impact on wildlife and dune erosion. Golf courses contribute noise, light pollution, and chemical spraying, affecting the ecosystem. Dogs were banned at Te Arai after Tara Iti Golf Course was built now, the proposed ban follows the completion of Te Arai Links golf courses. Dotterel Protection Already in Place: Te Arai has a designated sanctuary and active protection at Te Arai Stream. Forestry Beach has marked dotterel protection areas at Poutawa Stream, 5 km south of the The ban would affect countless dog owners and visitors who value this uncrowded, natural space.
5170	I do not support the proposed change	I support dogs to be allowed on forestry beach. At the very least on leash.
5180	I do not support the proposed change	I propose that Te Ārai Beach (Te Ārai Beach North) and Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) be open for off-leash under control at all times. This beach has open water & rough surf - no lifesaving. It's not suitable for families with children. The dunes are off limits to people and dogs. People need the freedom to run and walk their dogs, this is important for mental health.
5186	I do not support the proposed change	We have enjoyed walking our dogs on Forestry beach since we bought our property in the area 6 years ago. We are always mindful of picking up after our dogs, as are other local families. I would support limited access hours however oppose a total ban as this would leave no options for exercising our dogs properly. No other nearby options are available ie roads are dangerous with no footpaths and the quarry area is small and not fit for purpose. I hope you will consider the impact this proposed change will have on our pets.

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5202	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off-least at all of the Te Arai beach and Forestry Beach. The area where the fairy terns nest should be fenced off altogether. The fairy tern nesting area is quite a way along the Ocean beach entrances. If it was fenced there would be no problem. And the old forestry beach by the new accommodation and golf course - all dogs walk left and therefore do not go anywhere to the fairy tern nesting area.
5207	I do not support the proposed change	There are no other beaches in this area accessible to our dogs. It is a huge beach, dogs are well behaved, it appears the rich people and their golf courses move in and now the only beach, off leash accessible for dogs, and even then I have to drive 25 mins from Wellsford to reach it is going to be cut off for zero reason!!!!!! Not even winter access allowed. I am DISGUSTED
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 u are just making it crazy complex.
5274	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is a fantastic place for dog walkers and one of very few spots available for locals to walk their dogs on the beach. It is extremely popular for dog walkers and surfers - not much else.
5278	I do not support the proposed change	I often walk my daughter's dog at this beach. Frequently I am the only person there. The dog is very active and at my age I am not so this is the only place nearby where the dog can get vigorous exercise. Walking the dog on leash is not satisfying for me or the dog. Have lived here for 30 years and have never seen any dotterels at this beach. I am a conservationist but this is an unnecessary OTT approach.. There is an argument that humans should not domesticated animals but the reality is that people do have animals and they should be catered for. The proposal to have dogs off leash at Eyres point is both ludicrous and dangerous because that is where families take their young children to swim. Our own children lived there when they were young. Given the development that I have seen the council permit over the decades to use conservation as a justification for this change is ridiculous and dishonest.
5283	I do not support the proposed change	The only beach around for dogs. There have been no incidents harming wildlife that I have seen. Leave it alone
5297	I do not support the proposed change	Team, There has never been an issue with Dog Walking at Te Arai Beach South (Forestry beach) Do not ban dogs on this beach and force all dogs to the Quarry area of Te Arai Beach. Dog owners need space and Te Arai South Forestry beach has been used for a very long time with no concerns. If this was to occur there would be no where left for dog owners to enjoy a beach locally. Che Aotearoa Surf School

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5300	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need somewhere to run and explore. There is never any issues at forestry and it's totally Ridiculous to take this away from dog owners. Humans have enough! Please don't take this away
5303	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need more space than what is being proposed. Forestry beach is a perfect place for dogs and access should be allowed there.
5343	I do not support the proposed change	We are already limited where we can access beaches. Happy to avoid bird-breeding areas/seasons. Please do not ban even more areas ESPECIALLY FORESTRY BEACH - it is our only beach left
5353	I do not support the proposed change	This is a writer beach where only locals come with their dogs. I've only ever seen respectful use of the beach by dog owners.
5404	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is the only beach we have left to exercise our dogs off leash. There are wildlife protected areas to the North and South, where dogs are not allowed, why would this 5km stretch be needed too? This is discrimination against dog owners, we pay our dog licenses and should have our place too. Some people are dependent on their dogs for various reasons. For the wellbeing of people and dogs, please leave Forestry beach available for dogs to run off leash under the supervision of their owners! We have been taking our dogs here for 23 years and during that time other beaches have become off limits to dogs.....do not take the final stretch away from us, PLEASE!
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.
5434	I do not support the proposed change	The beach at forestry is a dog haven, local dog owners use this regularly to exercise off leash- a precious beach for us. The proposed off leash at quarry is not big enough! The gem of the area is having a beach we can take the whole family too any time
5437	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the only dog walking beaches in the area. The quarry is too small and isolating a small area will cause problems with too many dogs in a small space. Forestry beach has been used as a dog walking beach for years without issue. The development causes far wider issues. Dog owners themselves not support this whatsoever.
5440	I do not support the proposed change	We need more dog friendly places in Auckland not less.
5495	I do not support the proposed change	This is a well used dog walking area and is punitive to remove the current access
5521	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on Forestry beach are always accompanied by their responsible carer. Dogs living in urban areas have very few places to exercise off leash and this essential to their well being and behaviour. There has been a huge amount of consented disruption in the Forestry beach area with the removal of many trees, construction of houses and golf courses far more detrimental to bird and wild life.

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5543	I support the proposed change	We regularly walk this beach. Dog owners say they are responsible but repeatedly we see the dogs running into the dunes where birds are nesting and chasing birds in the surf. I would like the ban on dogs on a leash only. It would be nice to have a dog park where they could be off lead.
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.
5609	I do not support the proposed change	There is already very limited dog walking areas in this region that to further restrict dog usage would be hugely detrimental to the community of this area and those who enjoy travelling to the beach. I am a local living 10 minutes drive and have enjoyed the beach with AND without a dog for over 10 years. Forestry Beach is a special place where we have NEVER experienced any issues with dogs or dog owners. Unlike Te Arai, forestry beach allows a more inclusive family experience. One where people are relaxed and enjoy the space respectively. When we didn't have a dog it was still our favourite beach. Shared by all - even the horses. There is enough room on the beach for all. If there are bird protection issues then cordon an area off however to stop the use of the beach with respect to dogs and their families would be gutting for the area. Please don't take this away from us as other dog friendly areas such as Mangawhai heads beach are over run with dogs. Forestry is an expansive space that can be enjoyed by all. Otherwise te arai provides a dog free alternative. Thank you, Amanda and Doug the dog Holland
5737	I do not support the proposed change	Too complicated
5794	I do not support the proposed change	We have all walked our dogs there for years and years. There is barely anywhere where we live to walk our dogs. Why change this all of a sudden? Dog walkers keep this beach in pristine condition, you never see poo or poo bags left on the beach. Absolutely ridiculous changing the rules for the sake of changing rules!
5799	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach should remain available to responsible dog owners
5800	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners and well trained and well behaved dogs do not pose any threat to the area.

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5822	I do not support the proposed change	Once again you're punishing responsible dog owners by taking away their happy place. What are you replacing these banned areas with? Disgraceful. I am totally against the change to dog access at forestry beach and the associated coastal tracks. This needs to be an under control area off leash at all times. Dogs and their owners benefit from off leash exercise! Dogs need it for their mental health, an exercised dog is a happy dog! Having returned from living in the South Island, where dogs are very welcome, I'm aghast at the councils determination to remove dog access to beaches in Auckland. Ban bad dog owners, stop punishing the majority who are good owners!
5846	I do not support the proposed change	I am appalled by this proposed change to ban dogs from Forestry Beach. This is a very popular beach for locals to walk their dogs and that as soon as Auckland Council takes control of this area you immediately want to ban dogs. This is such an extreme and unnecessary action. there are hardly any dotterals on this beach and the only ones i have seen are much further down the beach. The majority of the year this beach is basically empty and used only by dog walkers. This is one of the only dog access beaches left in the area and I am absolutely appalled by this attempt to remove access here as well. It is extremely unnecessary.
5907	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland Council has no plans to open new off-leash areas in the immediate vicinity. The proposed query is insufficient for proper off-leash exercise, especially with many dogs, without causing any issues with children and the general public. The only east coast beaches dog owners can access are Mangawhai North, and the council is suggesting the closest alternative, which is 1.5 hours away in Orewa Estuary. This decision is absurd. Auckland Council has permitted tree felling, clearing, and sand mining in the area, yet they use the excuse that dogs impact wildlife. I have been accessing TeAri for decades without witnessing any adverse effects on bird life or the presence of endangered species.
5931	I do not support the proposed change	My wife and I regularly drive 45 minutes to take our dog swimming and walking at Forestry Beach. We have been doing to that beach for about 20 years. We love taking our dog there. It is out of the way, and is mainly used by other dog owners and surfers. I've never seen any dogs there causing trouble, walking in sand dunes - they're there to walk at the waters edge to run and play. I get fed up with the changing of rules for no good reason. Families prefer beaches with proper facilities, Forestry Beach tends to be quiet most of the time - sometimes through winter, there's not one other person or dog in sight! Please, DO NOT ban dogs from this wonderful beach which we've enjoyed with our dogs (now passed on) and hold so many memories for so many years.

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5954	I do not support the proposed change	My husband and I have been regular visitors to Forestry Beach for many years, not only with our labrador dog, Leia, but with our previous old dog, Benny. Forestry Beach is the perfect place for a dog beach. It's well off the beaten track, down a dirt road for many kms which means families usually go to Mangawhai or to Te Arai beach, both of which have better facilities for families. Forestry Beach has always been more frequented by dog owners and surfers. I do not believe that a blanket ban is fair - look at each place on it's particular merits. Or, is this new dog ban proposed due to the new golf links and housing estate bordering Forestry Beach? The elite few take precedence over those who have utilised and enjoyed the beach for many, many years, like ourselves. Our dog, Leia, is a surfing dog. When we go out to play on our boogie boards in the surf, she is right there with us, jumping over waves to get out and body surfing back in. I feel physically sick at the thought of Council proposing such a ban. Perhaps if anyone took the time to go to that beach, they would see how the beach is very quiet most of the time, visiting dogs are not causing havoc in any way, they merely play and run along the water's edge or swim in the water, like my dog does. Will you please let common sense prevail and leave Forestry Beach for dogs and their owners to have full access all year. I'm aware that Pakari is at the other end of the beach where dogs are banned but at a guess, I'd say two hours walk away, therefore allowing dogs at Forestry Beach is not an issue. I see this on websites: "Forestry Beach A beach that welcomes dogs. Te Arai, the nearby beach, is only for humans. Dogs are not allowed on Te Arai Beach, except in the disused quarry at Eyres Point". Please leave it this way - if it's not broken, don't fix it!!
6102	I support the proposed change	A sensible compromise for all
6335	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support banning dogs from Forestry Beach. There is no issue that needs addressing. People have been walking their dogs here for decades with no issues or disturbance of native birds. Some Councils have an actual ban on owning a dog. Just in case said dog might escape. And kill a Kiwi ! These rules are completely nonsensical. Responsible dog owners take care of their pets, ensuring exercise, nutritional requirements are met AND they take a bag to take away doggie poo. It is the irresponsible dog owners Council must target. The untrained dogs, off leash or roaming that attack humans and livestock. (Just shoot them)

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6370	I do not support the proposed change	My wife and I are dog owners and we have lived in the area for over 20 years. Restrictions on where dogs can run off leash have diminished over that time. Forestry beach is the last remaining beach where dogs are still allowed to run off leash, albeit still under control of the owners. We take our Labrador down to that beach on a regular basis. Dogs are, much like us, creature of habits and his ritual is to walk onto the beach pop up onto the dune to the right, do his business and continue. My ritual is to walk behind him with a bag, pick his business up, return the package to the tray of my ute and then rejoin my wife and dog on the beach. Our dog is my wife's companion and he creates a huge amount of happiness in our lives - we run a small business and refer to him as our human resources manager. If you know anything about labradors, you will know that they love water. Forestry Beach is a place where dogs can run around, interact with other dogs on a regular basis and thus maintain good social behaviour where they can be observed in a safe environment. In short, dogs, particularly happy dogs, enhance mental wellness for a significant number of people who choose to home them and look after them in a responsible manner. We got our labrador from a rescue program. We understand he had been re-homed after an elderly couple could no longer care for him properly. He went to a home in a suburb with a small garden and the only off-leash area available was a fenced in Council run. Despite regular walks and visits to the "dog park", it was simply not suitable for him. This sounds very much like the proposal to confine off-leash dogs to the quarry area at Te Arai ! We took him on and with our large spaces and the local walks and beaches, he is so much happier and content. He needs space and water – he is a labrador ! 😊 We understand that conservation of wildlife is being put forward as a reason to prohibit dogs from forestry beach. There are protected areas to the south of this beach as well as to the north. This is the only local beach where we can take our dogs and allow them to run off leash. So, what I am hearing is that the mental

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6387	I support the proposed change	Dogs Roaming Over Dunes at Long Bay and Muriwai Concern: People are allowing their dogs to roam freely over dunes in Long Bay and Muriwai, potentially causing damage to the environment and disturbing wildlife. Supporting Points: - Long Bay and Muriwai are ecologically sensitive areas, home to native plants, birds, and marine life. - Uncontrolled dogs can disrupt nesting seabirds, including protected species such as the New Zealand dotterel and fairy tern. - Dune ecosystems are fragile, and dog activity can lead to erosion, loss of vegetation, and habitat destruction. - While some restrictions exist, enforcement appears to be inconsistent, leading to continued violations by irresponsible dog owners. Suggested Action: - Stronger enforcement: Rangers or animal control officers should actively patrol these areas and issue fines for violations. - Clearer signage and education: More visible signs should be placed at all entry points, explicitly stating dog restrictions and penalties for non-compliance. - Community reporting system: Allow local residents and visitors to report dogs roaming in restricted areas via a dedicated phone line or app. Enforcement by Rangers – Fining Owners Who Violate Rules Concern: There are not enough rangers or enforcement officers ensuring dog owners comply with regulations. Many people ignore leash rules and other restrictions without consequences.
6410	I do not support the proposed change	There are dog restriction laws already up this coastline and Forestry Beach has become a very popular off leash dog walking area because of this.. I have a large dog that requires alot of exercise and being able to go to the beach and let him burn off some energy and play with other dogs is very important for his (and my) wellbeing. As a responsible dog owner who picks up after my dog and makes sure he isn't being a nuisance to anyone else enjoying the beach, I feel frustrated about the restrictions being imposed. I think myself and other likeminded owners, are being penalized because of the actions of those that don't register, walk their dogs regularly, and desex their animals etc. This needs to be addressed, rather than penalizing those that want the best for their pets and appreciate being able to go to the beach with our four legged family members.
6415	I do not support the proposed change	For the same reasons as previously stated. Common access is being stolen from the individual to please the billionaire elites who aim to make it a private access area.

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6525	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach has always been dog friendly, well before the beach was GIFTED to Council. Forestry beach is the only beach in the Mangawhai area that dogs can run off lead at all times. By stopping dogs going to this beach there will be nowhere to walk dogs off lead at all times in this area and instead they will end up at more populated beaches. Forestry beach is not well used by people other than dog walkers and there is already a sanctuary space for wildlife at the main Te Arai Beach and surrounding area so there is no ecological benefit from baning dogs here.
6541	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is the only 24/7 off leash dog area in the Mangawai area. By removing this more dogs will end up at other areas. Forestry beach was GIFTED to council as an off leash area and should remain that way. Dog walkers are the primary user of Forestry Beach and no one else goes here as they have Te Arai beach instead. There is also no conservation reason to ban dogs at Forestry beach as Te Arai and the surrounding area is already dogs prohibited.
6543	I do not support the proposed change	Kia ora, My family and I have been walking our dog on Te Arai/Forestry for years, it is our favourite place to walk our dog. We have never experienced any issues in all these years with dogs and wild life so this proposal has come completely out of the blue. Often we visit Forestry and there are no other people or dogs around so this hard rule doesn't make any sense. There are so many beaches and parks in the area and in Auckland that are completely dog free to protect the birds. I don't understand why we need to have another beach where dogs are completely banned. It makes no sense. Auckland and New Zealand's nature should be enjoyed by all, not just to protect birds. We have enough beaches already to protect our birds. The proposed beach access is too small and will be absolutely packed with families and dogs. It is not a good option. The current option that Te Arai is dog free and forestry is able to be used by families and dogs works well. Other councils are more dog friendly than Auckland already as they have dog parks (like Whangarei) and smaller summer windows (December - Jan). This new proposal just makes Auckland harder for families with dogs.
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

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6625	I do not support the proposed change	Because there are few places in the area to walk dogs off leash. Forestry beach is very lightly used and the impact of having dogs is minimal to other beach goers, but the potential downside for dogs & dog owners who frequent the beach is disproportionately large. A ban would force dog owners to travel 20-30mins away and also increase the number of dogs on mangawhai heads beach. The ecological impact is a farce given the extensive human development that has taken place with the golf course and homes. There is already enough beach area for ecological support north from Te Arai up to the estuary mouth.
6641	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the proposed prohibition of dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) as it is not clear that the benefits of this change outweigh the costs. Currently, there are very few off-leash areas for dogs in the Mangawhai/Te Ārai region. Off-leash exercise is essential for a dog's well-being, requiring at least one hour per day. This not only benefits dogs but also enhances the physical and mental well-being of their owners. Walking a dog off-leash fosters engagement, exercise, and socialisation in ways that on-leash restrictions simply do not provide. For such a significant change, a clear and compelling justification is necessary. The majority of Te Ārai Regional Park is already a no-dog area, ensuring ample protection for wildlife and sensitive ecosystems. If there is evidence demonstrating that off-leash dogs have caused substantial harm in this specific area, it should be presented. However, there is no indication that existing regulations have failed or that off-leash dogs have led to issues warranting this drastic change. Additionally, the decision appears inconsistent with the broader changes occurring in the region. Large-scale development projects, such as the Te Ārai Links golf course and surrounding property developments, introduce far greater environmental disturbances than responsible dog ownership. To ban dogs seems contradictory and unfairly targets responsible dog owners. I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and ensure that any decision is based on clear evidence rather than unnecessary restrictions that would negatively impact both local residents and their dogs.
6754	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is one of the last great places you can have dogs off leash all year round. Removing this incredible space when so many other areas are prohibited would greatly impact dog owners and dogs negatively. There are not enough accessible beautiful spaces for off lead dogs in New Zealand anymore, especially in Auckland.

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6766	I do not support the proposed change	We live 10 mins from Te Arai Beach and regularly take our two well-trained dogs to the beach. This is the highlight of our week and a big reason we have chosen to live here and have done for 22 years. Our dogs chase balls (not birds, in fact we have rarely noticed birds in the part we walk). Our dogs have the most awesome time playing in the water and have never chased birds. This is a regular part of our life with our dogs. People are always complimentary of our dogs behaviour and pick up their poo and dispose of it at home. We have never come across poo left by owners. Responsible dog owners enjoy Forrestry Beach. We have lived here over 20 years and it is known as the dog beach where people enjoy. As Mangawhai is getting bigger it's nice to come here and often there are very few people there. With Mental Health being so important, we believe taking our dog beach away will have a significant impact on us. It is one of the most enjoyable, relaxing things to do. Please keep Forestry as our "dog beach".
6770	I do not support the proposed change	We regularly visit our local beach Tr Arai with our dogs and have done for over 20 years. This is part of why we love living in this region. To prohibit responsible dog owners from enjoying the beach with their dogs is unfair due to dotterels. There is miles of beach coastline that is unpopulated. The area used by dog owners is minimal, maybe 1km in length so to prohibit dogs altogether is unethical. I propose that you allow dogs within the first 2 km of the carpark at forestry and leave the rest for the birds, which we never see. Please do not take away the beach everyone knows as the "dog beach". What is NZ about if it's not to take your responsible dogs to the beach.
6808	I do not support the proposed change	As someone who has grown up in Mangawhai and always taken our dogs to the beach, it would be devastating for this to no longer be an option. I live 10 minutes from Te Arai beach and frequently take our two dogs to the beach where they get to swim and chase after their ball in the beach. This brings them great joy as it does to me, and it's great for my mental health being out in the fresh ocean air enjoying our beautiful coastlines with my dogs. I would be very disappointed if the rules were to change and dogs were no longer allowed in the current areas in Te Arai.

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6823	I do not support the proposed change	Love Te Arai believe you need to differentiate your policy for Te Arai/Te Arai North/Eyres Point and Forestry/Te Arai South rather than a standard policy for all regional park beaches. Forestry is unique and requires an individual dog policy to meet the needs of both the environment and the local community and visitors. People wherever they live require a place, close by, where they can exercise and often this is along with their dogs. Te Arai residents and visitors need Forestry beach as their exercise place. Walking the Te Arai rural roads with or without dogs is dangerous. They are narrow, winding, low vision dusty gravel roads where vehicles often dodge potholes and each other. Unlike suburbia, there are no footpaths, no parks to walk dogs. If dogs were banned from Forestry beach you would be removing a large part of life for the people and dogs of Te Arai and Mangawhai and for the visitors from Auckland and elsewhere who come to share our beach. The proposal to permit dog walking only in the small Eyres Point ex-Quarry area at Te Arai beach will not work. It is only 25 metres wide, would not accommodate several dogs at the same time, and is a shell and pebble beach difficult for dogs with no shoes!! This small area is occupied, especially in summer, by families with young children picnicking, playing and swimming. It is part of the formed picnic area with the concrete tables. Whereas Forestry is a long wide sandy beach with fewer visitors than Te Arai North – there is space for everyone - enabling a mix of family outings and dedicated surfers - often including their dogs. We would like to understand the need to change the status quo at Forestry. If it does need to change, what are the options of timing dog access and length of beach access to achieve the right balance between environment and community. Love Te Arai would like to be part of a community and environment led plan to offer an alternative to the Auckland Council proposed dog policy changes to achieve the required balance between environment and community at Forestry/Te Arai South.
6942	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to have a say that dogs 🐕 should be allowed at forestry / The Ari beach because we're else do we go. The beach is a place we're dogs have freedom and they need it.
UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD		
304	I do not support the proposed change	The Status.Quo should continue provided they are under full control.

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652	I do not support the proposed change	Please do not ban dogs on Forestry Beach. This is a lovely, very long beach not too far from Auckland that is very popular with dog owners. In particular surfers and family day trippers. Beach is so huge it's really easy to find a spot away from everyone else and not have to worry about other dogs and kids running around and your dog wanting to steal their ball. It's also a perfect place for a long walk with your dog. There isn't many places like this in the area, it would be a massive loss to not be able to enjoy it with a dog. Only other option are west coast beaches where in summer sand can get way too hot for a dog very quickly. Please do not take away this amazing option of providing the dog with proper exercise when everyone else can have fun as well, on leash should provide sufficient control.
1814	I don't know	Because there are so many restrictions I don't come here anyway.
1892	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should still be allowed at Forestry Beach. It is the only off leash beach dogs have and it is used a lot by dog owners. It is sparsely used by people as they head to Te Arai. I have seen lots of dogs and families at Forestry Beach and have never witnessed any bad dog behaviour. People there enjoy time with their dogs and families. Where else are they meant to go.
2303	I support the proposed change	Having our dog with us at Forestry beach is some of the best family memories we have had. As long as there are no endangered sea birds nesting I don't see the issue. The beach is our dogs favorite place to run / swim and Forestry is really not that popular of a spot for everyday beach goers. Most dog owners are responsible. Changing to rules because of a small minority is a classic NZ thing to do and it needs to stop. 90% of responsible dog owners do not deserve to loose this beach because of the 10% who are irresponsible.
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 support the proposed change	I support allowing access to the beach for dogs but the wording is overly-complicated. Simply specifying where dogs are allowed off-leash, and that it is okay to take dogs on-lead to get there with elsewhere having a prohibition on dogs is fine. Restriction on dogs in vehicles is pointless once again.
3976	I do not support the proposed change	DO NOT DO THIS - there is already hardly anywhere to take dogs up there great protest by the locals in mangawhai !!!
4146	I do not support the proposed change	You should explain the reasons why you want to prohibit dogs from places in the first place. We should be getting more spaces to take our dogs, not less.
4477	I do not support the proposed change	This is an area that is used by many many dog owners, dog walkers and professional fog walkers because of already lack of areas in that region.

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5150	I do not support the proposed change	I totally disagree with the ban of dogs on Forestry Beach. For decades, ourselves and many others have been utilising this beach to enjoy with our dogs, it is a place to come and relax, enjoy a great walk, and allow the dogs to be able to swim and be off leash (under control). There is an ever increasing shrinkage of areas that we are able to enjoy this crucial past time with our dogs off lead. Forestry beach is one of the last remaining areas along a vast stretch of coastline that has been unrestricted to dogs. This beach attracts dog owners not just from the local communities but from the wider Auckland region who are happy to drive a fair distance to be able to enjoy this beautiful setting and let their dogs exercise and socialize. There is a lot of space for both dogs/dog owners and non dog owners to be able to enjoy Forestry side by side. The proposed area at Te Arai North Beach (Eyres point Quarry) is not large enough to provide any decent exercise off leash for dogs, notwithstanding that this current proposal would now be funneling all dogs, owners and vehicles into an area that is already predominately off limits. Everyone is aware that dogs are not allowed on Te Arai North, and so to be able to walk and swim our dogs at Forestry Beach is a fantastic alternative. While the reason stated in the proposal for banning dogs on Forestry Beach is to "protect wildlife (including Dotterels) on the coastal areas between Te Arai and Pakiri" there is no evidence that dogs have affected the wildlife along the coastline. I would like to state that I think the large scale removal of trees, and the associated construction of golf courses and now housing directly behind the dunes of Forestry beach has had much more of a negative affect on natural habitats and wildlife than a few dogs.
5225	I do not support the proposed change	Considering that dogs are banned from Te Arai North beach, how can we have a beach that is not a regular user of Forestry Beach, we do NOT understand this at all. This beach has some of the most rule following dog owners and a complete community feel to it. What rules are being broken to prohibit our dogs from exercise and socialization?
5349	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting access to a dog friendly beach in the area is not required, the limited area you are suggesting is not enough for locals or people visiting with dogs. Forestry beach offers a good option don't take this away
5827	I do not support the proposed change	Agree with most of the new bylaw however do not agree with prohibiting dogs on Forestry Beach, this has been a popular dog walking spot for a long time.
5880	I do not support the proposed change	It would be a complete shame to loose the beach access. I think dogs must be under control at all times, so wildlife is not disturbed. But the current bylaw already covers this.
6209	I support the proposed change	To protect wildlife and people there should be more restrictions on dog access at regional parks.
6634	I do not support the proposed change	Leave it as an off leash beach it's one of the only ones.
WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD		

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1381	Other (please explain below)	The change does not go far enough. Greater protection should be provided to protect the nesting sites of Tara iti. A clear "no dogs" message for Te Arai would avoid confusion or blurring of the lines. Dog owners (myself included) often take liberties, or simply miss some of the details of an area, and it is simpler to have a clear "no dogs" message for all of Te Arai. This is a unique opportunity due to the one road in, with Te Arai being a destination beach.
2731	I support the proposed change	Still provides plenty of access for dogs whilst supporting the important native fauna areas.
4893	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the beach at any time.
WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD		
486	I do not support the proposed change	The dog walkers should take the call as to when to walk their dogs and where. They dont need to be given such restrictions
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
634	I do not support the proposed change	Should be allowed on leash everywhere
689	I don't know	Hard to tell. The map is too small to see the changes. Is the prohibition on Forestry Beach new or existing? If new, I do not support for the same reasons as before.
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.
1519	I do not support the proposed change	3. Must not be prohibited but must be on leash at all times.
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.
1612	I do not support the proposed change	As Above.

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1801	Other (please explain below)	Please add to my submission my feedback on Te Arai Regional Park. I have other feedback on the proposed change I support the protection of the protected wildlife, however the off-leash area at the disused quay is too small and the proposed restrictions will severely impact local dog owners in the Mangawhai Kaipara area. We suggest that a small portion of the beach is made available for dog access which could be on-leash only. Our home is on the border between Auckland Council and Kaipara, and our road straddles the boundary.
1833	I support the proposed change	The proposed changes mean the rules are clearer and more specific
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	Other (please explain below)	Just think they should be prohibited on dunes
4044	I do not support the proposed change	I have had issues with individuals with off-leash dogs they cannot control. Education around why you need to have your dogs under control in off-leash areas would be far more beneficial.
5582	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on a leash aren't an issue. Stop restricting people from taking their dogs places they enjoy and pay for with rates. I pay extremely high rates AND pay for dog registration and don't even get to take my dog barely anywhere. It's getting ridiculous. Stop banning on-leash dogs from everywhere. There's almost nowhere left to go Forestry is one of the VERY FEW places left to exercise dogs in the area. It is unreasonable to further restrict access - what is the reason?
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Just more punishment for people who have a dog as a companion
6724	I do not support the proposed change	I absolutely do not support this. Forestry Beach is such a special beach, that we have been going to for years with our dogs. All the locals up there and all the people from Mangawhai have all been going to it for decades with their dogs. This should not be taken away just because the developments aren't allowed pets. It is such a large beach to walk, we should be able to share.
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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.
560	I do not support the proposed change	What damage do they do?
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere
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.
1535	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is not a popular beach, so is ideal to take your dog for walks along the beach. lots of surf families use this beach, which includes our dogs, removing access to Forestry beach is another blow to our mental health & wellbeing. Our Family have been using this beach for over 15 years with no issue, we have respected the no dog rules at Te Arai & Pakiri, removing Forestry beach for dogs takes away all beach access on that stretch of coast. Why, what is the reasoning for this? what's next, ban all surfing at Forestry as well? Come on Auckland Council stop ruining an amazing part of our region that is enjoyed by all families & friends, including our dogs.
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting dog access
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Omg this ***** goes on
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 for all
2625	I do not support the proposed change	I see no reason why dogs should not be allowed off leash under control on Te Ārai beach. Ivery few people there anyway
3094	I do not support the proposed change	There are not enough beaches to take your dog and taking this away will further reduce this perfect beach experience for the dogs of Auckland. Forestry is a well-used, loved popular beach to take your dog. We go there often and see many dogs with their owners using the beach and have never seen a problem with dogs on this beach.

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3263	I support the proposed change	Not strict enough - would restrict further! 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.
3364	I do not support the proposed change	It is too complicated and the current wording is simpler and achieves the majority of the intended outcome
3730	I do not support the proposed change	Walking along a surf beach with their companion is one of the great pleasures of dog ownership. This change takes away this unfairly to responsible dog owners. A reason for this change has not been provided but I assume it is Fairy Tern breeding then the restrictions can just be to keep dogs below high tide at breeding time surely. The new law unfairly gives locals no beach to walk their dogs on and in all my time I have not even seen a Fairy Tern. The preservation of the species should be managed without the penalty of the banning locals from the use of the beaches.

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3826	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed ban on dogs from the beach in Mangawhai, particularly around the area on and around Forestry Rd. This space holds significant importance not just as a recreational area, but also as a sanctuary for locals to bond with their dogs, who often serve as vital support animals. For many in the community, this area provides an invaluable opportunity to escape the pressures of daily life, offering a moment of peace and mental clarity. The connection between people and their dogs, particularly those with support animals, is essential for mental health and well-being. The beach, as it stands, offers a unique environment where individuals can connect with their dogs, enjoy nature, and take a break from the stresses they may face. The freedom to walk, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors with their furry companions has been a therapeutic outlet for many in our community. This ban would strip away a crucial outlet for managing stress, anxiety, and other mental health challenges. The area on and around Forestry Rd has long been known as a locals' space, a place where residents can retreat from the demands of everyday life. For many, it's a haven of calmness, where walking their dogs along the shore provides both relaxation and vital emotional support. Banning dogs from this space would not only hinder their physical activity and bond with their owners, but it would also significantly diminish a well-established method of coping with mental health challenges. Moreover, if this ban goes ahead, the only alternative for dog owners to access a beach would be Mangawhai Heads. However, this location already struggles with issues such as inadequate parking and overcrowding, particularly during peak seasons. Sending all dog owners to a single location would only exacerbate these problems, leading to congestion, frustration, and a diminished experience for both

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4291	I do not support the proposed change	My family and I have been taking our dogs to Forestry Beach for the past 40 years. It is a magnificent place, made even better by the acceptance of dogs. It's a chance to socialise with other dog owners and for our entire family to relax, run around, swim have fun, (humans and dogs). In the 40 years we have never seen an incident with dogs fighting, biting people or chasing wild life. I can only assume that this hasn't happened at all, or that there have only been isolated incidents. Certainly not enough to merit a policy change. At first, we were told that Forestry would be made a dogs on-lead area (bad enough), but reading these proposed changes, we see that dogs will be completely prohibited at Forestry Beach. Outside of the height of summer, the majority of people enjoying the beach are doing so with their dogs. There will be no benefit in banning dogs as they currently aren't causing any problems. Foresty Beach is an amazing place and being able to enjoy it with our dogs is a gift that we treasure. We ask that you reconsider this proposal and maintain the current restrictions on dogs north of the Te Arai Headland, but make Forestry beach available to dog owners, with off leash access (under control). Thanks in advance. Regards Alan McMeiken

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4423	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is currently the only off leash dog area along the coast (the allowance for a tiny area in the quarry at Eyres Point is risible) and we have been taking dogs there for 25 years. Never in that time have we seen significant numbers of dogs (or a significant increase in the number of people going there with dogs), or dogs out of control, or the postulated impacts on the ecology (such as disruption of shorebird breeding). What is the mischief now that the proposed ban purports to address? Will council also ban the horse riding that occurs along the beach, if shorebird breeding is the alleged concern? The Auckland-wide policy generally says it is derived from dog-related complaint data, among other things. What evidence is there specifically of a need for this change in policy, of increased dog numbers, of complaints about dogs on Forestry Beach and of adverse impacts on ecological matters along that stretch? How is it that the presence on Forestry Beach of dogs off-leash with their owners is now causing an issue on a coast that has also been developed into three golf courses for a privileged minority (or does the motivation for this ban arise from that development)? What actual evidence could be provided by council as Official Information, if requested, to justify this ban on this beach as an incidental part of its wider Auckland review? There are serious issues in the Auckland region by way of dog control matters (unregistered, uncontrolled and dangerous dogs, etc, and the direct impacts of those on conservation) that council should be addressing, rather than disadvantaging law-abiding dog owners in a local area. In the absence of any sufficient evidence, the proposed ban at Forestry Beach is unreasonable, unjustifiable and unnecessary.
4494	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach has always been our special place. Currently there are no dog rules and this is one of the few east coast auckland beaches like this. Its a white sand beach so not so hot on the dogs feet. The whole of Pakari and and Te Arai beach are off limits (except a misserable spot in the old quarry which is unsafe for dogs and humans to swim) Forestry is a place the whole family can go, swim safely, surf and spend the day with our dogs as well. Its a long way to travel and with the lack of other off leash good safe swimming beach options, we drive from Auckland . As a dog owner i really do feel that auckland reginoil park dog rules are is really way over the top, and there is need to open up more areas to dog owners and not remove them. Please leave Forsetry beach alone . The council has been more than happy for developers in the area to remove trees upend the sandunes and build houses and a golf course ! Surely the enviromental impact is way worse than a few a few dogs running free at this special beach. Please leave Foresry Beach alone!

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4582	I do not support the proposed change	The rules should stay the same but made clearer...just fine people who repeatedly break them
4615	I do not support the proposed change	I support the change for a dog on leash to Eyres Point quarry, but once at the quarry, to be unleashed I don't support a prohibition at Forestry Beach. It is the only 100pct dog friendly beach on the Auckland Council east coastline. I am not aware of any issues with taking dogs there... the public knows it is a dog friendly beach!
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.
5011	I support the proposed change	The proposal to remove dogs from a very long beach that most people other than dog owners and surfers don't even know about makes no sense at all. In the last nine years we have often been on the beach by ourselves or with only a handful of other dog walkers or surfers on the beach. The proposal to move the dogs to the much smaller and therefore more densely populated Eyres point makes no sense, when the weather is good and the tide is high there are a lot more people and often loud noisy teenagers jumping from rocks into the water. The length of the beach is tiny and would not satisfy any dog as being big enough for a walk. Nor is there enough car parking to accommodate said dog owners and other members of the public enjoying the area. What is the justification to remove the dogs from all other areas of the park and associated beach and foreshore areas? We have been taking our dog to this area for nine years and never witnessed any issues at all, no irresponsible dogs or their owners, no fights. Absolutely nothing at all. We have also never witnessed any Dotterel's on the beach. By enforcing these rules you (ACC) are negatively impacting on the physical and mental health of rate paying Aucklanders - we live in Auckland City and when not holidaying in Mangawhai we sometimes drive to Forestry beach just for the day - because of the good surf and because we can take our dog and he can be part of our family day out. Something he is unable to do with us at inner city Auckland beaches, we no longer like to swim at some inner city beaches due to the ongoing sewerage issues. We dutifully pay our rates and we are time and again being penalised for no logical reason. Don't even start me on the bike lanes and Westmere/Pt Chevalier/Meola upgrade. We are looking at purchasing a rural property in the Te Ari area and if these rules are put into place then we would have to drive 20min to the Heads to exercise our dog. Why are you denying the public and their dogs the right to exercise in their local neighbourhood? There are no fences there in the same way as the beach is.
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

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6157	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is the only off-leash dog walking beach on approx 20kms of coastline. As someone who has a property in the area & uses forestry beach to walk a dog I have never encountered any problem with any “endangered” species or any disturbance at all caused by dogs. There are only a few access point on Forestry beach for dogs as council have permitted Te Arai Golf Club to be built limiting public access with dogs along most of Forestry beach. Please DO NOT STOP dogs use the one beach I. The area that is available to them
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80	I do not support the proposed change	Many surfers have dogs. There are NEVER any problems with dogs on Forestry Beach.
1447	I do not support the proposed change	Alternatives should be provided when restricting dog access. There are only few places for people with dogs can go to and council shouldn't restrict without providing suitable alternative options.
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	Absolutely too heavy handed for a huge, country beach. Leave it as it is!
2544	I do not support the proposed change	The disused quarry is hardly a dog exercise area. Dogs need beaches to run along, there are hardly any available beaches for dogs to be on, why not just allow them on leads or under control off lead in some areas. Welcome to have certain areas if there's bird life they can't go to. The beach is in front of a golf course, it's not like there's lots of people or houses around. Stop making it so hard for dog owners in this city.
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. Forestry beach is an excellent place and one of the very few in the wider Auckland region where you can enjoy a day at the beach with your dog.
4268	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the beach areas. There is plenty of beach space available and it's not a heavily populated beach. It's a fair space to allow dogs to be off leash to enjoy the space.
4464	I do not support the proposed change	People that walk the dog at the beach are being punished by irresponsible dogs owners ruining it for all of us :(, dogs being walked is not auckland's issue
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety

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5023	I do not support the proposed change	Too much confusing information. There is only 1 place dogs are allowed. Why mention so many different places??
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264	I do not support the proposed change	You want to prohibit dogs from everywhere. I'm very disappointed.
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.
1243	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be exercised somewhere and there is enough space for everyone on that beach.
1340	I do not support the proposed change	I believe given the remoteness of the beach dogs should be allowed off leash if under control on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach). There are very few places in the area that dog owners can responsibly walk their dogs on the beach this is the perfect place for this
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 do not support the proposed change	I don't support the reduction of dog access

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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. 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	Refer my previous notes..
3197	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban. Forestry Beach is the only nearby surf beach where we can take our dogs off-leash. It has become a cherished destination for dog owners, attracting visitors from across the region who are willing to drive long distances to enjoy its unique combination of open spaces, natural beauty, and the freedom to let their dogs exercise and socialize. A ban on off-leash dogs would have several negative implications: Displacement of Responsible Dog Owners: Many dog owners, like myself, rely on Forestry Beach as one of the few places to safely and responsibly exercise our pets. Removing this opportunity would leave us with limited alternatives, diminishing our quality of life and that of our dogs. Unintended Consequences: If the ban is implemented, many people will still visit the beach but leave their dogs at home. This could lead to an increase in barking, noise complaints, and loose dogs in residential areas as pets become under-exercised and frustrated. Community Impact: Forestry Beach is more than a recreational spot; it is a social hub for dog owners. The ban would erode the sense of community built around this shared activity. I respectfully request the council reconsider the proposed ban and explore other ways to address concerns, such as designated times for off-leash use or enhanced

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4238	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to submit a response to the proposal to ban dogs from the Te Arai Forestry beach, but I seem unable to do this online. My personal view is that ALL dogs should be ON LEASH at ALL TIMES in public places. This would be a lot easier to police. Any dog found off leash anywhere, whether it be on a beach or in a residential area, the owner should be fined. Those people wanting to let their dogs run free should take advantage of the designated fenced dog parks, or just stick to private property. I speak as a longtime dog lover, a Veterinary Nurse for 45 years, a Labrador breeder for 25 years, and currently an owner of several dogs including a Great Dane, so I'm certainly not anti-dog! I value the unique fauna and flora of New Zealand and want to protect it. I am disgusted at the amount of irresponsible owners with undesirable dogs resulting in dog attacks on Humans, other dogs, and stock. I despair at the volume of unwanted litters of puppies born here, many due to roaming dogs. Humans are responsible for this. All Humans who have dogs must be responsible for their dog. In order to prevent all of the above, just keep dogs on leads when in public! As for the Forestry beach in Te Arai, this is the only dog friendly beach in the area, so a complete dog ban would affect a lot of people. It may be officially Auckland, but this beach shouldn't be classed as other Auckland beaches. Banning dogs from Te Arai Forestry will result in more people walking their dogs on Te Arai Point and Mangawhai beaches! This might be of no
4329	I do not support the proposed change	You are taking away well used areas that locals enjoy walking there dogs, dogs are banned on te Arai north and now you want to take away the south side ...***** off with your stupid rules
4330	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is the perfect dog beach! Why is it we aim to protect and look after the livelihood of other animals and wildlife but not our furry friends. Forestry is a pretty remote beach which makes it the perfect place to take dogs for them to run free chase balls etc and all beach goers currently are aware of this. If changes are required, why can it not be off leash during specific hours or some kind of compromise instead of just NO now we have nesting birds etc so no dogs! The reconsidered off leash area now is sooo small - doesn't seem like the right thing to do considering dogs are already prohibited on Te Arai beach. There are plenty of other beaches in the area for families and other wildlife. Lets have one for the dogs please...

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4331	I do not support the proposed change	Sirs, As a resident of Mangawhai for nearly 13 years, a dog trainer and owner of two dogs, I would like to give my feedback on the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry Beach. Forestry Beach has been a much loved and valued resource for the local population for many years. People have accessed the beach for multiple purposes including exercising their dogs. There have been very few problems and conflicts between the various users because it is such a big area which are lucky to have on our doorstep. It was devastating to the park amenity when the trees were removed a few years back, effectively making it a pretty hostile environment to walk in, particularly in summer. They may have only been cranky old pines, but they provided much needed shade, shelter and an alternative environment for walkers with or without dogs. Now the squeeze is being applied further by proposing to ban dogs all year round except in a small quarry area. Doesn't the Council know that dogs love to cool down in the water during summer? As a local dog trainer, I know this beach is very important. The only other similar alternative is Mangawhai Heads which is already overcrowded - I strongly advise my clients NOT to go there as there are far too many dogs in a very limited area that have to negotiate a bottle-neck in order to get to the off-leash beach. This bottle-neck can result in conflict between the dogs. The majority of my clients are newcomers and an important part of the dream of moving to a more rural area is to get a dog (or two). That dream soon becomes a nightmare when they quickly realise that they are having to compete for space when walking their dogs and that space is shrinking rapidly. Dogs need space, exercise and the opportunity to be dogs (sniff, run, frolick). Equally people need dogs for physical and mental

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4489	I do not support the proposed change	This is my dog and therefore my family's favourite beach. We got engaged here, married here (our dog was even our ring bearer). We go to this beach all of the time alongside so many other great dog owners and we love it. It is 15 minutes drive away from Mangawhai where the beaches and waterways already have dog restrictions) and is currently the last of three beaches along Te Arai that allow dogs. I have never seen a dotterel on Forrestry beach. Even if I had - my dog is under control off leash so wouldn't be a problem for the dotteral anyway. If you have an issue with individual dog owners - address it with each of those individual dog owners. Stop putting blanket rules and restrictions on all of us. I also wonder why the dotteral population can't be increased within the exiting beaches that dogs are already banned from? I also wonder why the dotteral population can't be increased within the exiting beaches that dogs are already banned from? Auckland Council have plenty of problems to deal with so please stop the constant dog bylaws and start spending the time and energy where it is actually needed.

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4498	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach is a peaceful haven year-round for those folks that have limited options to be 'at one' with 'Mother Nature'. With the increased population in Mangawhai plus the influx of weekend and holiday visitors - spending time alone and away from people is getting more difficult to find. Some people find release from daily stresses by going to the gym, others find that a session of Pilates in the local hall is enough or even a meeting at the local library to discuss a book. Dog lovers find that the happiness of themselves is connected to the happiness of their pets. Without somewhere to be free, to feel the strength of the ocean and the peace of the sand dunes, their lives will be affected. Solitude and peace away from the hustle and bustle of town is what they need. As the main beaches fill up with babies and children, it only seems polite to leave the main beaches for these people and allow them to enjoy their holiday breaks. Throughout the year they are in Auckland or elsewhere and deserve a peaceful place also. Returning to the main beaches in winter can be a relief again, for locals, but with over policing, it is less attractive as a destination.
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

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5330	I do not support the proposed change	They are good dog owners who know when is appropriate and when not appropriate to have their voice controlled dog off leesh, who read and respect signs and laws. Don't punish the good ones because of the bad ones. Also this will not help in the prevention of rouge dog attacks which should be the main thing you are focusing on at the moment. We already so so little space to be able to let our well behaved dogs stretch their legs.
5409	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry Beach as the locals know it, is a vast stretch of our coastline, and quite often unoccupied. As a dog owner I have taken my dogs there for many years. It is a great place for off leash exercise. In all this time i have never seen a problem with dogs. The owners who are prepared to make the trip out there are responsible both for their dogs and the environment. If regulations like this continue where can we take our dogs. Surely this is likely to contribute to more problems with dogs without a natural outlet for their energy. A tired dog is a happy dog. It is my opinion that this is unnecessary regulation and unfair to we locals and the Aucklanders too, who only want a place to enjoy being with their dogs. My request is that this area be left as it is for the enjoyment of all.
5529	I do not support the proposed change	Hi we are concerned regarding the proposal for there to be NO DOG ACCESS at all on the northern Auckland Coastline from Goat Island all the way to Te Arai. Forestry Beach sits between Pakiri & Te Arai beaches Can you please register our views - We DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead we want OFF LEASH at all times. We live in Pakiri and have already only limited options for dog walking at local beaches. We regularly use this beach to walk our two dogs.
5539	I do not support the proposed change	In regards to the proposed ban on dogs being allowed to continue enjoying the Forestry Beach at Te Arai, I would like to make the following points: - in all my time of seeing dogs on this beach, I have never witnessed any dog disturbing a bird's nest or menacing any wildlife - I would though, like to mention having seen some sea birds which have lost their lives due to being caught up in fishing nets and/or lines - I am also concerned about the disturbance caused by the noise of helicopters landing at Te Arai Golf Course which undoubtedly will scare the local birds - in my view, Te Arai Beach is always well respected and is a source of well-being and pleasure for local residents and their dogs. Please accept this email as a submission against the proposed changes. Many thanks & warm regards

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5542	I do not support the proposed change	The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections” The second paragraph of the document states “We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ...” I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw Aucklanders and their dogs have for generations enjoyed Forestry Beach to provide companionship, emotional support, and fostering social connections. Removing that right would be a travesty to the freedoms and rights of the local community and the general public of Auckland.
5544	I do not support the proposed change	Despite Te Arai changes being hidden among the maps and not so easily spotted we wish to have our say on Te Arai and Forestry changes to dog access restrictions. We want the area be left as is - open to everyone to enjoy with their under control pets. There are so few places left for a great day out with kids and their pets. Yes the birds are important but so are our children and their pets. There's space for everyone- don't make it a rich persons only enclave - we all love Te Arai.
5552	I do not support the proposed change	Good evening, We DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead we want OFF LEASH at all times.

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5753	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is putting the rights of the well-heeled golfing elite ahead of those of ratepayers who own dogs. We DO NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry Beach and the associated coastal tracks, we want off leash walking rights at all times. As part of the Dog Bylaw review council are proposing for there to be NO DOG ACCESS at all on the northern Auckland Coastline from Goat Island all the way to Te Arai. Forestry Beach sits between Pakiri and Te Arai beaches - it is right next to the Te Arai Links Golf Course and only 25 mins from the turn off at Wayby Valley Road from SH1, with most of the road tarseal. With the development of 60 homes at the Links golf course and likely future development once the northern motorway extends to nearby Wellsford, this locks dogs and their owners out of a significant tract of beach recreation area, and effectively creates a gated community at Te Arai with greater rights than other ratepayers.

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5755	I do not support the proposed change	Hello, I am strongly against preventing access for dogs to forestry beach up near te arai. It's the one beach we can enjoy in that area, if you're going to ban access there then people will just start walking their dogs on any beach. I try to be a responsible dog owner but the rules just get more and more ridiculous. A huge percentage of New Zealanders are responsible dog owners and if you are preventing any access to the area for us then the council needs to have a bit of a think about who is paying the rates and taxes.
5756	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking my dogs at Forestry Beach for many years and do not understand why you are considering banning them. There are never great numbers of dogs and over a period of 28years and various dogs I have had, have never encountered a problem. Please let it remain leash free and available as it stands now.
5762	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times.
5765	I do not support the proposed change	As a dog owner, I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead, I want OFF LEASH at all times.
5768	I do not support the proposed change	Thought I would do a quick email regarding prohibiting dog access on Forestry Beach. We love walking on Forestry Beach with our dog, and hope it continues to be an off leash beach for years to come! Even if it was on leash would be way better than prohibiting dogs on the beach. Please don't ban the dogs!

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5770	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry Beach and the associated coastal tracks. I support off-leash access at all times. Dogs and their families need a safe place to run and enjoy off leash time
5771	I do not support the proposed change	As responsible dog owners we do not want dogs banned from forestry beach. It is hard enough to find anywhere to exercise dogs as it is without taking spaces away.

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5778	I do not support the proposed change	See Attachment The Document provided by Auckland City Council on “proposed changes to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes 2 paragraphs with which I agree. “Dogs being a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders and companionship, emotional support and foster social connection. Making rules that allows owners to take dogs into public spaces.” However, I disagree most strongly with the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry Beach For 22 years we have walked along Forestry beach with our dogs and to remove this freedom is draconian and seems to have no data to support the proposed Law change I hold a Responsible dog licence #40200294248 In these past 22 years, walking a return journey of about 4-5 kms, I have yet to see a Dotterel. I walk almost every day between 7.30 to 9.00. sometimes my dog and I are alone but on 9th February there were many surfers, families, people walking with/without dogs. I have never seen a Dotterel let alone a dead one although I am aware of some Dotterels much further South of the car park. Surely to advance this proposal there must have been some data collected to show

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5785	I do not support the proposed change	Hello, As a local over many decades to this beach I am horrified Auckland Council are suggesting the banning of dogs at Forestry Beach under the false pretence dogs are contributing to the demise of the local bird population. There is no evidence to support this. It is incredulous to suggest dogs should be removed from Forestry Beach for environmental reasons. The shock annihilation by Auckland Council with the removal of every tree, shrub and undergrowth from the beach front to a completely sanitised sand dune along with felling of pine trees and mass excavation of the natural dune environment over hundreds of acres to make way for multiple golf courses and residential housing in itself contradicts any care for the environment and those birds, wildlife and their eco systems with the destruction and removal of such a vast volume of vegetation. The Auckland Council consultants failed to recognise in their haste to create ground zero that the planting several decades ago of Macrocarpa trees on the northern end of forestry beach stabilised and therefore retained the height and volume of the sand dunes for decades versus the erosion visible up and down this coastline. The tress and vegetation provided shelter for bird wildlife. No one denies change and development however we as locals have rights to, we now have a stretch of coast line from Goat Island to Mangawhai bar with no dog walking areas, even on lead! Firstly you band dogs at Pacific Beach (Black Swamp), then onto Pakari and Te Arai providing us with 2 only beach areas to walk our dogs being Forestry and

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5789	I do not support the proposed change	Dear Auckland Council Team, I recently came across information suggesting that there are plans to further restrict dog access at Forestry Beach/Te Arai Beach. As a responsible dog owner, I find this deeply concerning. With Auckland's existing dog access restrictions, this feels like yet another loss of the limited spaces where dogs can be exercised freely. Dog owners in Auckland already pay significant registration fees, yet each year it seems our access rights are increasingly limited. I understand that these fees contribute to maintaining public spaces and services. However, it is frustrating that while dogs and their owners face growing restrictions, cats (which impact native wildlife), are not subject to the same regulations or fees. Forestry Beach is a popular destination for surfers, families, and dog owners alike. Given its size and the absence of nesting areas or sensitive native wildlife, restricting dog access here seems unnecessary. The beach provides a safe and open environment where dogs can be exercised responsibly without causing harm. On behalf of myself and many other Auckland dog owners, I urge you to reconsider these proposed restrictions, especially for Forestry Beach. We would appreciate a

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6544	I do not support the proposed change	Significant reduction in space available for dog walking. Local groups note the new proposed area for the dogs is often a cove used as quieter swimming for kids. The general public will not understand the sudden influx of dogs forced to use this space and issues and complaints will rise.
6594	I do not support the proposed change	Keep it simple, leave the rules as they are. There is no way council can patrol such a large area to ensure compliance. Give people the freedom to enjoy our beautiful land and nature without detailed and non-purposeful restrictions that can not be enforced.
6870	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead I want OFF LEASH at all times. This is a popular, safe and spacious area for all to enjoy. Keep it that way. see attached

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6875	I do not support the proposed change	Kia ora, I do not support the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry beach, Te Arai or the many other proposed restrictions on where people can walk their dogs.
6876	I do not support the proposed change	Hi am sending an email to petition the banning of dogs at forest road te arai beach access. Ban the dogs you ban the people. We want public access to remain and families to enjoy the space. Dogs are family members and a reason people go out and thus a big part of human health and well-being. Banning dogs is a negative term. Instead why not just restrict hours over the busy season that make sense. On Waiheke Island Onetangi Beach walkers enjoy hours over the summer early in the morning and late evenings. This makes sense as it's cooler for dogs so they don't get burnt pads. The fact everyone knows the dog walking hours and anyone who is not keen on dogs can avoid those times of the day or go to another part of the beach. This is a negotiation with the majority of the public that own dogs in the region. A ban will just causes more negative feelings and future ongoing protests towards your organisation Thanks for your time and being open minded on the subject. It really helps to negotiate to build that true community feeling.

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6886	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly disagree with the proposal to ban dogs at Forestry beaches. It's absolutely ridiculous. We would drive from Auckland to Forestry to surf so we could bring our dog with us. It's very difficult to enjoy time outside with our dog and family in Auckland. I DO NOT agree with the proposed ban Council have failed with their engagement with stakeholders policy. Every registered dog owner should have been notified at least 3 months before. Either by email or letter which has not happened. Just because you choose to have a dog as a family member should not prohibit you from accessing public spaces. This is a breach of human rights especially if you have enjoyed this space before. It's humans that pay rates and taxes. And dog registration fees. Auckland council, please put your focus instead of trying to make it harder for people to socialize and exercise their dogs to put some laws into dog ownership. Having a dog should be a luxury. Auckland council. You are behaving like an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. Make dog ownership a luxury, promote or make it law to desex your pets. Have stricter laws about breeding without a license. There are just too many dogs entering the shelters and being neglected. People
6893	I do not support the proposed change	Hi Please keep this Forestry Beach an off the leash dog place. We use this Beach with our dog and have never had any problems with other owners or their dogs. It's an important place for families & people with dogs, and has historical lyrics been used this way for a long time. For some reason I couldn't get onto the right council site to make a submission on my phone (I don't have a computer) so please add this to the submissions.

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6895	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ban on dogs at Forestry . My name is *** I have lived in the Tomarata / Te Arai area for 25 years. As a member of our community I believe that allowing dogs at our beach offers numerous benefits that enhance both quality of life for our residents and the overall enjoyment of the beach for visitors. Dogs are an integral part of many families in our community. Allowing dogs at the beach fosters social interaction among dog owners creating a sense of community. It provides space for people to connect, share experiences and build relationships , which is vital for a cohesive neighbourhood. Access to outdoor spaces like beaches is essential for both dogs and their owners, as you must know we live on rural roads that have no shoulder to walk on and have speed limits up to 80 to 100 kms, also most roads are gravel . Regular exercise is crucial for dogs health and wellbeing, while spending time in nature improves mental and physical health for their owners. Studies show that pet ownership can reduce stress and anxiety , promoting a happier , healthier community . Many dog owners are responsible and conscientious, ensuring that their pets are well-behaved and that they clean-up after them. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS With proper management , the environmental impact of allowing dogs on the beach is minimal , what is not minimal is having a golf course at the beach. Te

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6896	I do not support the proposed change	Good morning, I'm writing to explain my sadness of the proposal to reduce further the amount of off leash dog friendly areas around Auckland. PLEASE DO NOT BAN OR RESTRICT ANY MORE AREAS THAT ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO DOGS Please do not further reduce the areas dogs are currently allowed to go. Yesterday my partner and I were exceptionally saddened to find we could not bring her dog on a bush walk to Puhuehue falls just south of Warkworth. We would have been happy to keep him on a leash in this instance if allowed but instead he was left at home getting no exercise and looking sad as we left. Further more I'm a very regular user of beaches with my dog Tia. Outside of duck/pheasant shooting season the beach is virtually the only way I can exercise her. Te Arai Forestry beach has been one of the main ones we visit when we go surfing in the summer time, it would be awful for her high energy breed (half border collie) if I could no longer exercise her. She needs to be at the beach because she has a condition called Border Collie collapse syndrome. The symptoms of this can be control with very regular dips in the ocean to cool off. With out this she would be left with far to much unused energy. A tired dog is a good dog, and a good dog is a tired dog.

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6899	I do not support the proposed change	To Whom it may concern I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, instead you want OFF LEASH at all times. As part of the Dog Bylaw review council are proposing for there to be NO DOG ACCESS at all on the northern Auckland Coastline from Goat Island all the way to Te Arai. Forestry Beach sits between Pakiri & Te Arai beaches - it is right next to the Te Arai Links Golf Course and only 25 mins from the turn off at Wayby Valley Road from SH1, with most of the road tarseal. With the development of 60 homes at the Links golf course and likely future development once the northern motorway extends to nearby Wellsford WE NEED to keep dog access here!! Not only will this be affecting your rate payers but others who visit the area with their dogs so your tourist \$\$\$ will be negatively impacted if you close yet another off leash area for dogs. It also affects the dogs welfare and the humans who can not access off leash areas for correct exercise. Swimming for dogs and humans is one of the most important exercises. it helps keeps pressure off joints and uses parts of the body walking does not. By taking away another point to access water you fail to support a healthy lifestyle. Where can humans and dogs swim safely together ? Did you know some breeds of dogs can act as lifesavers when trained properly?
6912	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs prohibited from Forestry Beach and the associated coastal tracks. I support off-leash access at all times.
6915	I do not support the proposed change	I DO NOT want dogs PROHIBITED from FORESTRY BEACH and the associated coastal tracks, I want OFF LEASH at all times. This is the only off leash all day beach in Rodney, where we can go out the whole family and take the dog for the day.

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6932	I do not support the proposed change	As a Local of the area for 45 years, I have been taking dogs to this beach for this length of time. Something that has never changed is the fact that some days I can be there and I am the only soul on the beach, just me and my dog. I can walk 5km along the isolated beach and only pass one or 2 people. So why are beaches like this being lumped into the proposed 'Auckland wide' plan. This beach simply does not fit the 'normal, being so isolated from anywhere. Even with the golf course behind this has not increased or changed who walks the beach. The document provided by the Auckland Council on "Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019. The first paragraph of the document states this is about "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders. Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections" The second paragraph of the document states "We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places ..." I wholeheartedly agree and support these statements and purpose of this document. I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal in the same document to BAN DOGS FROM FORESTRY BEACH. This proposal goes entirely against the Council's own stated intention and purpose

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6933	I do not support the proposed change	see attached Summary of Attachment Dog Owners as Legitimate Users: Dog owners should be recognized as legitimate users of public spaces. The proposed ban would unfairly restrict access to a significant stretch of beach. Current Integration: The current integration of dog owners with other beach users is effective. There are minimal conflicts between dog owners and other users at Te Arai Forestry beach. Lack of Practical Alternatives: The proposal does not offer practical alternative solutions for dog owners. Nearby alternatives like Mangawhai Heads beach are overcrowded and less accessible. Environmental Concerns: The beach area proposed for the ban does not significantly impact protected wildlife. Other factors, such as sand mining and development, have a greater impact on the environment than dogs. Community Impact: The ban would negatively affect the local community, particularly dog owners who rely on the beach for exercise and well-being. The proposal lacks sufficient community consultation and consideration of local needs. Recommendations: Maintain current dog access rules and explore alternative solutions, such as seasonal restrictions or designated areas. Improve education and signage to promote responsible dog ownership and

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6936	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of attachment: Impact on Dog Owners: 34% of NZ households have at least one dog, and many consider dogs as family members. The ban would negatively affect the quality of life for dogs and their owners. Current Use and Integration: The beach is currently used for walking, exercising, and socializing dogs without significant issues. There is no other suitable area nearby for these activities. Environmental Concerns: The proposed off-leash area at the old quarry is unsuitable due to its small size and heavy use by people. The beach provides ample space for all users, and there is minimal conflict with wildlife. Council's Objectives and Communication: The proposal does not align with the council's objectives of balancing dog-friendly and dog-free areas. Poor communication and notification by the council have made compliance with dog access rules difficult. Community Involvement: The community is willing to work with the council to find positive solutions. There is a call for better consultation and collaboration with local dog owners and conservation group
6951	I do not support the proposed change	I think this ban is completely useless and pointless for you, there is nothing wrong with the dogs on the beach so you should not ba them. This beach is one of the only nice and local beaches to walk dogs and nobody wants to go to mangawhai to walk there dogs because it's too far away for a dog walk. This ban is only hurting the community and my dog looks forward to the walk almost daily, if you ban the dogs your basicly killing all spaces where they can walk and they have to sit at home all day basicly being caged because they can't go for walks at any beaches, we've only made freinds at the beach no bad dog encounters and we have made plenty of freinds , travelers or locals, don't ban the dogs
6958	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to strongly oppose the ban of dogs at Forestry beach. This is the only place we have to walk our dog locally and it is the perfect wilderness beach on which to do so. As a local of 17 years it is deeply disappointing to be forced off our beach whilst the playground of the rich grows behind its development destroying the very landscape the regional park is supposed to protect. Getting rid of dogs completely is not the answer.
6959	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to see dogs allowed off lead at this beach even although I don't own a dog.

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6966	I do not support the proposed change	Hello, I am emailing to oppose the forestry dog ban. We absolutely love taking our furry friend with us, we love the beach, the people and we have never come across any animals or owners disrespecting the beach.
6970	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of Attachment: Requests to the Local Board • Maintain Off-Leash Areas: Request to keep certain areas off-leash and to plan new off-leash areas in new subdivisions and growth areas within Rodney • Loss of Access for Dogs • Impact on Daily Routines: Changes to access can significantly alter local people's daily routines, requiring dog owners to drive to other locations. • Overcrowding: More dogs in fewer spaces can lead to overcrowding, especially during summer and bird breeding seasons. • Specific Areas: Removal of dog access in Te Arai and Pakiri Regional Parks means over 24km of Rodney beaches would be off-limits to dog families • Unnecessary Restrictions: Proposed restrictions in certain reserves are unnecessary due to the low likelihood of kiwi dispersing from Tawharanui Regional Park to these areas.
7263	I do not support the proposed change	I WISH TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: That dogs have OFF LEASH AT ALL TIMES access to/from Forestry Beach and foreshore areas (Te Arai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and any dunes, grassed areas, paths and tracks & campgrounds (for example coastal tracks), and on any roads and parking areas used in accessing Forestry Beach and its associated foreshore and coastal tracks as above. REASON: Along the 24.5 km coastline from Goat Island to Te Arai Point council are proposing to remove all dog access. As part of this review Pakiri Beach, adjacent to the regional park, is also being proposed to move to PROHIBITED from the current OFF LEASH). I believe that retaining dog access to Forestry Beach would be the best location and option for dog access along this coastline. It would future proof the growing needs from the local population of dog owners and for visitors with dogs. It would give dog owners somewhere they are allowed rather than ignoring the rules. The proposed area for dog access that council have put forward is miniscule and not suitable to be called a dog exercise area for now, let alone for future growth. Forestry Beach would be the best location to retain dog access along this coastline as it has the Te Arai Links golf course and a 60 home subdivision alongside it. Helicopters are ferrying golfers to and from this course, often over the beach, which is open to the public and not club members only (as Tara Iti is). Forestry Beach is only 25 mins drive from the Wayby Valley Road turnoff from SH1. With the planned extension of the Northern Motorway to go to Wellsford it will make Forestry Beach a more popular option for day trippers.

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7297	I do not support the proposed change	• In the proposal, I agree with dogs being positive part of life of Aucklanders and foster positive connections • But I disagree with the proposal to ban dogs on Te Ārai Forestry Beach • The proposal does not have supported data for the change • I am a responsible dog owner • I walk returned journey 4-5km, I have not seen any dotterels (but I know what they look like) • I walk 7.30-9am and most of the time the beach is empty (especially on days when there are surfers) • There isn't sufficient data showing dotterels being hurt by dogs • We have not been approached to talk about the changes • You suggested to come and see us, I think it's a great idea • I have never witnessed any dogs attacking any birds on the beach (oyster catchers, seagulls, etc) • Other factors such as cats, helicopters, golf courses, vehicle on beaches, horse riders, recreational fishers with torpedoes and drones – all causing more harm • No suitable alternative – we live on gravel road not suitable for dog walking • We collect rubbish left on the beach and are responsible dog owners • In summary, please look after local residents and continue dog access on Forestry Beach.

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7299	I do not support the proposed change	• Oppose the proposal for Forestry Beach • It is unfair and contradicts council's own policy to provide balance access for dogs in public places • For generations, dog owners have cherished Forestry Beach as a safe haven for their canine companions • This beach is largely unused unless during the summer • It provides a vast place for dogs to run and swim away from crowds and potential conflicts • It's treasured by my family. For 15 years I witnessed responsible dog owners without incidents with birds • We only use the beach on week days and not on weekends • We have seen enjoyment on this isolated and quiet beach • I have not seen any incidents of dogs killing birds • My dogs walk between low and high tides and do not let my dogs in the sand dunes • This enriches the life of dog owners and avoid wildlife • The quarry is very shelly and very limited space and a lot of families and campers use this space • I do not see an alternative. If I cannot take my dog to Forestry Beach, I definitely won't be taking my dogs to the quarry • Deforestation associated with the golf course has done more damage to the area • The helicopters have large noise pollution • These reasons would deter the wildlife • The council could adopt the Maungawhai access rule • Taking away the special place where we've loved for so long is an injustice • The beach is the heart of our community. Let's collaborate to find a solution that allows us and our dogs where we could enjoy this space even with new rules.

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7300	I do not support the proposed change	•Forestry Beach – do not support proposal •When the latest bylaw was installed, the restriction for walking dogs up north was placed •The quarry is a very place for children and not suitable for dogs off leash activity •Find it disingenuous from council to propose dog ban on Forestry Beach •The current quarry is problematic as it's very busy with kids •It is misleading to supply consultation document to say Forestry Beach bans dogs – historically it has never been the case •Adopt the rules without consultation is disappointing and discouraging from the public perspective, especially in 2019 review it did not provide any information •If council goes ahead with this change – can it enforce it? Council doesn't have capacity to patrol there as it is a very remote area. •Of the 20km of coastline from Maungawhai to Pakiri, there's very limited off leash options •The pressure of dog walking at Maungawhai is increasing as population grows •On Forestry Beach, most of the time it is quiet with no people there •There's been far more environmental impact from housing development and the golf course •Agrees with the proposal at Atawa stream to protect wildlife •There is wildlife past the stream, but that's a long way away, most dog owners don't walk that far •There has been growth in fairy tern (showing there isn't a huge concerns for wildlife) •Signage and appropriate education with dog owners will mitigate almost any issue there without need to change the rule.
OUTSIDE AUCKLAND		
1049	I do not support the proposed change	We have been going to forestry beach for years and there are so many families that go for a day with their dogs from both Auckland and Kaipara districts. We have never seen any issues and people respect the area, picking up after their dogs. It would be a shame to take away one of the only places that so many people use to spend time with all family members. There are already so many places you can't take your dog, please leave us our special place.

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3870	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to formally oppose the proposed ban on dogs at Te Arai Regional park and in particular Forestry Beach. As a daughter of local residents and dog owner, I believe this decision is both unnecessary and unfairly targets responsible pet owners while ignoring far greater threats to the local environment. Forestry Beach is one of the few remaining places where locals can exercise their dogs freely while enjoying the outdoors. For many residents, particularly those without large private properties, it provides an essential space for physical activity, mental well-being, and community interaction. Banning dogs would disproportionately impact these individuals, stripping them of one of the last accessible areas for responsible pet recreation. The claim that dogs pose a significant risk to wildlife and dune stability is difficult to take seriously when considering the scale of recent developments in the area. The construction of three 18-hole golf courses, along with extensive infrastructure, has resulted in the destruction of hundreds of acres of natural habitat. These projects have had a far greater impact on the environment than local dog walkers ever could. If environmental protection is truly a priority, then efforts should be focused on regulating large-scale developments rather than punishing everyday residents who simply wish to walk their dogs. Furthermore, responsible dog ownership—including leash laws, waste disposal, and wildlife awareness—can be managed through education and enforcement rather than an outright ban. Many dog owners are already conscientious about their pets’ impact on the environment and take appropriate measures to minimize any disruption. I urge the council to reconsider this proposed ban and instead work with the local community to find a balanced approach that accommodates both environmental concerns and the needs of residents. Options such as designated off-leash hours, seasonal restrictions, or increased signage about responsible pet ownership would be a more suitable solution than a total prohibition. Thank you for considering

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4517	I do not support the proposed change	Why are you doing this? So restrictive. No current issues.
5286	I do not support the proposed change	Forestry beach is big enough to support wildlife while having dogs
5410	I do not support the proposed change	Again, not enough high quality data to justify the restrictive changes
6428	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need more access to beaches and forestry even if it is only on leash. Prohibiting makes it difficult for owners to support the wellbeing of their pets causing more problems.
REGIONAL ORGANISATION		
6845	I support the proposed change	In particular, Forestry Beach has too many dogs which makes it difficult to enjoy the beach without being met with feces on sand and roaming dogs disturbing beachgoers.