Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

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I support this idea because it ensures a manageable number of dogs per handler. Currently, some dog walkers bring too many dogs to the park and let them all off-leash at once. As a result, there's often little control, which can cause disturbances for other park users.

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Tell us why

I am a dog owner, and the owner of a commercial dog walking business, Sticks & Bones.

I support a fixed number of dogs that any person can walk at any time. This is for risk management & safety reasons and to give balance to the fact that we often share public spaces when walking dogs (whether in a park or on the street) and consideration to equity of space for all people of all walks of life must be taken into account.

In fact I think the number of 6 dogs is still more than most people can handle and control, regardless of the breakdown of leashed or unleashed dogs. My business policy is no more than 4 dogs in a group walk, and often one dog is leashed and the dog which is leashed is rotated throughout the walk duration i.e. each dog spends some of the walk leashed.

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Tell us why

Any person that owns an in tact dog or ********** that has displayed menacing behaviour should not want to breed from any such dog that carries temperament issues. And should be prohibited from doing so.

I am a registered breeder of a pedigree breed, and any person breeding dogs should be doing so with 3 principles in mind: temperament, health & type (type being to meet the highest possible breed standard). I would never breed a dog with temperament faults.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

I am not sure how the criteria of 'who' could carry out behavioural assessments would be set, and even then there is variation in what deems someone suitable to assess a dog. Often people with lots of experience working with dogs has the best knowledge but may not have formal qualifications.

It has been my professional experience that many individuals that hold themselves out as trainers or behavioural experts have the 'book knowledge' and lack the hands on experience which means they could make an accurate behavioural assessment of a dog.

I employ a canine behaviourist on my staff, who holds Post Graduate Diploma in Companion Animal Clinical Ethology and she has had to take time to immerse herself into handling dogs (walking) to balance her learned experience with actual experience to become well rounded and able to assess dogs for walking services accurately.

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Tell us why

In order to have an affordable option as a full time worker for having my dog exercised while I am at work any limits on the number of dogs and it would become unaffordable so the dog would end up not being exercised during the day. This adds pressure to an already stressful life and may result in dogs being rehomed.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I think you should further explore the option of having a license for specific dog-walkers in Auckland to have more than 3 dogs off leash.

I agree that for the general person, who can not legally own more than 3 dogs, having a limit of 6 on-leash/3 off-leash makes sense - but for people who are qualified, using dog-walking to run businesses, and are generally responsible, I think they should have the option of obtaining a license for their businesses.

Most respected dog-walking companies have more intense training when welcoming dogs into their packs, requiring extra time and training before going on walks so there is an element of responsibility there, and I would say a license would be easy to obtain and prove. For other companies which pick up 12 dogs, release them and have no control, they will obviously not obtain the license.

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

There needs to be better regulations on the sill and qualifications of the dog walker, not the number of dogs they walk. Decreasing the number of dogs allowed will only increase the number of unskilled and unqualified walkers. A bad dog walker can still cause issues with 1 dog - the number isn't the problem.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Too many dogs being walked by one person increase the chance of things going wrong as you can't attend to each dog safely.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Keeping dogs on a leash and restricting areas they can go makes public spaces safer for everyone.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

In a place so full of families and young children, I think dogs should be on leash at all times.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It's very unsafe to have dogs around with large numbers of children present. Many dog owners can not resist taking their dogs off leash no matter what the signage says. It's way safer to prohibit dogs during peak visiting hours.

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

A lot of dog owners can’t resist putting their dogs off leash no matter the rules. It’s very scary meeting large numbers of roaming dogs across Auckland with young children as you don’t know how safe any of them are and dog owners are far too relaxed at l

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I agree with less dogs per each dog handler but all the dogs should be off leash under the control. It's not fair for some dogs off leash but the other half on leash as the dogs will feel confused for what they did wrong.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed off leash in these areas if they are under control.

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
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Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Monte Cecelia Park
What local board area is this location in?
Albert-Eden
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
We bring our dog Charlie to Monte Cecelia park every day for her exercise, alongside many other dog owners. Everyone here is very respectful and maintain great control of their dogs. It's amazing to see all of the different dogs all so happy getting their
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
This is a beautiful park, everyone is respectful, looks after their dogs and pick up faeces. We are strongly against having to keep Charlie on leash, it's her favourite time of the day chasing her ball around.

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

The issue with off lead dogs is not the professional walkers. It's all the people who own dogs and don't train or respect other people when walking. As an owner, I have never had issues with any pack walks. My dog has only ever been attacked by solo dogs with their owners.

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Random untrained people should not have the authority to report or classify dogs. There are too many self-righteous humans that would classify a dog as menacing because they don't like the bread.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

It needs to be clarified and more easily accessed information. I've been to heaps of places that on the website are dog friendly but when I arrive I'm told I can't walk my dog at all there.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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I think Auckland needs to make laws in more dog friendly housing.

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Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Anawhata beach

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:The beach/water front area

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Anawhata is a secluded beach like kakamatua which means it's a contain area for the dogs to run and play.

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Please see above

Cats do more damage to wildlife than dogs. I would like to see council implement fair cat ownership rules as the face little to no restrictions despite how much damage they cause from killing wildlife and pooping everywhere.

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Tell us why

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No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

The botanic gardens is a wonderful place to take dogs, especially small dogs for a day out.

Not allowing dogs in cultivated garden areas is confusing. What is the definition of a cultivated garden area? Understand the prohibition of dogs in the children's garden and inside the restaurant, but how am I going to buy food or drink if I've got a dog with me?

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Point 2 c seems pedantic and unnecessary. Especially as the signage currently is in adequate.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why
I support all the proposed changes except for banning dogs from the sculpture car park off Gordon’s road. They should be able to transit to and from a car.

A lot of dog owners like to take their dogs out and about into nature and it’s a balancing act to ensure that there are enough places to do so whilst maintaining people’s safety and protecting the environment. However any additional off lead areas are muc

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Our mission statement is, "we want to...establish a maximum number of dogs a person may walk at one time in council-controlled public places." I cannot see any explanation why we feel that this change is necessary...leaving readers to make assumptions as to our intentions. Can we please provide clarification around the goal here? Are the parties we are aiming to control professional dog walkers/trainers? Individual dog owners who are incapable of controlling their dogs? Some other party?

I have never seen an individual dog owner walking more than 3 dogs concurrently (speaking as a dog owner 5+ years in Auckland). The only individuals I have encountered who walk >3 dogs concurrently are professional dog walkers/trainers, who I presume have specific rules and animal management standards applied to them to ensure they are capable of doing their job safely. Such a person should be expected to control a large group of dogs better than the average individual, so applying a global rule which would presumably restrict them makes no sense.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

I would like to better understand how the classification of "menacing" is applied to a dog. In general I think if this was more clearly communicated with dog owners it would help reduse the "us vs them" mentality which I see a lot in dog owner communities.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

(1) I don't understand why geographical areas would be the defining factor? Surely if a ruling is required it should be:

(1a) Based on dog type and,

(1b) Applied broadly across all of Auckland

(2) The definition of "keep" is unclear to me. e.g. scenario: I look after my friend's two dogs for an evening meaning a total of 4 dogs are now present in my house. Under the proposed changes would we be required to seek approval, or does "keep" refer only to dog ownership?

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Buchanan Park
What local board area is this location in?
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
This is a small enclosed park with a playground, many dog owners breach the rule that dogs must be kept on leash in this park and let them off which creates a risk to children.
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
This is a small park predominantly focussed on children's play equipment. There are many other areas in Onehunga that dog owners can take their dogs, many of these areas have no play equipment so are less appealing to families. The risk to children create

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#303

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

My dog currently walks with a dog walker who has at least 8 dogs and at times all dogs off leash (as long as they have proven recall). In the 6 years Shaggy has been with our dog walker and others previously never once had there been an instance so I don't see why this limit has to be put into place for all dog walkers. Is there another way to regulate this industry. I also feel it is unfair for people who's job this is how are they meant to make a living now with only a maximum of 6 dogs most time they're out with dogs upwards of 3/4 hours so they couldn't walk as many dogs in a day which is then directly impacting their income.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#524

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Because so called dog walking companies are out of control in our parks.However this new bylaw is no use when it's so complicated to get help when you want to report these companies. When you finally get all the information e.g images,registration of vehicle etc. If your lucky they might give them a fine $60. It seems busy people have to become private investigators to provide the council with all this information. This is why many people can't be bothered. Please make it easier to get action.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

How about more dog control officers picking up stray dogs

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#615

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I would love an off leash area pls

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I would love an off leash area pls

Long Bay Regional Park
We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I would like to be able to walk my dog on leash during the day

Mahurangi Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

I would love an off leash area pls

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I would love an off leash area pls

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I would love an off leash area pls

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Let my dogs off leash from the car park to the quarry

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Off leash at beaches

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#639

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

In reality the new proposals are unenforceable and are just rules-for-rules sake. It won't change the behaviour of the problem makers

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

More rubbish rules that won't change any of the actual problems.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

This actually needs to be followed up with council action. There have been packs of unregistered dangerous dogs in Glen Innes area for years that need to be collected. The rule won't stop that. Action needs to happen from dog control.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Focus on the problems. It's pretty obvious what the dangerous dogs are.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Unregistered and stray dogs are the big problem. Fix that first.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

There's already too many rules and restrictions.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove rules.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove rules

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Just remove the rules

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Stop removing dog access to places.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Removing rules is good.

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

This is a lot of rules discussion that won't solve any dog problems, and will just annoy people and create resentment. Focus on the actual dangerous dogs and bad dog owners.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Mahurangi Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi East
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi Scott Point
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Muriwai Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

Access should be more open for dogs

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#666

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Two on leash dogs is more than enough for one person to handle with correct supervision and training. No more than one off leash dog.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

It's one of the best places to walk a dog why would you ruin that

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

On the whole walkers are responsible and only accept well trained dogs . Unruly dogs are always on lead.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Whoever does provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dogs should also be accountable as the dog owner/owners.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Dogs with their responsible owner/owners can look after this Tūpuna Maunga better than the public. Example is the public leave some of their trash in this places while responsible dog owner/owners looked after their dog’s litter.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Responsible dog owner/owners should have more freedom in accessing regional parks and local parks.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
There is no basis or evidence provided to prohibit the dogs from the park. Responsible dog owner/owners should be able to enjoy the beach with their pet in this park.

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Dogs should be allowed in this park.

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

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.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

This makes sense - there's many dog walking businesses that don't have full control of all the dogs they're walking because you simply cannot control that many dogs. A max of 6 dogs with max of 3 off-leash is sensible, and means other dog walkers in the park are safe too.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I support the change in general HOWEVER it will be very hard to restrict access to Puhinui Stream when the off-leash area (which I support) is so close by. Some sort of fencing to prevent access to the stream by dogs that are off-leash in the very nearby off-leash area may need to be considered.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Madills Farm, Kohimarama

What local board area is this location in?

I don't know

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:Dogs need to be banned from the playing fields so that the horrible injuries we are seeing from the holes they dig can be eliminated

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Owners are entitled and arrogant and have no regard to player wellbeing as a consequence of the destructive actions of their dogs

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

If a dog is well integrated and behaves off lead then this is an unnecessary implementation. It impacts businesses who take dogs on pack adventures under the current guidelines of unlimited (most credible ones actually do 8)off leash and unnecessarily causes distress for animals who are used to being off leash.

Suggest the person who is recommending this change to go and walk six dogs and keep three dogs on a leash and see the distress and impact it causes to those who are socially integrated and used to this kind of pack adventure.

Recommend Auckland council actually focus on the issue at hand, which is not from pack adventures for integrated dogs and look to those who haven't trained their larger breeds into these environments. That is where the issue lies!

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

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In this instance you are actually also punishing the small business owners of the cafe as majority of dog owners will enjoy breakfast post walk or lunch.

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Support

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Tell us why

I would like it to be more restrictive. Multiple dogs are a major disturbance to wildlife and reduce amenity value of public parks. People walking multiple dogs are often commercial businesses that should be limited to dog parks.

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I would like to less dog access further restricted

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Illegal dogs are causing volunteer distress. Please change the rules to increase compliance.

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Tell us why

Too complicated, start with the banned areas. Sentences like "Dogs are prohibited from on mountain bike only tracks" are very hard to understand. Use maps.

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Tell us why

This is good but it would be so much nicer to have penguins in the marine reserve than dogs on the beach. Penguins use the beaches in twilight hours.

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Shakespear Regional Park
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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Dogs should be banned from the park entirely to support indigenous biodiversity.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
This is clearer and sends a strong message to fisherman at Jones Bay who might let their dogs roam.

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Letter to Greg Sayers on Shorebird Roosting Proposal at Snells Beach

01/02/2025
[redacted]

[redacted]

Dear Greg,

I am writing on behalf of STET Limited to express our strong support for the proposed shorebird roost at Snells Beach and to ask for your advocacy in ensuring its protection.

STET is a social enterprise founded in 2011 to support restoration and conservation projects in New Zealand. Through professional services, innovative tools, and reinvestment of profits, we work alongside community groups, councils, and environmental organisations to drive positive change. Our work includes contributions to Predator Free 2050 Limited, Auckland Council Dotterel Minder programme, Birds New Zealand the Department of Conservation etc.

Snells Beach is an important feeding area for many species of shorebird that are slowly going extinct. For example the bar-tailed godwit (At Risk – Declining) and the South Island pied oystercatcher (At Risk – Declining) are both more endangered than our local kiwi. Godwits undertake one of the longest migrations in the natural world, arriving at Snells beach exhausted and needing safe, undisturbed areas to rest and recover. Oystercatchers, which have declined due to habitat loss and human disturbance, also depend on quiet roosting areas during high tide.

"The carrying capacity of intertidal areas for shorebirds is linked to the proximity of good high tide roosts. If roosts are degraded or lost, the numbers of shorebirds using the adjacent intertidal feeding areas may decline." – Dr Tim Lovegrove (2016)

Unlike people and dogs, which can go anywhere, these birds are entirely dependent on the shoreline—a fraction of New Zealand's land area. While dog owners have access to countless parks, reserves, and other open spaces, godwits and oystercatchers only have the intertidal zone. The proposed roost covers just 3.5% of Snells Beach, leaving 96.5% of the area available for recreation, yet opposition—mostly from dog owners—threatens to block this essential protection.

Habitat loss is the biggest driver of shorebird decline worldwide. With increasing development and human pressure, protecting even small areas like this is crucial to ensuring these species have a future. We urge you to support this conservation initiative and advocate for its implementation.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
Director
STET Limited

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#833

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I believe it isn't necessarily the number of dogs on or off leash at any one time that is the major issue here. It's the ability of the dog walker to control their pack so that members of the public are not adversely affected. The Council should look at issuing licenses for professional dog/pack walkers which would have a two-pronged effect. This would discourage those walkers who have no real dog behavioral training and are likely the reason for off leash dogs posing a problem to the public. It would also add credibility to those professionals out there (and there are many) who are trained and take their roles very seriously. These are passionate dog lovers who we (clients) entrust our loved animals with on a daily basis. They provide a vital service for those of us who work and choose not to or can't leave their animals on their own whilst at work. Pack walks when run properly, are a much healthier environment and activity for dogs as opposed to doggy day cares. Professional dog walkers have been asking for regulation of their industry for some time, but this proposal is not the right way to approach it.

Thanks

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

many people are still confused, or acting confused when it comes to dogs on leash laws and bylaws. I see dogs off leash on roads with or without owners everywhere in Auckland, and they are breaking the law like that every day. many don't know it is illegal, and many don't care because the law is not enforced. People from certain ethnicities, some migrants and many from Housing NZ won't desex their pets, dogs or cats.

Either for personal false beliefs, cultural differences or financial reasons. Even when rescues and the SPCA offer them FREE desexing, they still breed their dogs and cats. These actions have resulted in an explosion of unwanted, abused and dumped cats and dogs in such areas were these people cluster. In many of such areas it has well gotten out of hand. Dog breeds such as staffordshire and pitbull mixes are breeding and roaming freely in such areas, and cause a lot of grief for others. The owners and backyard breeders are often bullying and intimidating the others in the neighbourhood.

Housing NZ tenants of this nature hide the dogs and cats from the managers, and many managers don't care either. Housing NZ is ignoring the calls for better management of these tenants.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Come to Onehunga, Otara, South Auckland where Housing NZ tenants usually refuse desexing their staffies and pitbulls and mixes, female dogs with hanging breasts roam the

streets and get pregnant over and over again by roaming male dogs. This need to end. They refuse desexing their dogs (and cats)

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Council experts need to be able to assess the dogs and not those who get them for free from other backyard breeders.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

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Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

We are all affected buy backyard breeders of large and aggressive dogs, roaming dogs and bad owners. They kill wildlife in beaches, attack pets in city areas and spread fear amongst parents of children. Enough is enough.

Image loaded is one of many breeding, and roaming dogs in Onehunga. This one lives and roams on Roosevelt Ave. The owners live in a HNZ property that has no proper fencing. Got her as a puppy from another HNZ tenat and now she has 11 pups. This needs to stop. Thanks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

The dogs need to be under control at all times and monitoring even 6 dogs, with three off leash, can be a tall order.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Currently there plenty of off leash dogs on the Kiwi esplanade to Ambury walkway.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Rules need to be enforced. There should be areas where people who want a dog free area can be sure of one and places where dogs can be on leash. Areas for off leash should be away from the beach where there are children and, sometimes, wildlife breeding

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#899

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

The percentage of dog attacks by owners / carers - particularly professionals who walk multiple dogs - is so low it doesn't make any sense to penalize them. The safety of the public should always be a consideration but those efforts should be focused on roaming dogs, unfit dog owners and better education around dog ownership. To penalize the professionals who do this for a job when the statistics state less than 0.7% of dog attacks occur under the watch of owners who are walking multiple dogs is just absurd.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Don't change the by laws at places where it's already established. The botanical gardens have it noted that off leash is down the back and on lead front top of walk down. Your ruining it for the ones who obey the rules.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

You need to distinguish menacing?? Is it a breed or the owners of menacing dogs

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

It needs to be someone who knows a lot about breeds and what they can do to harm people. Also license the owners.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Dogs don't have enough access now. With more buildings going up the dog walks/beaches/parks are getting few and far between and for the amount of dog clubs around it's not fair.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Yes update

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

To be honest the bad owners are ruining it for the responsible owners.

I feel council don't listen to dog owners.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Yesterday I submitted my feedback for the proposed changes to the council's dog policy and bylaw.

I am making a correction.

I am against all the proposed changes to the current rules.

I do not accept any of the alternative options offered.

I also do not see how my age, gender and ethnicity are relevant to these views in any way whatsoever, and I would appreciate an explanation why these questions are included, and how they relate to the matter at hand.

The proposed rules are not good for dog owners and seem to serve a vocal minority who either simply don't like dogs, or who have had bad experiences with dangerous dogs. Dangerous dogs and their owners should be held responsible as appropriate, and we should not punish the majority who are responsible.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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I do not support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Support

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Tell us why

I don’t believe you can walk and control multiple dogs

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Support

Tell us why

Our friend had her dog mauled then euthanised late last year and while I support any change the council offers doubt the council will follow through even with changes.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

This doesn’t go to the heart of the problem. Dangerous breeds should be dissuaded.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Once again I have no faith in the council to do anything

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Never implemented as a law

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Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

To date with our friends experience the idea is excellent but nothing will happen

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

I oppose the current proposed change to the bylaws to walking multiple dogs at once. My dog is currently walked by a professional pack walking company who perform their duties with the utmost professionalism and care ensuring all dogs are well looked after and return happy. The company I use ensures all dogs are under control when on or off lead and all current council bylaws are followed.

I am benefitted by using the service of my pack walking company:

If my pack walking company had to make significant changes as a result of this proposed changes to the bylaw, this would affect adversely affect me:

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Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I am very strongly opposed to proposed limit on walking multiple dogs, but I also don't think no change is the right course of action. The professional dog walking industry should be regulated with appropriate licensing and training, and the council should work directly with the industry to develop and implement this. The council should also focus efforts on addressing the issue with wandering dogs which are by far a much more serious issue than profession dog walkers with dogs under control.

The stated reason for proposing a limit on walking multiple dogs is 'to minimise nuisance and

distress to public, while still providing for the needs of dogs and their owners.' However, the council's own data shows that just 0.7% of dog-related complaints involve multiple dogs being handled. Of this number, Auckland Council can't distinguish between professional dog walkers and regular multi-dog owners. Walking multiple dogs is very clearly not causing a nuisance to the public. This appears to be a knee jerk reaction to a small amount of negative media and not based on data and evidence.

For many dog owners in Auckland, professional pack walkers and trainers offer an excellent and caring service to give dogs structured socialisation, exercise and stimulation while also providing training for improved impulse control and recall making for more polite and well behaved dogs. This service is invaluable and without it, these dogs would be left home alone where they might bark resulting in noise complaints, escape resulting in complaints for wandering dogs, badly behaved dogs with poor impulse control or worst of all could be mal-socialised leading to aggression towards other dogs and people. The proposed bylaw does the opposite of providing for the needs of dogs and their owners.

The issue is not the number of dogs being walked, but inexperienced dog walkers and industry cowboys. Industry regulation and licensing is the answer, not arbitrary limits not backed by the councils own data. The council should work with the Profession Dog Walkers Association to collaboratively develop and implement licensing, regulations and training for pack walkers. It should also be noted profession dog walkers are operating on week days, utilising public areas and walking tracks when they see much lower traffic.

A comment on doggy day care. Indoor, industrial scale doggy day cares throughout Auckland are not appealing or not suitable for a lot of dogs in the eyes of their owners.

Doggy day cares do not provide appropriate, structured socialisation, they encourage bad habits and bad manners in dogs and they are well known as breeding grounds of illnesses such as giardia, campylobacter and kennel cough (which can be caught even when vaccinated). It is for this reason that professional dog walkers and pack walkers have seen increasing demand and popularity, and the result of this is absolutely net positive for society and the public. Profession dog walkers should be enabled not severely restricted without data and evidence.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1040

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

It would be better if this was the law, but if professional dog walkers could have a licence so they can walk as many as they need or have.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1062

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tāwharanui Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1082

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I think registered or professional dog walkers should be able to walk dogs ina. Group.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Maintain current

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1193

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I think it depends on the handler / if it I was truly a skilled, qualified handler then they have the ability to control the dogs on/off leash appropriately

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed in these spaces - leashed

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

So all dogs can be responsibly supervised during walks

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

I don't know

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

If this will limit access for on leash dogs then I do not support it.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Responsible dog owners use this park for walking their dogs on leash. If there are issues with irresponsible dog owners then strengthen leash laws rather than punish dogs and owners who are doing the right thing. There are already so many limits on where dogs cannot go, this ban seems unnecessary here.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Responsible dog owners use this park for walking their dogs on leash. If there are issues with irresponsible dog owners then strengthen leash laws rather than punish dogs and owners who are doing the right thing. There are already so many limits on where dogs cannot go, this ban seems unnecessary here.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is one of the few beaches in Auckland you can take your dog to in the summer during the day. Agree with keeping the dogs on lead but not with a full ban.

Responsible dog owners use this park for walking their dogs on leash. If there are issues with irresponsible dog owners then strengthen leash laws rather than punish dogs and owners who are doing the right thing. There are already so many limits on where dogs cannot go, this ban seems unnecessary here.

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I don't know

Mahurangi East

I don't know

Mahurangi Scott Point

I don't know

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Responsible dog owners use this park for walking their dogs on leash. If there are issues with irresponsible dog owners then strengthen leash laws rather than punish dogs and owners who are doing the right thing. There are already so many limits on where

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I know this is an important area for wildlife

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Eastern Beach
What local board area is this location in?
Howick
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
To give more locations for dog friendly beaches during summer. On leash is fine

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1289

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I dont believe that this is actually going to address any perceived issues around dog walking groups. Legitimate, well managed dog walking groups seek out areas where they can operate safely. Problems only occur when untrained individuals are taking dogs to local parks that are heavily populated by the public. Any issues could be resolved by licensing professional dog walkers and having an annual review of their activities and policies. I suggest no changes or dog walking licences.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

On maunga where stock are no longer grazed, I cannot understand why the rules as signposted still require dogs to be on the lead. On Maungarei most dog owners just ignore the signage because it doesn't make any sense to restrict dogs from having a good run up and down the mountain. There's no stock to bother, and no cars to worry about, so as long as the dog is under control (as required for all off-lead dogs in any area anyway) then what's the problem with them being off lead?

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Prohibiting dogs from that range of areas means that families who want to visit the gardens with their dogs can't also use any of those areas regardless of how well-behaved (or more importantly, under control on a leash) their dog is. It reduces the amenity of the park for those of us with dogs, so I don't support this change and would prefer to see the policy changed to allow dogs under control on a lead to access any of those areas (aside from inside the restaurant, that restriction makes sense).

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Mountain

What local board area is this location in?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

An area to take dogs under control off a leash.

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

This happens anyway on Maungarei now that there are no cars or stock on the maunga (and it doesn't cause any problems) so it just seems like a logical change. Please keep the access rule as it stands for the crater though, it's better for the maunga if no

No

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1437

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Big bands of dogs walked by a single person are intimidating to me and my small dog. It is also just a money making exercise and the dog's welfare is not the primary consideration in this type of situation.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Properly qualified people should make these type of assessments.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

It would be helpful to have a set of rules that apply across Auckland and are consistent.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support on leash at all times.

I support dogs being included in the cafe area provided they are on leash and at the discretion of the cafe owner.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs under control on a leash should be permitted to access the beach area

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

If dogs are under control on a leash I think they should have access to the beach

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I cannot go to this beach because of the dog rule. I would support allowing dogs under control on a leash to visit Tāwharanui Regional Park

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
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

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I don’t know
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I would like to see dogs on leash and under control to be allowed on the beaches.

Whakanewha Regional Park
We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Please change the rules to allow dogs on leash and under control on our beaches. They are part of our families. Hefty fines for those who transgress could be instigated when necessary.

My general comment is to allow dogs on leash and under control on our beaches and in the cafes etc. during summer months. They are family members too. Alternatives mean they are left at home or we don't visit these beautiful parks for all to enjoy. You co

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1439

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1455

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1469

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1488

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during

lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I am all for access to regional parks as long as the dog is under control and there are bags and bins so that owners can pick up and dispose of dog mess. I also thing that dog owners that do not pick up should be fined

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

At the moment there are roaming dogs due to no care and responsible ownership especially in some parts of Auckland .The dog walkers I use are professional and take ownership of their charges while out. They bring bring joy and companionship to dogs who otherwise would be alone in the house all day. This new rule if put into effect will destroy this group and possibly result in more roaming dogs -certainly unhappy owners and their pets

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support the changes other than the one about dogs not allowed in cultivated garden areas. As long as they are on leash and stay on the designated paths, I see no problem. Considering I go to Botanic Gardens for the gardens and I always have dogs with me, that would defeat the whole purpose of going in the first place.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

No dogs should be allowed off leash in public spaces, but if there has to be a choice, then only one or two off leash and maximum 4 to one person. I believe restrictions on specific aggressive/larger breeds should be taken into account as well.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1683

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks
Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:
Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens
We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.
A. What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed in all regional parks under control and on leash with some dedicated off leash areas

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1707

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I agree to these limits. It seems reasonable, and any more would be too much even for a competent dog handler.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1718

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1743

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Having been back in NZ and having my dog here from Australia. It has been nice to enjoy the parks and taking her for walks. I take her everywhere with me. I have not have any incidents or aggressive dogs.Auckland is a loved dog community. Having this limit, will restrict going out for walks at certain areas.The dogs greet each other as they walk past each.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Giving dogs the opportunity to socialise and be social able in a controlled and supervised manner enhances their wellbeing and their ability to cope and thrive in other life situations

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Limits the ability of local people to socialise with their animals which benefits both the family/community and the animal

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

For many dog owners the animal is a part of the family and enhances the family's enjoyment of spending time in the outdoors- I support dogs not being allowed during lambing but under control they should be allowed on tracks and in the water

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1853

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1907

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

To have an off leash area right next to a stream you will automatically have dogs running into it no matter how well trained you are with your dog. On a hot day they will go in there if they are off leash next to it. To put a restriction on that area with no added protection to that area to prevent dogs from running into the stream is a lost cause. Spend a tonne of money fencing that area off or leave it as is.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1953

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Ideally, there should be some requirements on who can do so (e.g. a professional certified walker would be able to deal with 10 dogs, whilst an individual with any training may struggle with only 2)

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#1976

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I don’t think the law needs to prohibit dogs during summer day time as they often are harmless when under control anyway

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I utilise professional dog walking services like City Pets who walk multiple dogs in off leash areas. This proposed change would limit the ability of these services to cater to the demand for pet owners and many people would lose jobs. The council also have not included this large group as a stake holder for any discussions and have just decided to implement these changes without any thought for the industry. I am not associated with the dog walking industry, I just utilise them so that my dog can enjoy off leash walks and maintain health and wellbeing.

These proposed rules are unlikely to have a meaningful impact on the real issues affecting the dog community. Instead, they would place unnecessary restrictions on professional dog walkers and others who care for multiple dogs responsibly and divert resources from the major problems. Please consider another option, for example, a license that would allow these services to still continue and regulating the industry rather than a blanket rule that limits the number of dogs allowed. I can't see this solving any problems and just disadvantages many more people who do not contribute any harm to the community.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Have higher number of dogs on/off leash but have ability to get licence. Many highly skilled and qualified PACK walkers are amazing at what they do, have skills and high knowledge, we need more of those professional walkers, if we can create a process to get certified/receive licence it would be a much better alternative while keeping public safe

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Behaviourists and veterinarians, as well as certified dog walkers should be able to assess. Not just council

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Support

Tell us why

NO STATE HOUSE should be allowed to have dogs.
Tougher policies need to be done here

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

Pack walks are a problem. With multiple dogs off-lead, there is regularly a problem with dog recall. This is not good for people walking their dog and especially hard for families with young kids . . . these pack walk dogs who are off lead are regularly coming up to children and scaring them. They do not have good recall and when the walker has many dogs off lead, they struggle to control them all. I hate when pack walks are in my local park. I have stopped walking my own dog during the day when pack walks are out.

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Tell us why

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Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

6 dogs isn't actually that many for a professional dog walker to be in charge of. I think the problem with walking many dogs at once may be that dog walking as an industry/service is unregulated, so there's irresponsible people out there who don't have full control of their charges. The vast majority are great, and want to keep both the dogs in their care and the public safe and comfortable. Restricting them to only 6 per walk would dramatically impact business. Also as an owner of two dogs and with my sister also owning 2 - it means when one family has the others' dogs (which happens often), we can't walk them all off-leash! Which would be crazy! Walking some dogs off-leash and some on from the same pack can cause aggression and tension between the dogs. So potentially this change would also lead to more stressed - therefore more aggressive - dogs out in these public spaces. I do agree some limits should apply, but this proposed limit is too restrictive.

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We always check the dog rules on the website before we go to a beach etc, but they can be difficult to interpret. I may well have missed a basic "this is what it means" section but the "water area" always worries me - does that mean below the high tide mark? If so, please say that! Also a map would be SO helpful - in a lot of areas there's multiple areas ie on-leash during XYZ and off-leash from the south end after the reserve etc etc etc.... a map with corresponding areas shaded in or outlined would be amazing and much easier for dog walkers and non-doggie people to interpret. Everyone would know which areas dogs were okay vs where to avoid them etc. Please!

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I don’t know

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Fully admit I don't know much about this but similar to my comment above - I find the rules really difficult to interpret and sometimes it's because local landmarks are referred to (dogs allowed after Monkey Rock at Piha?) which send me scrambling to google to try and decode what they mean.

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I don’t know

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There is minimal walking trails and beaches to have dogs of lead and there should be times of the day when this remains possible

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2142

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Dogs are not dangerous because of their breed but the training or lack of by the owners. Maybe the bad dog owners should be the neutered ones.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2200

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

This is a bad idea and I do not support it. I can't see what problem this is going to solve. Bad dog owners and dog walkers will not care that the rules have changed and it will olly affect the good ones. This is a bad idea and I oppose it.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2202

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I see too many dogs out of control and one person cannot control a large number

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

I live in one tree hill and there are too many unregistered and vicious dogs roaming the streets possibly breeding. This s a good first step

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

There can be no argument then if ignored and caught

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

As above

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2269

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Six dogs either on or off leash is more than enough to handle for anybody in an urban environment

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2273

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Maximum ten dogs, on or off leash

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2312

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Allowing off leash access only when events aren't on is complicated. Some dog owners drive a fair distance to be able to safely exercise their dog in the off leash area, and it's frustrating arriving only to find you can't do so.

Removing access to any water areas removes opportunities for dogs to cool down, especially in summer. The number of places where people can allow their dogs to swim in auckland is continuing to decrease, while the average temperatures increase.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2335

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I support this, but would say that the Maximum number of dogs in highly visited areas should be reduced to 4 per person

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

No - i support these changes.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Hunua Ranges Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support this in principle, but only if the new regs are able to be policed

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support this change, but this needs to be absolutely clear & easily accessible through maps on the Auckland council website & as many other sources as possible

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park
We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Hamlins Hill/ Matukuroa Regional Park
What local board area is this location in?
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Paddocks upon which livestock are not currently using
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
It would be fantastic to be allowed to have dogs off leash in paddocks which are not being used by livestock, or to have a fenced section specifically for off-leash dog access
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
It would be fantastic to be allowed to have dogs off leash in paddocks which are not being used by livestock, or to have a fenced section specifically for off-leash dog access

It would be great if the current rules were policed more strictly. So many people ignore dog rules & take dogs off leash, near threatened species sites etc

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2371

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

These changes will severely damage the professional dog walkers in Auckland. Most of them are well trained and capable of walking up to 12 dogs at a time. Maybe consider more regulation for this industry by way of a licensing process.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Arbitrary limits on numbers being walked and allowed off leash will not solve the issue of some walkers having out of control dogs which have the potential to cause harm to each other, stock, or the public. Many times professional walkers only have 4 or 6 completely out of control dogs, who are harassing and nipping livestock, rushing other dogs etc. Arbitrary limits on numbers will not affect them and will allow them continue their bad practices.

The issue is commonly that the walker cannot be identified, and they have dogs which are not under control whether they be on or off leash. Obviously the potential for harm increases when the dogs are off leash, but the harm is not eradicated because the dogs are on leash or because there are less of them.

The councils own data reflects just 0.57% of complaints are about multiple dogs.

To effectively address the core issue of some rotten eggs operating carelessly or ignorantly, individual assessments carried out by the PDWA under the authority of the Auckland council would be much more effective. These licences would cover whether that person can have a licence and if so, how many dogs that walker can walk, how many can be off leash at a time, and establish the walkers agreement with the PDWA code of conduct and complaints procedure.

Those licences could be in the form of a badge ID - similar to a security guards ‘certificate of approval’ - these must be worn and visible at all times while walking and will have the walkers personal ID number on it. This way, if there is an issue the walker concerned can be more readily identified.

Upon receipt of any complaints along with any evidence, the PDWA can conduct an investigation and provide training. If issues are on going or severe, the licence can be amended or revoked as required.

Where a business with staff is concerned, there will be a ‘staff licence’ for that business to operate and the operations of staff affect the staff licence. Likewise, repeat offences will result in amendments or revocation of the staff licence. Many large businesses operate in a manner where minimal or insufficient training is provided to their staff, combined with a high staff turnover. There needs to be consequences for the business itself to hold them to higher standards. A very public incident in 2024 where a staff member was walking a

pack without the owner, and the pack killed a member of the public's dog. That business is still operating and has been doing so recklessly for years leading up to that and continues to do so. The individuals who make up the PDWA committee tried to alter her practices but were ignored as they did have any real authority to. Regulating the industry is a chance to meaningfully change this so these people can be stopped and the walking industry operates safely.

This will effectively address the issue of the cowboys operating without any recourse or consequence. Individual assessments and licensing is the answer, as opposed to arbitrary number limits which will only push the skilled professionals out of the industry and leave the cowboys.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2410

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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

In theory I support this, but I am not sure that a blanket rule works for all situations. Some parks are only really used for dog walking and so could have a higher limit in these parks. The focus perhaps shouldn't be on the number of dogs, but rather ensuring the people walking the dogs are capable and qualified to do so. Trainings on how to manage larger dogs, and a better vetting process for dogs attending these walking groups could resolve the problem. Making sure the walkers are always aware of the dogs in their care and identifying early signs to make sure dogs do not develop a pack mentality. This week a number of dog attacks have happened that are fewer than the number proposed. I think there needs to be better management of dog owners in general. I have complained multiple times about dogs in poor living conditions in my area (left outside for 12+ hours in a tiny space with no access to shade, distressed dogs left out during thunder storms, poorly socialised dogs etc.) and nothing is ever done about it. It feels like the council only steps in after an incident has occured, when they should be front footing potential issues

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Difficult to enforce as this relies on these menacing dogs being registered in the first place. There are a number of unregistered dogs in my area, and when raised with the council they do absolutely nothing about it. So I am reluctant to believe that this will actually change anything, therefore seems like a waste of money, and potentially just a

means to look like the council are doing something about dangerous dogs while not actually doing anything different.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

It shouldn't matter how many dogs if they are all under control as stated. My dog goes on pack walks and the walker has control over the pack. The dogs have a great time being able to explore together large areas which there are not many of.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I have watched ' carers' with 6/ 8 dos large and small and while most appear under control , there is a sense of unease, only one breakaway can upset the balance

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2481

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

This ratio is feasible for dog and public safety.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Have all dog related information on a website. Keep all information accessible by just a search bar. I find information all over the place at this point.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Why are we restricting dog access even more? Can't they be allowed with on leash regulation?

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Why are we restricting more dog access.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I strongly oppose to all of these proposed changes. I think advocating for better dog training and ownership is required.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2545

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

No problem with current limit. The problem is with the people proposing this change.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

There are many many other problems in Auckland City and dogs do not feature as a priority.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland parks are for everyone. not just sports people. children create more damage to parks and the environment than most animals.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Aucklanders are entitled to access Auckland parks and landmarks.

Note I do not speak Maori or support special privileges for other cultures.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Auckland has far more pressing problems than dog access.

Suggest not wasting time on this rubbish and clean up the city.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

why not

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

why

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We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

why.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

The dog are not the problem. The feral owners are the problem that should be addressed.

How are you going to police these massive changes when you can't even handle rubbish collection?????????

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2552

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Probably 6 is too many, I would reduce 2 on a leash and 1 off leash

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2599

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

I am not sure if this is the right place but unless by laws are enforced they are a waste of time dog owners ignore them

I hear it is a funding and resource issue (staff vehicles etc)

I feel if you fined people more often then that would give you more revenue and you would need more funding from council

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Rules need to be consistent and well sign posted eg large signs in the appropriate places

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

For me as a very regular user of our parks we the council we just need to make the rules simple well signposted end enforced. It is a safety issue as well as a defiance issue /civil disobedience from dog owners but with clear policy and by laws the dog owers have less excuses

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

The dogs that are being walked by professional dog walkers are not the problem, they are under control usually. You just make it harder yet again for RESPONSIBLE dog owners who do register their dogs, who make sure the dogs get exercise and are trained. This is NOT going to deal with the problem. It is the thousands of unregistered dogs, that roam, get mistreated, not spayed, not vaccinated, not trained that are the problem here. Try and crack down on those not people who take care of their pooches and put time and effort/money into training, getting them walked and so on.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2646

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Handlers should be regulated and trained rather than the number of dogs being impacted.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?
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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

The main issue is negligent owners with untrained / intact dogs running wild. These proposed rules are only impacting law abiding citizens and will greatly affect the dog walking community.

There are two, full time working adults in our household and pack walks allow our dog to leave the house and play with other dogs each day. The alternative would be that our dog sits at home all day, alone - cruel!

These proposed rules appear to be written by dog haters and will make access to dog walkers near impossible for the middle-lower class. Those that would break the law, will continue to do so anyway.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Current rules are fine and need not be changed.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2670

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Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

This directly impacts sensible dog owners who utilise professional dog walking companies to ensure their animals are properly trained and exercised when they are unable to do so (ie at work). It will not prevent negligent dog owners from letting their animals run wild because they will just do that anyway. This will actually harm the wellbeing of dogs because owners will now be unable to afford professional dog walking services and the problem still won't be solved.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2767

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

There needs to be some consideration of size and weight of dogs. Three Rottweilers on lead would be hard to manage, 6 daschunds would be easy. Some form of licence sounds a good idea.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

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Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2809

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

Because it's a dog walkers livelihood at stake and they are running a business and very professional and responsible. I can't think who else apart from that group would walk more than 6 dogs so it feels very targeted to a group who are not contributing to any issues.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

No

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Because currently they're on leash and therefore under control.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why
It makes sense.

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I don’t know
Tell us why
I am unsure of the difference

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2876

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Off leash areas are important- dogs to socialise, activities to do with humans and dogs together, make use of our parks and areas. I propose better signage and monitoring of areas for correct useage e.g. if people are off leash in an on leash area, while maintaining the off leash area rules.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

same rules, clarity of rules

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

same rules but clarified are fine for all, apart from prohibited by the potters childrens garden- I agree no dogs ON the playground, but dogs should be allowed ON LEASH NEAR the playground (e.g. with owner sitting on bench when watching their children)

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

under control on leash should be used instead of prohibited for the 10-5pm

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

clarity of same rules

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

same rules but clarified

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2880

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).

1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2917

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

My dog has the best days out with our dog walker as is. They are always happy and safe and so is the public. Not fair to the dogs having some on leash and some off leash, some dogs get more aggressive when dogs are on leash and contained vs in the free.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2958

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

For all dog owners who send their dogs on adventure walks with more than 3 dogs at a time, this is simply unfair to any dog that ends up on a lead while the others can roam free, this can also cause leash agression due to jealously. With prices currently already high for this kind of care it would be nigh on impossible for those of us with middling incomes to afford something like this when costs go up due to a policy change. Please think of all of us who have to work 9-5 in an office, where we're not allowed dogs and need to send them out to socialise rather than being at home alone. This change impacts a lot of people negatively to what aim?

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2963

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

We currently have both of our dogs enrolled with a dog walker which has been extremely beneficial to their socialisation skills and happiness. To bring in this rule would negatively impact our dogs and bring greater costs to us, the customer and ratepayer for Auckland Council. We do not support this change at all due to the negative impact it would have on our dogs and also ourselves.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

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Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#2993

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Would severely limit existing dog walking services - with no added benefit. Some dogs are reactive to being on leash while others are on leash. There is an increase in the number of dog owners I imagine post covid, and dog walking services are critical, under the changes the costs would become way to high for owners, resulting in under exercised dogs (which I would think would lead to higher dog health issues and noise complaints), and challenges with dogs being on leash and off by same walker.

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Council needs to set policies that are suitable for the majority of law-abiding hard working Aucklanders not the minority.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Legitimate dog pack walkers have never caused a concern for me or my dog. It's off leash roaming dogs with no person in control of them that are the issue and are unsafe to people and other animals

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Do not support

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Every week we send our Labrador Retriever, Walt, on a pack walk with City Pets Adventures, an off leash pack walk company. Walt absolutely loves his walks, he always comes back so happy. Citypets are a fantastic company and all their walkers are professionally trained and take great care to ensure that they are respectful of others and the environment in which they are walking. The changes to the bylaws will not only impact us (in terms of increased costs, or not even being able to use their services) but will also unduly impact Citypets and other companies around Auckland who provide an excellent service. I strongly oppose the proposed changes.

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Do not support

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

This proposal will limit the exercise opportunities for Auckland dogs resulting in poor health outcomes for the dogs and increased irritation for the public who then has to put up with agitated and under exercised dogs barking. The proposal to limit the number of dogs off lead will make paid dog walking unaffordable for most dog owners as it is not safe to only have some dogs off lead while others are restrained.

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

- Dogs on leads have less opportunity to run and play, limiting their exercise and social interaction.

- Being restricted by a lead can lead to increased stress and frustration for some dogs.

- Handling multiple dogs on lead while others are off lead can be dangerous and unsafe..

This hinders many dogs ability to be trained and given the opportunity to be trusted. There are vast amounts of good honest dog owners who spend time training their beloved friend well so that they may have the freedom to enjoy running around parks, walk off lead or playing.

The only thing that should be added is severe consequences for owners who are bad, those who have no control over their aggressive dogs. They need to have the dog removed and either fined or if they are repeat offenders, jail time.

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

This change to the rules means that my dog won't have enough exercise during the week buy dog walkers, this greatly impacts our dog, as we cannot afford for her to be walked more when at work during the day. Buy changing this rule it means she won't be off the lead and free having a good time which is what we want and what we pay for! This change is a crucial inconvenience to all dog owners, and dog walkers.

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Tell us why

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Being in a group of dogs running together back and forth, jumping over things or swimming together and stopping to sniff as feels has been beneficial in the overall behavior and socialisation of my dog. Linda

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Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I think expecting a walker to have control of more than 6 dogs at any one time is unrealistic. I don't feel strongly about the maximum number that can be off-leash, as that depends on the personalities/bond of the dogs and the walker.

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Do not support

Tell us why

I think more Tupuna Maunga should have dog access rules of "under control off a leash". These are valuable walking spaces for all of the community, including dog owners. We are becoming more and more restricted with regards to areas where we can let our dogs off for a run. The majority of dog owners are responsible and can control their dog off a leash.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

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I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

The proposed change greatly restricts the area available to have your dog off-leash. The northern area of the gardens is a popular meet-up for dog walkers and a wonderful open space for dogs to run around. I have never witnessed issues with dogs being off leash in this area. To also restrict access to Puhini stream seems unfair. Dogs enjoy cooling off in the stream. Is there any evidence that they are causing harm to the environment (other than the small area to the left of one of the bridges where dogs typically enter the stream)?

Also, the proposed changes make it difficult for dog owners to know where they can walk through the gardens with their dog on leash.

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3320

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Safety for others around them if something goes wrong

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3408

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed changes. This is because my dog currently attends a dog walker and goes on pack walks and this change will negatively impact her activity as a dog during these walks, that's if her dog walker can remain in business. The impacts of these restrictions will mean that my dog walker (who is incredible and in the 4 years we have used her, we have had no issues. Might I add this is in stark contrast to the 3 months my dog spent at a doggy day care centre where she was ill treated and was involved in several scuffles and fights - but I notice the council are doing nothing to monitor or police these types of dog centres) may need to close her doors due these restrictions. This will have a knock on effect as we will no longer have access to a professional dog walker, which is going to massively affect our ability to provide our dog with the enrichment she needs and deserve (as you have clearly stated you want to) whilst we are at work. The limitations appear to be a knee jerk reaction to some absolutely awful stories recently in the media, however they also appear to be a solution in search of a problem. I am wholly in support of the council making professional dog walkers be licenced, and having such a licence would then allow certain people who are well trained and responsible to be able to have unlimited amount of dogs (or similar to car licences the better trained you are the more dogs you can have). Empowering such responsible dog walkers would give the public the confidence that any loose dogs they encounter are only those who are licensed. This would also provide an loption that should you be out with loose dogs/too many dogs and you are not licenced, you can be fined/punished by the law/ have licences taken off you. A total ban/restriction on this completely ignores the valuable contribution that many professional dog walkers provide to their communities. In my opinion the council needs to talk more to the professional dog walking community and work alongside them to come to a solution that will benefit everyone.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Whilst I agree with this policy, the council needs to ensure there is adequate resourcing so that such dogs can be identified and be neutered. It is not enough to just say they must be neutered.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

See my previous comments in relation to licensing. And again the council need to ensure resources are available to enforce these rules. It simply isn't enough to just say these things.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

There doesn't appear to be anything in relation to policy regarding the problems that are linked to roaming dogs. In my local area we are constantly seeing roaming dogs, which I believe present more of a risk to my and my dog's health and safety than going after responsible dog walkers. I see nothing in restricting the numbers of dogs one can walk, that will help to ease the numbers of roaming or off leash dogs in my local area. These bylaws will do nothing to stop the one neglected dog roaming my local park, charging at us, but sure restrict the numbers of dogs my incredibly professional and well trained dog walker can walk. At the end of the day it seems like Council are chasing after the responsible, professional dog walkers and restricting them, instead of going after the countless irresponsible backyard breeders and irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs roam. There doesn't seem to be any action being taken to get these dogs off the street. This is not to say that the dog wardens aren't doing an incredibly difficult and thankless job, however Council as a whole need to really take a look at the funding in this area and fund this properly so we can get a hold of this issue. And to echo what I have previously stated, the Council really need to engage with the dog walking community to weed out the bad seeds, and to ensure that any changes are well informed and Council can utilize the knowledge and experience of many wonderful dog walkers.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3555

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I have had experience sending my dog on two experienced, fully professional dog walking and adventure groups. Both groups were explemplary in their training, guidelines and safety measures in place for walking/adventuring with groups of dogs. I don't think the number of dogs allowed with solve any issues with the odd dog fight as whether there are two or ten dogs a fight or disagreement can still break out. The dogs we walked with were all temperament tested and grouped accordingly. I had total faith in the organisstions I was with that they were doing everything in their power to be as safe as possible. When you go to a dog park -regardless of dog walking packs or professional groups, there will be more than 4, 6, 8 dogs off leash - so the rule makes no real sense. Also, you will put a lot of people out of business. I think it would be better to tighten the rules on buying dogs, owning dogs to eliminate the bad eggs who do not train or treat dogs well, don't care about pets - only want a bully dog etc. With the above proposal you are penalising the large majority of the population of pet owners and businesses who are doing a responsible and as best job they can to look after, care for and stimulate their pets properly. There are some rogue groups and rogue owners and there should be more energy and money put in to catching and restricting them or policing areas where they are known to frequent.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

I would not support removing dog access from protected maunga - there are certain mountains that are busy and frequented by many people and these tend to have dog on leash at all times rules, which is perfectly fine. There are other mountains which are barren, wild and not frequented by the general public for picnics/family outings etc and these should remain off leash but dog under control.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

Dogs visiting with families and walking from the cafe then around the botanic gardens on leash is perfectly safe and an activity for hundreds of families. I have never seen any difficulties occur. If they are really concerned then just restrict dogs from the cafe, but not from walking around the botanic gardens.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change
Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
This is a precious sanctuary the rule amendment isn't that far removed from what is already known about full dog restrictions in this area.

Te Ārai Regional Park
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park
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I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3559

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

I believe that no specific dog breed is menacing. I think the rules should apply to the owner, not the dog

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

as stated above

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

I think all should have a licence to have more than 1 dog. This does not depend on the area. All owners should apply to have more than 2 dogs or even cats in one property.

I also believe that cats should be included in the dog policy.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

I think when the council asks for our say, each questionnaire should have the actual law and have the proposed change to make it easier to give feedback. This format makes it hard for rate payers to have our say

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3633

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

No dogs should be off leash.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Dog owners need to be able to visit the cafe and as long as the dogs are on leash and outside that's fine by me

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

Still quite high, but not sure what the current limit is.

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

A walker with a large amount of dogs is a risk to others. I don't feel safe walking my dog near a large group of dogs as they would be unable to maintain control if something went wrong. They also let large groups off leash at once and have no control over them rushing up to other dog walkers. Dog owners should also not want their dogs to be in such an uncontrolled environment for their own dog's safety too.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Having lived next to a house with 3 all day bakers that rushed the fenced and made enjoying my own yard impossible and made my dog fearful I think there needs to be clear rules and management

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don't know

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

I don't know

Tell us why

As a responsible dog owner I ensure my dog is permitted where I go, but to have to check if the rule changes in different zones in a space become very hard to manage and 'research' every alternative

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don't know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

I very strongly feel that reducing the number of dogs with a walker is important and the safest option. I am sick of seeing so many strays and the risk it brings to me and my dog and family members. I take my responsibilities seriously and should feel safe that others do too.

The walker whose business was responsible for a dog death at porter field road should not be allowed there. It is appalling that they can still do so and continue to bring so much stress to that community. I will not visit that track due to this reason

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I support the proposed change

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

That is a lot of criteria to memorise and confusing to someone that isn't a regular visitor to know when they suddenly aren't allowed to be. This could also cause aggression from locals that verbally attack someone that is unknowingly entering into a spot where the rules change

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

1) where is the consultation document with Industry? I have a dog that walks with CITY Pets. Their staff have not been consulted with. Theses are professional dog walkers that absolutely understand how to walk dog packs. 2) These dog walkers actively train dogs and their owners. Therefore you are talking to people that are most likely responsible , are compliant and are spending a lot of money on a dog walking service that is more than just dog walking to create well balanced and socialized dogs 3) concerns around health and safety of dogs on leash and offleash at the same time. This scenario places dogs into a power imbalance and puts handlers at risk of dog reactivity and being put into situations that are manageable when all dogs are either all on or off leash. Please consult with dog psychologists and professionals , before placing the dog handlers into this situation. Talk to the industry. 4) the number of dogs in a pack is almost irrelevant whether it is 6, 10 or 15. It is how the packs are managed and rotated and what dogs are on boarded and how they are on boarded. How did even come up with the number 3 onleash and 3 off leash .? What is the evidence and rationale for this. 5) Increases to costs to pet owners that are Very responsible and probably extremely compliant in other ways as well . City pets walks around 800 dogs a week. Successfully without issues. Forcing lesser dogs in packs will drive costs up and put dogs into a situation where the service is no longer affordable. You have now created stress on the owner and impacted animal welfare. 6) I honestly think you need to talk to the dog walking industry first. At least a lot of them have very high standards and that should be acknowledged and this best practice standardized across the industry. That way you engage the services, let them come up with the standards and it will drive itself. These services can then manage larger packs as they do now.

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Support

Tell us why

My comments around the policy. Must be very clear in it's intent and simple to understand. The rules must be simple. Multi language chinese , etc so everyone gets it.1) I personally would like to see more dog control people driving around in south auckland mangere and airport area. Lots if loose dogs. 2)instant fines for not picking up poop! 3) instant fines for not paying registration and failing to microchip dogs. 4) offleash area controls random in high volume dog parks - as a dog walker I am constantly amazed that my dog is the only one on leash in areas not designated as offleash areas.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Not sure if neutering deals with the problem. Menacing dogs come from menacing owners and situations that create this behavior. Even if they claim down the behavior is still there, how does neutering fix this?? Owners need to be held accountable. Maybe they just can't handle the dog,

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Would be good to know .

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

The comment is in relation to offleash areas. 1) small offleash areas may be suitable for smaller dogs it would be great to see larger areas for larger breeds, for example the fields next to obehunga lagoon by the motorway in onehunga noone ever goes there. 2) I think Cornwall park across the road next to road and racecourse could be fenced off completely for dogs. Noone ever goes there apart from dogs anyway. And last comment is on Pilicy Focus on the worst people and not on Indusyry and people are trying to do right by the law and regulations and their dog.

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Tell us why

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Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Any person with a the responsible dog owner license that picks up their poop should be able go walk their dog on any beach at any time on leash between 9am _5pm .

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I don't know

Mahurangi East

I don't know

Mahurangi Scott Point

I don't know

Tell us why

Dint know this area well enough.

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why
It works well now. No issues.

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I don’t know
Tell us why
Don't know area well enough

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Owners with responsible dog owner license should be allowed to walk anytime unleash and pick up poop. Payroll high volume beaches to enforce this.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Other (please explain below)
Tell us why
Owners with responsible dog owner license should be allowed to walk dogs on leash pick up poop etc.

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Can we make the rules simpler?? allow dogs to walk on lead any tracks in winter March to June? Wendetholm loop tracksonly. People forget what tracks etc are allowed not allowed etc .

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Wenderholm

What local board area is this location in?

Hibiscus and Bays

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Allow access to all walking tracks in winter , March to June iof every year. On leash only . Much simpler to remember.

The more access dog owners have rhe better. It stops owners from all squeezing into the small number of suitable dog parks. Probably talking more about getting the larger breeds out. Owners of larger breeds are more likely to be hikers etc.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3771

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

All.areas should require permit for multiple dogs

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Need to have much more universal clear rules.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Universal rules but also much more support to police the rules.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Much more universal rules and more resources for policing rules.

Target rate for more resources.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Bird habitat.. no dogs

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Much stronger rules and policing around the destruction on the stream banks..

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No dogs in hunua ranges. Important native habitat.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Love seeing dogs on the beach but stronger policing is needed for the stream crossing.. often dogs are allowed across.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
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I support the proposed change
Tell us why
Important site no dogs.. more policing required

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Need so much more resources for controlling people and their dogs . Not just beach issue..

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3853

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Waitawa Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during

lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3895

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Walking large numbers compromise the dogs welfare as many "pack walkers" are using aversive methods such as shock collars and slip leads to keep the dogs "under control". This is especially common when they are walking more than 6 dogs at a time. These methods cause pain and fear which is well known to lead to an increased risk of aggression towards both dogs and people.

Dogs also naturally prefer smaller groups so 6 is a good upper limit to ensure the dogs mental well being is looked after, lowering the risk of an incident occurring between the dogs, members of the public and their dogs.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

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Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why
It is explicit

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3959

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Dog walkers are professionals whi know hiw to handle the dogs

Limits on numbers will increase costs of the service

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Changing this makes way fir amendments to be passed without proper consultation

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarityi g the rules opens doors fir bew ones to ge set

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Its a sneaky way of changing things without dog owners support

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Its people whi samage the places not the fogs

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Changes should be highlighted first and votes can be made to them

A blanket approach is not needed

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regiona

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

On leash dogs ate under control of their owners

Not enough places for dogs to play

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

The park is well used by dog owners

Limited access will kill off interest in the park

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Its the only park in Auckland that dogs enjoy all over access

Limiting their access means owners can't enjoy it either

From times i have visited ostly people with dogs

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Reasons fir limiting access nit good

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

One if the few beach digs can enjoy

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No reason why the dogs cant be allowed there

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Not good change

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Kills the area

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa is weel

Supported by dog walkers

Kill off area

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Not good idea

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change
Tell us why

As dogs become more and more a part of our lives we should be more inclusive of them in iut daily lives not shunt or hise them

The more tolerant and accepting people are of animals the better our society will be

Its people who need to be restricted from

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#3960

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I support limiting the number of dogs that a person may walk at one time to 6 , and all these dogs must be under control at all times (note: this does not necessarily mean on-leash. See below.)

Larger groups can be dangerous and disruptive.

However, I oppose: Mandating that only 3 dogs can be off leash at a time.

This proposal does not take dog psychology into account and doesn't consider the pack environment and moving together as a unit.

While our instincts might say that "fewer dogs off-leash" means less risk, this is not the case. Group walking is about working with dogs' natural instincts to move as a pack. The ability to have control of dogs off-leash is reduced if you are also managing dogs on-leash. Dogs will not respect the difference between these two states. Six dogs moving as a pack, following the pack leader (the walker) are much more easily led and controlled than having three off leash and three on. In that situation, the walker will be less able to respond to any interactions or possible incidents, and will have to manage two groups of dogs in two different ways.

We expect this change to be difficult to comply with, and if enforced, we expect that it will have a detrimental effect on dogs and their owners/walkers and the experience of other park users.

I encourage the Council to reject this proposed change.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4049

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Too many dogs makes it very hard for the walker to safely control

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4152

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Deal with individuals if non compliant. No need to change what in the most part is working.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

No

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

It is working perfectly well as it is.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It is working fine as it is.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No need to change what works well in the main.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Increase access rather than reduce and deal with those who break rules rather than punish everyone.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

Tell us why

Dogs are animals and can be unpredictable. They should be kept on leash in all public areas. Not everybody is comfortable with dogs running around off leash

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

How don’t control a dog that is off leash

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

Owners must be able to see their dogs at all times, 2 seems a reasonable number to be able to keep an eye on off leash. Plus 2 onleash, one in each hand.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

New wording makes areas clear.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

On leash on whole park makes it clear, a dog can easily wander. This is a busy family park, the safety of people visiting should come first.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Improved language is clear

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Yes. No dogs on the beach when busy in summer.

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Yes. The less dogs around making a mess the better at our regional parks.

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Less dogs on our beaches the better. They intimate people who don't like dogs and make a mess.

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No dogs on beach or grass area during summer. It's too busy. They can come before 10 and after 5pm under control. People with dogs make a choice and just need to get up early to walk them. People need a safe space to be without dogs.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

No dogs please.

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Pt england beach and park

What local board area is this location in?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people).

Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Playground and busy recreation area, bike path

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Lots of wandering dogs, making the area unpleasant. Imcrease onleash area on the bike path and around playground. Beach unleashed off peak hours and off season only.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4214

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4313

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

If this will make menacing dogs tamer than I’m all for it

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

A lot of housing NZ homes have multiple dogs a lot of the newer homes don’t have sufficient yards to keep multiple dogs so a number of them in our neighbourhood get out or are let out to roam

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Our street has so many un registered roaming dogs some are quite vicious I want to see tougher laws and penalties we can no longer feel safe to go for a walk in our neighbourhood we have been here over 50 years

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4409

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

You are not differing between a business dog walker and a personal dog walker. A company that provides dog walking as a business and takes dogs for a good run of over 2 hours should be allowed to have greater numbers off leash. Dog walkers that have had no training should be limited to 8 dogs or less with 3 off leash. Dogs love to exercise and it would be hard for a business dog walker to keep some on leash while others are off leash.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

NZ has the most dogs per humans. Limiting dogs to an 800m stretch of land is not very big. Dogs enjoy smells and beaches and the foreshore give this. However birds should be protected so they have an opportunity to breed so part of the foreshore should be blocked

Dogs are part of families. Families want to take their dog to enjoy a picnic or activity at a park and not have all these rules to consider before going out each time.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

There aren't many parks in South Auckland that you can enjoy walking in lovely gardens and sculptures. One shouldn't be limited to not being able to look at the gardens because you have a dog. Dogs provide people with exercise.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4470

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

This number has been pulled out of a hat. Dog walkers are professionals. These numbers are cherry picking and force them to adhere to a rule that does not negatively impact anyone. How many complaints are about dog walkers and number of dogs. This is all just heresay.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

This is not a proposal to change. This is hypothetical. I do not see a need to change.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Why does this need clarification? Are you seeking confirmation of the existing bylaw?

I do not support this.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

This is tricky, Chopper the dog was forced to go into hiding by a vet who broke a bunch of rules and he was put to death for it. I do not want that to happen again. I do not want vets having any power here.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Areas of Auckland, this leads to profiling and is bound to affect race. Do not support.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

This seems like a good idea I'm theory but the more red tape the less access. Do not support.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

No need

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Why are there errors?

Do we support errors? What is this question. Do not support.

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

How ridiculous, remove outdated information. Why is it outdated?

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

I do not support updating rules invariably this leads to more restrictions.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Again outdated. Ridiculous

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

The quality of questions here are incredibly low. What need for a change here?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This restricts access where there have been no issues in the past. Do not support this at all.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

No restrictions

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Too restrictive

Long Bay Regional Park
We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Too complicated. Leave it

Mahurangi Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi East
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi Scott Point
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Too restrictive. No need to a change

Muriwai Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I do not support this. There are no current issues I use this daily

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
No current issues. Leave it

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Terrible

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

No

Allow all

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4533

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I am not supportive of banning dogs entirely from the cafe and visitor center areas, I think dogs should be allowed provided they are on a leash

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

no

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

You haven't presented any evidence showing that the number of dogs being walked is strongly related to undesirable outcomes. Essentially, what this could be is a restriction placed on dog walkers with insufficient justification. If there's a genuine, statistical relationship between these things then at what point does the risk of an undesirable outcome decrease to a tolerable level? It seems like the limits have been derived from your vibes rather than any evidence.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

For professional dog walkers, this unfairly targets professionals. Licensing of some kind, rather than a total ban or arbitrary limit, would work better to address any issues with professional dog walkers.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

This is a fantastic place for responsible dog owners to exercise and socialise their dogs. Changing the access rules unfairly prohibits responsible dog owners from this important opportunity and space. It would be better to enforce existing bylaws about dogs needing to be under control, rather than penalising all owners (including responsible ones) for the actions of few.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

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Mahurangi Scott Point

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I don’t know
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
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I don’t know

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4672

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I own a dog that goes on pack walks twice a week. I do not agree with the council wanting a limit how many dogs should be walked at one time, as that then puts my dog at risk of loosing her spot for runs with the professional dogs walkers who also have their dogs under control at all times!. We do not have time to do these with her or go where they go each week, having a family and a full time job but our dog needs this for her breed and she loves it♡ (unregistered dog walkers or people not trained are a different thing, so it needs to be worded very carefully to aim it at limit for those walkers as that is not a business already established.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

All dogs should be neutered if under the classification of menacing unless they are going to breed from that dog. They need papers to prove they are and how many are going to be for just pets. They need to be, to stop all the roaming dogs around possibly attacking or wanting to get out of their property being a nuisance to others.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

All owners who own a dog, not yet neutered, must have a signed certificate (from a vet or animal professional) who can give a time frame on being neutered as it also depends on the breed ,size and age that's best for that dog.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

All dogs should be kept on leash at all times! if the rules are not being understood... It's the safety of the dog itself and everyone out and about.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I don’t believe that limiting the number of dogs will stop bad Actors in the current climate to be addressed. If anything, it negatively impacts great dog walking groups, and creates more opportunities for bad dog walkers to continue with smaller groups

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4812

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

My good friend is a professional dog-walker, her livelihood relies on being able to walk multiple dogs (in a professional and safe manner) all in one go. She is trained and very adequate in managing a large number of dogs during her pack walks - up to 13 dogs at a time. She has undergone extensive training and development on dog behaviour to allow her to always have control over the dogs she walks, she also vets and qualifiies all new dogs before they join pack walks. If the number of dogs she was able to walk in one go was reduced, it would heavily reduce her earning capability per walk, meaning she'd have to do shorter walks and more walks per day to survive. It's simply unfair to propose a change like this based on the small minority of people, without considering how it impacts people who are responsible and careful. At the very least, if this were implemented, I would want to see professional dog walkers able to apply for licenses / permits to allow for a large volume of dogs to be walked - be it on leash or off leash.

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

The restructuring needs to be in clear language. It is very difficult to find out what the council actually means by this. Even on the information sheet it only says the policy is to amend local dog access to a large number of parks. There needs to be a much better explanation available for people to comment on. The actual proposed updates document has a bit more information but nothing seems to be focussed on improving the policy for dogs. It is very much about reducing exercise options.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

This is absolutely crucial. There are a lot of dogs of breeds that are more likely to fall in this category that behave fabulously and I support focussing on individual dogs vs breeds

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

It would be fairer to have all parts of Auckland aligned to make moving houses around the isthmus with multiple dogs easier.

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Transparency is crucial to get compliance.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

I support clarification but not using that opportunity to reduce dogs access to life in Auckland

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Aligning policy and signage would make dog walking so much easier.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

The wording is much more “anti-dog”. The original wording is clear about where you are allowed. The new proposal basically says the same thing twice in such a way that it could be confusing. Why not continue to start with the positive wording. There is no change to the policy and it does nothing to clarify the policy.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

The wording “ until the area is further developed when at the discretion of council this rule will be amended to only allow dogs under control on a leash.” Looks like a way to totally remove any off leash area at all. It would be much better to actually put a fenced off leash area here so it would be much easier to control dogs - on leash at all times except within the fenced off leash area).

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

It is much clearer where dogs can go. I’ve struggled to figure out based to the current wording.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

No

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4884

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

stray dogs should be removed promptly. We'd like to see the council putting more resources into advertising to inform neighbourhoods how to report menacing dogs or stray dogs

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4915

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Maybe cats should be registered by council like dogs have to be

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#4927

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

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To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

We need more spaces for off leash dogs.

A few inconsiderate dog owners risk ruining our green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Most dogs and their owners are well behaved, clean up after themselves and are safe to be around other people

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

dog access should consider the presence of native forest and sea birds, geckos, etc.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs and families should be able to enjoy beach days together. They are a part of the family and all of the dogs I have ever seen at the beach during the day are well trained and behaved.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I think there are some very sensible dog owners, dog walkers, pack walkers who take amazing care and committment to walking their dog/dogs in a controlled manner. I think if you are a pack dog walker - you should have a licence as such that shows you have completed an online course on dog behaviour/temperament and have been approved to walk dogs under your care.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

It seems incredibly restrictive and doesnt allow the best use of the council property

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Glover park

What local board area is this location in?

Ōrākei

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

sports fields

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

This is a well used park that many in the area utilise daily.

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

All dogs should always be on leash. And no more than 3 dogs unless Walker is a registered dog walker with no previous animal control notifications

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Must be neutered and living at fully fenced gated property they can't get out of. Outside of property on lease and muzzled

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Not allowed to keep multiple dogs on a property. The dogs bark and too easy for them to escape

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Unless a working dog eg sheepdog no should be off leash

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Digs should never be off leash in a public area

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I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
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Tell us why

No

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

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Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

I am the owner of a professional dog walking business, Sticks & Bones, I am also a DogsNZ registered breeder & show handler - I am committed to my involvement with dogs, n many levels.

I have been involved in commercial dog walking for almost 15 years, and operating my business for almost 10 years. I have been mentored by one f the most well recognised Canine Educators through out my career with dogs.

I have personally conducted in excess of 9560 walks with clients dogs over the last 10 years, all of these walks have been conducted in off leash parks or on leash in public spaces in Auckland city.

It is my professional and personal view that no person can safely control more than 4 dogs, this is for multiple reasons, which are set out in the following guidelines which form part of the Sticks & Bones - Dog Walking operating protocol.

1. Welfare.

The dog's physical health and mental wellbeing should be the priority at all times, especially if you are a professional handler / being paid to walk a dog. Many dogs have individual conditions that will affect their ability to go for walks, as will their age; and all dogs have their own individual personalities and characteristics which will affect how they are walked, who they can be walked with and where they can be walked. This is of particular importance if dogs do

not interact well with other dogs, people or other species. Additionally some dogs will become afraid or worried in some situations e.g. with loud noises, sudden environmental changes, other dogs or animals and even certain human interactions & situations.

The following are the practises adhered to in my business when considering a new clients dog for walking services.

• The dog walker must meet the dog prior to taking them for a walk so that the walker can become familiar with the dog's needs and each dog must have two assessment walks with a senior handler, so that a thorough assessment can be made to evaluate their personality and behavioural characteristics.

• The individual needs of the dog should be discussed and agreed with the owner, and the instructions followed, unless they would cause unnecessary suffering to the dog. This

discussion should include the timing, knowledge of the dog's training and the cues used and the duration of the walk.

• The dog walker should be familiar with any medical issues for individual dogs. This should include any medication the dog is on, allergies that might be present and the dog's veterinary practice, including contact details.

• Any walks should be planned with consideration of the dog's age, health, behaviour and fitness.

• Any dog that exhibits fearful, anxious or aggressive behaviour towards other dogs or people should be walked independently and on an appropriate lead and lead length at all times. Consideration should be given to avoid walking in areas where meeting other dogs is likely. An appropriate (basket type)well-fitting and secure muzzle which allows panting, drinking and vomiting might be considered if necessary and with the owner's permission.

2. Transport.

Transporting dogs in vehicles allows an increased variety of walks and interest for the dogs. Dogs can be distracting to the driver and, if loose in a vehicle, can cause accidents. Vehicles are also a source of infection and can result in spread of disease. The interior of vehicles can heat up very quickly, particularly on warm days, and become dangerous to dogs. It is imperative that when multiple dogs are being transported that it is done so in an appropriate manner where health & safety is paramount.

Dogs should be transported in vehicles with adequate ventilation and temperature control, with

water available.

• Vehicles should be fitted with suitable caging or containment to ensure comfortable and safe transport of the dogs. Restraining with leads or chains must not be used.

• Where more than one dog is transported at the same time, the walker should ensure that the welfare of each dog is safeguarded and that no dog is at risk of injury.

• During extremes of weather consideration should be given to the distance and time travelled in a vehicle and it should be limited, e.g. where a dog is particularly susceptible to heat stroke.

• Dogs should not be left unattended in a vehicle other than for short periods whilst collecting or dropping off. This period should be the absolute minimum time and the vehicle should be locked when unattended.

• All equipment should be capable of being cleaned and be cleaned and disinfected regularly. For example, steam cleaning of upholstery. This is particularly important if there has been an outbreak of disease.

3. Walking Multiple Dogs.

Walking dogs, particularly in groups, results in exposure to infections and disease and not every dog is suitable to be walked with others. Steps should be taken to minimise the risk of disease spreading between animals and to ensure all dogs interact amicably.

• The walker should check that all dogs are vaccinated...

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Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Canine behaviour is learned and genetic, if a dog displays behaviour which would deem the dog to be classified as menacing it should not be bred from.

Furthermore any responsible breeder would never consider breeding any dog (regardless of other desirable characteristics) which displayed undesirable behavioural traits.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

I don’t know

Tell us why

There are presently no regulations, in New Zealand, to define who or what deems an individual to be an appropriately qualified Canine Behaviourist. That is. not to say there aren't qualifications available, however it is my experience professionally that there are varied qualifications, which need to be balanced with the appropriate experience in order for an individual to be deemed a Canine Behavioural professional. And in many instances some of the most thorough and experienced Canine Behavioural professionals may not have formal qualifications, but have extensive experience and dogmanship which makes such an individual equally qualified.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

It is my opinion as a dog owner and the operator of a commercial dog walking service that an alternate approach to off leash dog walking spaces needs to be considered.

1. I believe many of the current designated off leash areas are not in fact appropriate for dogs to be off leash.

2. Based on the number of registered dogs in Auckland there are not enough designated off leash areas.

3. As a result of the above, the designated off leash areas are often over populated which creates a higher risk of dog incidents,

I believe an approach similar to that taken by Tauranga / BOP to dog access to public parks & reserves would serve the entire of Auckland as a community more sustainably long term.

I have long advocated the regulation of commercial dog walking operators / business in Auckland and I attached some of the historical correspondence & efforts I have made to try and initiate regulation.

I would like to contribute professionally and personally as a dog owner to improve the future for dogs, in peoples daily lives and in our community.

I am aware of a faction of 'professional dog walkers' many of which made submissions when Tauranga / BOP reviewed their bylaws and made changes in 2019, and I have attached the submissions made to Tauranga / BOP in 2019 - which I feel may be helpful for the Auckland team to review.

I appreciate the opportunity as a dog owner and professional to contribute to this process and hope that it results in an improved landscape for all Aucklander's and their dogs.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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From: [redacted]
Subject: Commercial Dog Walking / Regulation
Date: 22 March 2018 at 5:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Complete Canine Care admin@completecaninecare.co.nz, [redacted], DOGlife NZ [redacted], [redacted] dogwalkerauckland@gmail.com

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for taking the time to chat a couple of weeks ago, and again today - and I apologise for not emailing you sooner. And I am so happy to hear that the matter of regulation around commercial dog walkers is on the table within council and making some headway, hopefully we will be able to contribute to that process.

As I mentioned there are a few operators (in copy) within the (dog walking) industry who have been working together to form an independent national body (likely to be an association / society) with the main objective being to improve the standard of professional conduct within the industry.

That said we have a number of other commercial dog walkers who've expressed interest in having input around the subject of regulation, but out of the interests of keeping things manageable I have only included those involved in our process to date.

The conversation around forming such an organisation / body was born out of initial conversations about the desperate need for regulation around commercial dog walkers / businesses, and whilst we are not able to regulate the industry from the level that local body government can we feel that there is a place for an industry body. That said we have held off formalising a body so that we could communicate out plans to council and to have conversations with the right people about if there might be a need for such a body to work alongside or with council, as we recognise some areas where such an organisation may in fact be able to help administer regulation depending on how it is introduced and what the regulation looks like.

In brief our plan was to form an association, New Zealand Dog Walkers Association. The primary (top level) purposes of NZDWA would be:

// To set & provide professional standards, guidelines, support and endorsement for professional dog walkers.

// To maintain a network of like-minded dog walkers who operate under a strict code of conduct and ethics.

// To assist & educate dog owners about choosing a professional, knowledgeable and experienced dog walker.

Initially we have identified our core audiences as:

// Owners & employees of dog walking businesses.

// Dog owners.

// Regulatory agencies i.e. animal management, local & regional councils.

// Other industry sectors i.e. vets, groomers, daycares etc

I have attached copies of our (draft) rules & code of ethics, so that you get some idea of the standards we would like to implement. I have also attached a text doc with reference links that we have collated in our research around regulation and professional (self) regulation in other countries.

In respect to regulation, it would be fair to say (in terms of consensus among industry professionals that would advocate regulation) that the following areas are key (and probably somewhat urgent):

1. Numbers (being the number of dogs per. handler) in either;
Public space / land or
Private space / land

2. Compliance;
Handlers to have evidence of first aid cert and either a behaviour, training or walking qualification or suitable experience or mentoring
(refer Marin County here: https://www.marincountyparks.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-space/2017_dog_walking_update/1permitcommercialdogwalkerguidelines4final.pdf?la=en)
Handler or business has the applicable walking license or permit *and or*
Specifies the use of private land used is part of their license details
(N.B. Our belief is that under Auckland by law dog walking on private land is classified as dog day care and therefore anyone using private land for walks should get resource consent
All staff branded (or identifiable) at all times *(N.B. A condition of both Toronto and Marin County regulations)*
Best practice for health and safety standards met *(Heath & Safety standards would need to be set by either local govt / council or perhaps by the NZDWA)*

3. Transportation;
Drivers must have full drivers license *(seems like a given but it is often not the case)*
Must be adequately crated for the intended use, with adequate airflow and access to water
Staff member in attendance of the vehicle at all times; with the exception of:
Leaving vehicle momentarily to collect another dog from its home
Using a bathroom or going into a service station to pay for gas (or similar)

We also have some thoughts around welfare, which would certainly need to be evaluated more thoroughly and I am sure council / Animal Management would some significant opinions around this subject. Our top line points on welfare are:

Welfare;
Handling of dog reactive dogs
Handling of people reactive dogs
Handling of dogs subject to any council classification
Protocol in respect to any dog handling incidents i.e. dogs lost by handlers, attacks while in handler care (by dogs with a handler or a member of the public)
Protocol in respect to any public complaints (in respect to a handler)

Of course, as you can imagine these subjects expand broadly and there are certainly other points which we have all raised or have opinions around but in the essence of keeping this initial dialogue concise I am keeping to the key points identified

opinions around but in the essence of keeping this initial dialogue concise I am keeping to the key points identified.

Please feel free to distribute this email within the people and parties that are working on the review of the bylaws / regulation. And of course please email or call me to discuss anything related to the industry.

I think the next step would be meet and discuss aspect of regulation, to allow an open discussion so that council / local govt can understand the current industry dynamic and to get your feedback on our intent with the NZDWA (and if in fact there may be a place to work alongside each other).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,
[redacted]

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NZDWA Code of Ethics Final Draft .pdf

NZDWA Set of Rules DRAFT.pdf

Sticks & Bones [redacted]
sticksandbones.co.nz

Dog Walking Legislation Ref. Links

https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/responsible-pet-ownership-program/dogs-and-public-places

http://www.petcare.org.uk/index.php/new-professional-dog-walking-code-announced

http://www.maddogsdogwalking.com.au/dog-walking-sydney-north-shore/

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https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/03/24/toronto-dog-walkers-need-permits-to-take-care-of-your-pet.html

http://dailyhive.com/toronto/toronto-animal-bylaws-dog-owners-2017

https://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/municipal-licensing-and-standards/bylaw-enforcement/waste-and-parks-enforcement/bylaw-enforcement-dog-walking-commercial-dog-walkers-in-city-parks.html

https://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/parks,-forestry-and-recreation/parks/standards-and-innovation/permits-commercial-dog-walkers-in-city-parks.html

https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/public-notices-bylaws/bylaw-enforcement/dogs-off-leash/

https://www.marincountyparks.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-space/2017_dog_walking_update/1permitcommercialdogwalkerguidelines4final.pdf?la=en

https://www.marincounty.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-space/2014/3permitcommercialdogwalkerconditionsversion4.pdf?la=en

https://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/upload/2018-CDWSUP-Application-2.pdf

https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=46523

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/forms/apply-for-a-professional-dog-walking-licence

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/lpl-professional-dog-walking-code-of-conduct.pdf

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/lpl-lambeth-dog-walking-licence-faqs.pdf

https://businessportal.sfgov.org/node/2785

http://www.sfanimalcare.org/services/dog-walkers-permit/

https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/licences-and-permits/professional-dog-walking-licences

https://businesswales.gov.wales/sites/business-wales/files/Dog%20walker.pdf

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201132/parks_and_open_spaces/2257/commercial_dog_walking_in_parks

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/4171/dog_walking_license_application_form

Health & Safety

http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/index.htm

NZ

http://www.nationaldoggroomersnz.co.nz/index

https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/home/home

Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw

	Name	Address	Feedback
1	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	I support no more than 2 dogs offleash at anyone time and no more than 4 dogs to be walked at once. I also think the under leash control statements are not enough. I have seen many dogs offleash on main roads and running into roads ..I think they should be kept onleash fully in these areas. Under leash control is not sufficient. Also a list of menacing and dangerous dogs to be made known to the public.
2	[redacted]	Papamoa	as a dog owner and recently moved from Akl to Papamoa East I am appalled at the lack of responsible dog management of dog owners here. There is a total disregard by many owners of by laws to keeping their dogs off dunes , away from families sitting on the beach, rushing up uninvited to other dogs on leash and not picking up their dog"s poop. Many residents on the dunes off Karewa Pde and Motiti Rd allow their dogs to roam off their property unsupervised to toilet on the beach and annoy other supervised dogs walking past. Also contrary to what i have read on TCC website I have been told by residents living opposite the dunes between Papamoa surf club and Taylors Rd that its ok to let your dog off the leash and chase rabbits and pheasants "it's off leash and we all do it". Every time I walk with my dog (on leash) I come across dogs roaming through with owners following in the distance. With regard to Main Beach the dog ban should be extended past Leisure Is. There is so much foot traffic in that area during cruise ship season and having dogs toilet in this area is not appropriate. There's plenty of coastline further along. Please make signs more visible and bigger....the blue "No Dogs" poles are ineffective. Same with the signs at Papamoa Domain surf club many dog owners have no idea what 200m looks like so very visible signage is needed preferably also on the beach. Responsible dog owners shouldn't be taking their dogs to the beach in summer during the hottest part of the day anyway basic commonsense re health and safety for the dog. That's something that should be done early morning or evening. As in many places in Akl summertime time restrictions are enforced and it would be preferable to have similar restrictions here along the coast from Leisure Is to Papamoa East.
3	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	The changes look sensible and fair - to both dog owners like me and to non-dog people. I am very relieved we will still have considerable freedom to excercise the dog off the leash on the beach. This is a particularly awesome feature of living in the Mount.
4	[redacted]	Papamoa	Not unhappy with anything in the bylaws or proposed. Just wanted to ask one thing, why not a decent pensioner discount provided there are no issues with the dog. Dog registration fees are very high, especially if you are on a pension. Many pensioners have their dogs for comfort and assistant while not necessarily being an official therapy dog. In reality how many pensioners dogs are impounded or have nuisance complaints against them.
5	[redacted]	Bayfair	there is no reason why dogs should be anywhere near blue penguins they should not be in the vicinity and the sign should be much larger I have told people from out of town that they will get an instant fine and I don't care because they don't think they know
6	[redacted]	Papamoa	Generally support the changes. We have a dog that we like like to take to the beach but avoid doing so at peak times in summer just to be safe with the number of people on the beach - I would support a change to on leash only for the full beach between 15Dec to 15 Feb 10am till 5pm. Don’t agree that walking 4 dogs on lead should be restricted- can’t see a good reason for it.
7	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I am against extending the dog exclusion zone 200 meters to the south of Leisure Island. Locals with dogs enjoy this stretch of coast line nearly every morning. Who is the council considering changing the laws for? Who benefits?
8	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I agree with extending the "no dog zone" past Shark Alley on Mount Main Beach. However, Tauranga is woefully understaffed and ill-equipped to handle bans already in place. I live on Victoria Road, and I see dogs on the sand at Pilot Bay ALL THE TIME, on leashes and off. I also see dogs on Main Beach all the time. So if the City cannot enforce the laws already in place, what makes you think that you will be able to enforce new rules, and fine perpetrators? You can't just put up a sign along the pathway on Marine Parade and expect people to see or read it. If you want to control dogs in sensitive areas, you need staff out there ticketing people as a deterrent. Just like you would hire "meter maids" to go out and ticket people's cars for being parked illegally or for too long, you need to do the same for dogs, or else people will just see it, as they currently do, as a risk worth taking to take their dogs to illegal areas. I've tried to call people out for taking their dogs to Pilot Bay and the owners just end up yelling at me and being nasty. You cannot expect the general population to do your job for you. Signs do nothing, and hollow threats of fines do nothing either. You need to do something more than just pass new dog-free zones and expect people to follow suit.
9	[redacted]	Matua	We own a 3.2 kg toy poodle. The bylaws read as if she carries the same risk to the public as a 60kg Rottweiler. Just as there are specific rules for dangerous breeds, in my view there should be exemptions for specific breeds from certain aspects of the bylaws. For example, one of the reasons we have not gone up the

			Mount for a while is that we can not taker her with us. I would have thought that a 3.2kg toy poodle who is scared of cats and mice, would not be a risk if she was on a leash. I do understand the difficulties of making exemptions, but it does not make sense to treat all dog breeds as the same as they are all completely different. Maybe there should be some beaks for people who have "safe" breeds.
10	[redacted]	Tauranga Central	Do not support these proposals 1. Many people own more than 2 dogs - must they take them out in cycles? 2. What about the WONDERFUL doggie walkers????? 3. Is DOG CONTROL so unable to control walkers who cant control their dogs????
11	[redacted]	Katikati	I do not support the proposed change on limiting numbers of dogs to be exercised at a time to 2 off-leash or 4 on-leash. I know several people who will be unfairly negatively impacted by this by-law; people who run dog day care/waling services and people who help rescue dogs. Being able to exercise all their animals together helps to socialise the animals so that they can better cope with lots of stimulus and external distractions, and while the dogs are under control of the experienced people walking them when back with an owner who is less experienced they may display unwanted negative behavious in areas with other dogs if they are not used to being walked together. As long as a dog is under control of the person exercising it I do not see that limiting numbers will help, all uncontrolled or problem dogs I have come across are not in a group but often on their own.
12	J[redacted]	Brookfield	Hi, I think that giving everyone free reign on where dogs can be offlead is a really terrible idea. The amount of people that think they have a well behaved dog is so high, there will be dogs running all over the place. I have an un social dog that I walk on lead, the last thing I want is another dog running up to us when we aren't in an offlead area. It won't end nicely and is a situation that I want to avoid - hence why I don't take my dog to offlead exercise areas. With the rule of 2 max off lead dogs - what does this mean for dog daycare providers? Will they get special exception? I hope so - they provide such a great service for dog owners and should be allowed to carry on their business. They are all experienced with dogs, plus I havent heard of any problems from them taking out more that 2 dogs.
13	[redacted]	Belck	Our bloody council is at it again,This ridiculous bylaw proposing only allowing 2 dogs off lead or 4 dogs on lead per person.... No no it's not right. Leave the dogs alone you big meaney. Don't change it
14	[redacted]	Tauriko	I absolutely support the changes, too many unruly dogs around with professional 'dog walkers' and a limit on numbers is a good idea. People should to walk by themselves or with just one or two dogs without being set upon.
15	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I don’t support: The restriction on number of dogs off leash. I regularly witness small dogs being walked in numbers greater than two causing zero harm. I think owners should have somewhere to allow there dogs the ability to play without 1 tied up. I don’t support: The limit on the number of dogs at 4 being on a leash. This makes no sense. I do not understand why such a limit is required. Do we regularly see on leash dogs greater than 4 out of control? I can just see the owner of 5 toy poodles getting told off. Confused: Dogs left outside a shop in a public place to stay in designated area. Will Council establish designated areas. What will these look like? Who will make sure dogs in these areas are not stolen? This does not work.
16	[redacted]	Papamoa	1. 1 fully support the control of dogs by owners. I would like to see all dogs leashes on the waterways around Papamoa as dogs aren’t and even when with their owners, they are a pain to me and my leashed dog. 2. Leash length of 2m is ridiculous, it should be 3m. 3. Be nice to see discount to annual registration for responsible owners. 4. Concern the area used by Mount Dog Club (Links Ave) that I use daily for my dog to be off leash and safely contained without risk of running into a road would no longer be available.
17	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	This is a load of crap need to put you all on leads dogs that are under control of there owners an have it all under control should be entitled to be some places are dog groups that the ppl understand the dogs anno how to read them focus in more important stuff tcc
18	[redacted]	It your business	Why should I pay a dog fee if I can’t take my dog anywhere? I have to check all the time? New Zealand should be ashamed by how badly the dogs are treated here. If this plans goes ahead I will stop paying dog fees because I can’t bloody take dog anywhere. Dog nazi

19	[redacted]	Papamoa	Unable to walk dogs on the whole beach during the summer period is a bit harsh. Dogs need to exercise and during summer the pavement and asphalt are too hot, therefore peole take their dogs to the beaches, where the can walk their pets. We don't have enough parks equipped for walking dogs and most of them are too small or too far away. I believe we pay our dog fees (that keep increasing every year) for a reason and we are allowed to enjoy being at the beach during the summer with our dogs.
20	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	I support the changes. As a beach going dog owner, signs at beaches indicating 200m from the surf clubs would be very helpful.
21	[redacted]	Otumoetai	Don't support the changes. Leash is best, dogs are part of the family these days and 99% of dog owners are responsible people. Let's all use the Mount region, including our dogs on leads, and enjoy our natural surroundings. Dogs get people and families out walking and exercising, good health all round. A dog on a lead cannot bother seals or penguins, and no one wants that either. We are responsible citizens and dog owners too. No lead areas could be further up the beach past Tay street. Keep families together and outdoors for good health and well being.
22	[redacted]	Huntly	Interesting that you've chosen to restrict the number of dogs being walked to such a low number. I walk all over the BOP/Waikato areas, and when I have come across out of control dogs 9 times out of 10 it is either a single or couple of dogs who are out of control and causing chaos. The owners of multiple dogs tend to put more time into training, have them under far better control & be more aware of their responsibilities. What are you proposing as the solution to the owners of multiple dog owners who are unable (under the proposed guidelines) to exercise them all at once? Rehome some and add to the issue of homeless dogs? Reduce the amount of exercise each gets so that they can fit everyone in separately - therefore leading to frustrated dogs with potential for an increase in behavioural challenges? Rather than restricting it solely by numbers, how about focusing on the aspects of control and those allowing their dogs to cause a nuisance? It would be a far better use of your time and make a difference rather than just cause a headache for responsible owners and handlers. Restrictions like this would definitely make me reconsider visiting the Tauranga area or recommending other dog owners visit.
23	[redacted]	Ohauiti	I do not support the following changes: 10.3- 2 or more dogs off leash 10.4- 4 or more dogs
24	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	The changes that I do not support are the extention of 255metres of Mount Main Beach to ban dogs. Can this be shorted to not include the 'rock' past leisure Island. This is a natural end point to walk dogs to and turn around at. the limit should be on the Leisure Island side of the rock with no dogs allowed past the rock but they can walk to the rock. It is unclear whether or not Dog Walkers are allowed to walk more than 4 dogs. I think professional dog walkers who apply to council should be able to do this. I would not support the time restrictions on dogs creeping into other areas of the beach. there are sufficient places now that exclude dogs, on a large stretch of coast area.
25	[redacted]	Papamoa	I have read with interest your proposed change of by laws but I dont fully understand the direction that you are heading., you seem to be limiting rather than trying to move forward . You say that you want to protect the public but I never see this city council making proposals in the right direction. have you considered setting up doggy parks (maybe you should contact the City council of Whangarei who have incredible facilities for dogs , on my recent visit I was astounded on how much they have done) I dont know the population of Whangarei but wouldn't think it as big as Tauranga area, they have catered so well for the dog caring public It was awesome to see how much it was being used by dog owners and the ideas that they had put together and I am sure the Whangarei council could provide you with details.? We keep getting told we have an influx of people moving to Tauranga area, nothing extra has really been done to take in the consideration of extra dogs now in our community with new arrivals. How about thinking outside the square and doing something constructive rather than keep putting limitations and laws on people and their animals , such as more parks, maybe run dog obedient schools for the public at a small cost , I am sure you have people that could oversee this How about we use the fees to good use and get people to understand their dogs I figure that with the additional amount you have collected from dog registration you could do this, and I am astounded at the amount we pay and what we receive in return for our fees

			Plastic bags at the end of some of the walkways to use which is quite often empty. Dog pounds but responsible owners pay to collect their dogs anyway. The statement regarding dogs must not be left alone in public places is not fair, have you considered the people who are not only walking their dog but also looking after their health by exercising maybe going to the shops to buy milk, bread etc I see a lot of elderly people walking to the shops with their dogs ,do you really want to stop this !!! If you are intent on bringing this law into place may be set up areas that dogs can be left with facilities such as Bayfair Shopping Mall does? This world has enough obese and overweight problems shouldn't we be trying to encourage people to walk to the shops or exercise not put a limit on what we can do . It is really odd how I contacted your office regarding the drainage area from Papamoa plaza to Hartford and asked if ai sign could be put up asking dog owners to not let their dogs chase the wild life or have them on a leash if they couldn't control them , I understand that this is a law anyway and maybe some people dont realise this, it just makes people aware of their responsibilities . Nothing was ever done and I have never heard from your office although i was told they could do this as it is done in other areas just so people are aware of their responsibility , I did contact you three times. I also suggested a sign down Palm Beach Blvd warning motorists of the bird life around this area and maybe to slow down but again nothing .... Regarding not being allowed to exercise more than 4 dogs is also not moving forward, most of the people exercising more than 4 dogs are normally very responsible people who do this job as a career and have dogs welfare in their mind at all times why else would they be running dog day care facilities. Isn't it better to have dogs being exercised rather than locked up in a back yard while owners are at work ....and barking . The owners that take their dogs to day care facilities are obviously thinking of their animals welfare, and your council is trying to stop this??????? All the people that I have seen walking more than 4 dogs have them controlled very well I await your comments
26	[redacted]	Otumoetai	I do not support these changes. I do not see how this will solve any issues. If a dog is agressive; they are going to demonstrate this behaviour regardless of whether they are on a lead or not. People who have nuisance dogs are not going to obide by these rules & just make people who have well trained dogs lives more difficult.
27	s[redacted]	Welcome Bay	Tay Street beach to remain dog friendly at all times. As a regular user of this area and due to the heat as much as possible frquent the area earlier in summer. My friends & I with our dogs use this area at least weekly both winter & summer and also when finished frequent the Tay St cafe, This is a lovely area for both dogs and people we wander down to 200m from Omanu surf life and back for coffee. As long as this little slice of heaven remains dog friendly i would support any other changes. People need to interact with dogs and know how to behave around them this is as much for them as for the dogs. Laws never penalise bad dog owners as it is the responsible owners who always comply. Perhaps wandering unneutered dogs should be chipped & registered prior to being returned to thier owner rather than just a fine
28	[redacted]	Tauranga	I think new bylaws would create a lot of problems because as it is, its very difficult to keep up where dogs are welcome and not welcomed. Instead of creating a safe environment more dog bans are coming into play and in the end of the day its pure discrimination and a theft of freedom. The proposed rules clearly forgets people who's bread and butter is dog walking business. Saying a person cant control more than two dogs at the time is very similar if you tried to control people who have more than two kids. It would be great to see supporting documents from the council showing off-leash or on-leash dogs have caused a significant number of problems or substantiated complaints.

			What about people who work shift work and only have time to walk their dogs during ban times purposed on beaches. Also now, people will have to travel to special dog friendly areas, increasing traffic and parking issues, also more people with dogs are going to be in the same area as well as people just wanting to go to the beach. What about if council would reconsider few dog ban areas and make them dog friendly, like Papamoa Hills etc. Or make sure that people not equipt to raise a dog would not have a right to do sop. I hear lots of stories of dog cruelty around town and the council keeps giving back the dogs because people pay the fees. What about if you dog haven't caused any troubles after 5 years and having a discount of the annual dog fee? There lots of topics to think about but the council is only interested in more bans. How about taking example from other countries and cities where dogs and people live in harmony. I'm also interested(as many dog owners) who advised of this complete nonsense?
29	[redacted]	Bethlehem	I would like to know why there are no designated off leash dog parks except the one at TECT park which is 30 mins or more drive from Tauranga. There appears to be plenty of available land and it would be great to be able to let our energetic dogs off leash to socialise with other dogs without having to worry about members of the public who are not dog lovers.
30	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Dog owners unlike other domestic pet owners pay a significant annual fee for the luxury of owning their pet. These fees generate the fund used by Council to manage animal control issues within the city. Issues also beyond dog control and particular to the fee payers. Dog owners receive little for this fee, other than harassment from Council employed dog Rangers and continued restrictions on where they can exercise their animals and how they can mange their pet. In respect to dog control the City is becoming a real Nana State. As both a Rate payer and dog owner (who pays the dog registration fee) I am totally opposed to any additional restrictions as to how I manage my pet and in particular any additional restrictions to those of us who live down town the Mount. As most of us living in the Mount pay excessive rates as it is, we should be provided with more amenities and council services, not less. To suggest that I cannot walk my pet down to the local Dairy and tie them up outside while I purchase a bottle of milk is a nonsense. Leave dog owners alone down the Mount we aren't the problem. In fact do the City a real service and abandon dog fees and get rid of the Ranger service, all they seem to be doing is writing policies at the annoyance of their employees, the dog owners or at least those that pay the fee. If Council wish to continue with dog registrations then the funds from those fees should only be spent on dog related matters, positive and proactive services to enhance the life of the dog owner and pet. If other rate payers wish to have a voice in dog control, then Animal and dog management issues must be funded from a general rate
31	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	Dogs are a valuable part of todays society. With emotional support they help people through rough times, provide security and are a friend to younger and older or sick family members. Often they motivate people to go outside to walk the dog. Without the opportunity to walk the dog people might end up sitting at home rather than spending time outside. I don't see why friendly dogs, being walked on a lead should be banned. Ban dangerous dogs altogether and while you are at it ban jetskies as well as they are a terrible nuisence. It does not make sense to try and achieve your objective of minimising danger, distress or nuisance from dogs by banning them during certain times. A dangerous dog is a dangerous dog whether before or after 5pm and whether on the beach or while roaming the neighbourhood. Ban dangerous dogs and aggressive dogs altogether. Sorted.
32	[redacted]	Gate Pa	The changes proposed are not adequate for the general population in Tauranga. Dog owners with more than one dog has the common sense to train and control their dogs in a public place. More resources need to go into educating dog owners rather than making it hard for people who are good dog owners. We (A local dog training club)train and educate dogs and owners in tauranga and we do so as a non profit organisation. To be part of our club you must have local registration as well as your dog vaccinated. We are helping responsible dog owners. The amount of dogs walking at one time would be a huge disappointment to many people - i myself walk with friends and their dogs and between us we would be over the number aloud. There are also many dog walking groups who get together. this doesn't just mean a walk for the dog but it gets people outside exercising and meeting new people helping with physical and mental health. I understand some people need to be educated on their dog behaviour in public places and fully support that. But please dont punish the good dog owners in the city by introducing these changes.

33	[redacted]	Papamoa	I do support the recommended changes however instead of all the negative points, ie. when and where dogs can't go. I would like to see a proactive attitude to create dog parks as has been done in Wellington. They have so many great walks, parks and actual dog parks that families and their dogs are welcomed to use. Dogs socialize and everyone gets some exercise. In my experience owners are responsible and clean up after and monitor their dogs behavior. Some more specific parks provide both bins for disposing of doggie do bags and the doggie bags also, but not all. Such excellent facilities for the communities. All Tauranga and WBOP seem to provide for their rate paying dog owners is what dog owners can't do and where they can't be and when. Lots of city folk have dogs and some designated community parks and walks would be a positive move. Disposal bins for doggie do bags is also a positive as it encourages dog owners to be responsible.
34	N[redacted]	Papamoa	I dont support the proposed change of an owner owning multiple dogs only being able to walk 2 off leash and 4 on leash. I dont think owners who have put the time and effort in to owning such an amount of dogs should be punished because of a few loose dogs causing havoc (generally dogs who are on their own/not with their owners). It would be stupid and a waste of time for them to only be able to take some of their dogs for a walk and not all of them at once. I also think there needs to be more dog specific parks and more native walks that you can take them on.
35	[redacted]	Otumoetai	I oppose this. As a responsible dog owner of two dogs, who are registered and microchipped I feel this is restrictive and the focus should be on providing places for dog owners to take their dogs for exercise offleash ... Give us more off lead exercise areas instead of restricting even further where and when we can exercise our dogs. This restriction would prevent my dogs from socialising and playing with other dogs that they are familiar with in open areas.
36	[redacted]	Otumoetai	I do not support the restrictions around the beach access from leisure island to Omanu. We have always spent a lot of time with our kids and dogs and have never had a problem. We always pick up any mess they make too. Why are we making it harder for families to get out and enjoy our beaches with our furry friends. RIDICULOUS. We pay so much in dog rego and rates and what do I, a responsible dog owner get? Nothing. I see that you are trying to control dangerous dogs, however we, with well behaved dogs are being punished.
37	[redacted]	Auckland	As a professional dog trainer and walker these limits to the number of dogs off lead is a very bad idea! Many trainers own more than 4 dogs and have the best trained dogs around. Control has nothing to do with numbers, and everything to do with education. NZ Farmers have had large numbers of dogs under perfect control for generations. By limiting the number of dogs, you destroy the professional dog walking industry, thus resulting in more dogs who aren't getting daily exercises or training by a professional. Therefore leading to more dog aggression and reactive dogs roaming around the streets. Lack of exercises is one of the biggest contributors to dog behavioral issues. You want dogs with more control then work on integrating dogs more into our societies not pushing them out. Like most EU countries have, dogs are allowed on public transport, in buildings to be and coexist with humans. Put funding into education not bylaws, make it illegal for dogs to be unneutered unless you have a breeding license. But stay clear of numbers based regulations as it does more harm than good!!
38	[redacted]	Tauriko	I totally support the new bylaw. As a homeowner in **redacted** Tauriko we have had too many people coming down to the reserve at the end of the street with one lady from Puppy Love Dog training bringing anywhere between 6-10 dogs and she has no control of all of these dogs off lead and can get verbally abusive when asked to put dogs on leads. Because of her, her actions and get togethers she has organised down at the reserve, I hope that this bylaw in enforced as it is people like her that make it an unpleasant experience for people that live on the street and the surrounding area. People are using the reserve as a "free for all" to bring big dogs down here to run around and most of these dogs are not on leads and have no recall. As an owner of a dog that has been attacked twice in the reserve, I believe owners of dogs need to be more accountable for their actions.
39	[redacted]	Gardner	I do not support 7.4. If this is passed I won't be able to walk my dog to the shops. I do this most weeks, the nearest shops being about 600 metres from my home. I always tie my dog up while I pop into the 4 square to buy those few items I forgot to get at the supermarket. I don't like leaving my dog alone for long, in case someone steals her.I've never had a problem. Afterwards I go to the nearby cafe for a coffee, the cafe provides water and a bowl for my dog to drink from,and provides areas for securing my dog while I pop in to order. Why should I be forced by this proposal to leave my dog at home. This is going too far.
40	[redacted]	Papamoa	I don't support the new rule of dogs being on a leash over the summer period between motiti and karewa!
41	[redacted]	Papamoa	I think the proposed having to have leads on dogs in Papamoa or being there at restricted times is absolutely ridiculous. If your dog requires a lead then it is not well trained and you can choose to use a lead. Most people especially with big dogs are well trained and respectful to other dogs. It is turning a very relaxed beach and environment into a limited environment where less people will want to bring their dogs and is being dominated by people with small, untrained and disrespectful dogs to be "in charge" the beach who are usually disrespectful owners themselves also. The beach is no one's property and should be a free place for everyone and their dogs. Our dogs have been trained for many years and have no leads ever on the beach with NO issues ever, they would have less exercise

			and overall enjoyment if they are kept on leads as well as the time frames you suggest unsuitable for most working professionals! One of our dogs is a farm dog that requires hours of excerise a day which we do by throwing the ball without a lead or taking for a run where she runs along side or ahead without a lead. You will be making many big dogs with excerise and right to a happy life limited and restricted.
42	J[redacted]	Papamoa	I support them both, however, would love more rubbish bins along the walkway for dog poop as well as more random checks as I leash my dog and I rarely come across a dog who has recall. Can papamoa have a dog park? Thanks
43	[redacted]	Papamoa	I have family members that have been attacked by dogs that have otherwise never been known to be aggressive. I appreciate the attention Tauranga city council is giving this matter and fully support all of these proposals. You have found a good balance of freedom and safety. Unfortunately, many owners trust their dogs far too much and seem to think they are incapable of wrongdoing, even owners of larger or potentially dangerous breeds. You can't say things like this in public forums without some dog owners getting hostile. I own a dog myself and I believe this will make myself and my dog safer in tauranga.
44	[redacted]	Te Puke	I support the changes proposed as dog and people populations are growing and children and adults, especially those who are afraid of dogs, need to feel safe in public places.
45	[redacted]	Papamoa	I propose that a section of the beach be allocated a "dedicated dog zone" during particular hours of the day, the same by laws could still apply however clear signage could be added that indicates this area is a dedictated dog- preference zone during that time that means dogs are likely to be off the leash and socialising with other dogs here/barking/running free etc. It wouldn't mean that people couldn't use that area just that during those times it operates on dog preference so if you are uncomfortable around dogs/ have very young children etc this would be an area to avoid during those times. That way owners with large dogs who need adequate space and time to exercise can do so confidently without being abused by members of the public who are misinformed about by-laws. It would still mean you must be in control of your dog at all times too- just a safer way to avoid confrontations among dog owners and dog fearers. In the same way dogs are banned from other areas of the beach. I think this would be a fool proof way of aiding dogs and people to grow and live in the community together. Until there are restrictions around dog ownership and breeds these issues will continue to arise and worsen. Dogs need space and time off leash to be trained
46	[redacted]	Auckland	7.1(v) People should be able to include a dog on leash in their exercise regime, if this is not a children's playground. 7.4 Dogs should be able to be tethered when to pop into a dairy for a drink or to grab a sandwich from a lunchbar. Presumably if ordering at a cafe, this would be deemed a private place? If not, same as above - since cafes often don't do table service. There should be a time restriction - e.g. 5 mins or for purpose of ordering drink/food. 10.3 Many people have more than 2 dogs to exercise and this would be very restrictive. Perhaps a licensing system for owners or dog walkers which can be revoked if dogs are not deemed to be under control. 4-6 dogs is appropriate. This should also include the dogs being under effective control - i.e. can be recalled effectively 10.4 I would recommend up to 6 dogs. Once again, could be allowed under licensing This law may set a precedence for other councils, which would have far reaching implications nationwide.
47	[redacted]	-	I support the changes, however i feel that anyone who is planning on becoming a dog owner should have to attend a quick course or sit an online test including basic welfare, basic care and basic courtiousness. It would also be nice to have dog walking parks - specifically small and large dog parks. i have a small dog and am always on my guard when taking her out as she has already been attacked once. people are so irresponsible, people need to learn to leash their dogs when approaching people and other dogs until both parties have ok'd the dogs to meet. this is how fights start between dogs and owners. just because one dog is friendly doesnt mean the other is. im am sick to death of big dogs running up to mine and the owner letting it happen. this scares my dog and myself, now. a small dog park would be brilliant, and the same for lge. i pay my registration every yr but im not sure what I, myself gains from it. my dog doesnt escape, she has never been to you, i pick up after her. i pride myself on being a responsible owner. its like paying insurance you never use and may not ever use and im sure a lot of others feel the same. so to see our $ go somewhere we can utilise would be great. and the irresponsible owners to continue to own up and pay their fines, as i would if ever in that situation. i appreciate the council and dog control staff and all that they do, but surely some money could go towards dog specific parks?
48	C[redacted]	Papamoa	I think if it's outside of a busy time a dog should be aloud off the leash as I'm sorry but I'm not being dragged into the water by my darling 11 year old boy just because of a history of idiot owners who don't train their dog properly. A dog should not be confined to a leash. I always pick up my dogs bodily products. Yet people who have not trained there dogs properly or taught kids not to approach strange dogs incidents have happened. It's not fair to punish the responsible owners.
49	[redacted]	Tauranga south	I do not support the proposed changes. There appears to be no evidence to support the necessity for these changes. Council surely has better priorities !

50	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I don’t support. I have a small bichon who runs the beach every day, we don’t take her in the summer as it’s too hot. I do understand their is a need for more control. I wonder if large dogs should stay on a leash at all times. Or maybe just open the beach to dogs over the winter and ban summer use during 9-8?
51	[redacted]	Maungatapu	I don't agree with adding an extra 255 to the prohibited area on Mount Maunganui Main Beach. In winter the area is vacant most of the time, as long as people pick up after their dog their shouldn't be a problem. This is only making things harder for dog owners in the Mount area. The short period of summer may be different but for most of the year it shouldn't be a problem.
52	[redacted]	Bethlehem,	I do not support the Dogs being allowed off leash in Public Places but must be under control. Unfortunately not being Under Control is identified after the dog has attacked another animal or person, which is too late for both parties. I cannot understand the logic behind dogs being allowed off leash but under control. Very simple law should be that All Dogs should be Leashed in all public places and build leash free areas so dogs can run free and socialise. This way everyone benefits.
53	[redacted]	Ohauiti,	Proposed rule: Extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 255m further south along the beach past Moturiki (Leisure Island). Why: To ensure that dogs are further prevented from accessing Moturiki (Leisure Island). This change is not needed. The existing line of rocks and access path at Moturiki are a very clear indication of the point where dogs are not allowed. Far clearer than a line in the sand. So why move a very clear existing line to a unclear point on the beach. The only change needed is clear signage.
54	[redacted]	Papamoa	I have lived in the Royal Palms area of Papamoa for many years. Our closest beach is the Harrisons Cut area. We have spent lots of time on this beach, bringing up young kids, fishing and body boarding and relaxing on the sand. In the summer we rarely go to this beach nowadays as no matter where you put your towel down, there is the stench of dog urine and feceas. There is always a lot of dogs running free. I have seen dogs urinating on peoples towels, on the back of peoples seats while they are sitting in them and something that really worries me is that every day you see children building sand castles, running down to the water then back again to carry on playing, but in the meantime a dog has urinated on their sand castle. They carry on playing unaware anything has happened. This is happening all the time and to me is third world hygiene. We walk on the beach but as far as sitting on the beach, those days are gone because of dogs. I think dog owners should only be able to exercise their dogs on the beach before 9.00am and after 5.00 pm over the summer months.
55	[redacted]	Papamoa	Dogs need to be on leads at ALL times in a public place! I do not want to encounter a dog off a lead, make a dog park if you want to have dogs off leads
56	[redacted]d	Paengaroa	Good Morning, I object to the following two bylaws: In the instance where you have 3 dogs and are playing fetch with them, why would you have one on the lead when the others are chasing a ball. Unfair, restrictive and unrealistic for dog owners where their dogs are well behaved and are always respectful of other people, conservation areas and animals. We often exercise our dogs together with friends dogs, its a time to catch up and they love interacting with each other and the children. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. This rule also appears restrictive, if you have multiple small dogs on a lead that are well behaved and you are in control (pack leader) why shouldn't you have as many as you like. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than four dogs on leash in a public place at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. Issues that would be better addressed are having dogs spayed/neutered as a requirement. That dogs are to be unleashed at a distance from leisure bathers, children or fishermen. Things that we always adhere to when out in public.
57	[redacted]	Whakamarama	I object to the proposal to extend 255m dog restriction south of Moturiki Island. The current policy/Bylaw enables dog walkers to exit the beach opposite Moturiki Island and cross safely to the other side of the road using the designated crossing. The proposal to extend would encompass the foreshore thereby preventing dog owners from using the designated crossing. To access the shops in town or cafes near the mount would mean owners and their dogs would have to cross without the aid of the crossing. This would be dangerous as visibility and access is poor. The owner and dog would have to negotiate drivers reversing from the parking spaces beside the grassed foreshore and bike users on the bike path. The current system is safe and practical. This is an over-reaction to a very small problem as I walk my dog there many times per week and have never witnessed a dog on Moturiki Island. Signage is poor for dog owners and very

			misleading so I suggest focus is given to educate dog owners rather than penalise them. I already am made to feel like a second class citizen when walking my dog in that area. When I am with my dog I am unable to access two separate toilet blocks, one opposite Commons Ave and the other near the surf club. I am unable to access all public drinking fountains in this area and when my dog fowls I am unable to dispose of the bag on the side of the Marine Parade that you restrict me to. Ironically I have to cross to the restricted side to access a waste bin. I've seen retired NZ tourists arriving at the mount in their camper vans, with dog, completely frustrated by the experience - come on Taurange City Council - let common sense prevail.
58	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	All dogs should be restrained in public, simple as that! The amount of anxiety that unrestrained dogs gives people is unfair. They are a nuisance on the beach when they run up to you and run all over your towels etc. There are too many dogs now and these changes are weak. I used to enjoy the beach but dogs are running around everywhere and it is no longer the same. I have lived here since I was born and I have seen the decline, there are too many people with dogs, leaving restraining judgement up to their owners is unrealistic. The amount of mess they are leaving all over the beaches is disgusting also, the dogs probably do that when they run ahead of the owners?the owners who casually turn a blind eye?...another thing, why am I seeing so many dogs at Pilot Bay and up the Mount???why are these rules not enforced and people penalised?.
59	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	I don't support the changes to the bylaw enlarging the area where dogs are able to be taken, either on leash or off leash. I am very nervous around dogs and prefer to go where dogs are not allowed. I accept that lots of people love dogs and like to walk them. I completely understand and accept this but I really don't want some of the few places where I don't have to worry about walking into a dog to go. As it is I am already too nervous to ride a bike especially on my own as I keep seeing dogs off leash on the bike paths. But a lot of places where dogs are allowed only on a leash that seems to be ignored and the dog is free running. If it is mentioned to the person (overheard by others) they always say that their dog is safe and they are comfortable having it running free even as its snapping at another dog.
60	T[redacted]	Pyes Pa	Dogs should be able to be off their leads. Or there should be designated parks where it's ok at least. Like yatton! Or the lakes! Dogs need exercise and just being on the leash doesn't allow them to run!
61	x	y	As a dog owner for many years, back in Europe, Christchurch and in Western Bay, I am surprised not more accidents have happened on the beach. While some dogs may be well socialised, others - especially visiting dogs- may not be as socialised and likely to be intimidating or annoyed by small yuppy dogs approaching them too closely with owners suddenly concerned about their pooch.... Considering there is usually wind going on beaches, it can be difficult to call your dog and while being a gentle dog, the dog can get distracted by all other dogs, run in a different direction for a while and frighten other people.... I learned to have a big rope with me 10m or so, enabling to keep them under control and able to pull back when the miniatures ones or people cross.... so believe taking responsibility. What though annoys me parking the car at Omanu beach and walking down to the beach or other areas with dog on lead and realising all these restrictions.... I would propose for those keen on letting dogs run to look at areas with less people, may be closer to naturalist area, for free running and remove all restrictions for the rest of the beach but require them to be on a lead/ rope, in a controlled matter. This would make it easier to go for a coffee etc.... considering many of us are immigrants and used to take their dog in public transport, restaurants and cafes... it would also educe the number of dogs in cars or van while their owners go for a tour around the Mount. Let's keep it simple.... dogs should be controlled in urban areas and beaches and unless their owners do not have full control, they get max 2 warnings and then a fine.
62	[redacted]	Pyes Pa,	I do not support some aspects of the Draft Dog Management Bylaw 2018 as I believe that they are discriminatory to dog owners/ dog handlers who have a responsibility to look after the health (including exercising) of dogs in their charge. I have some objections and questions relating to the Draft Dog Management Bylaw 2018 as outlined below: + Section 4 PURPOSE Subsection 4.1 "The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote the control of dogs to minimise danger, distress, or nuisance by dogs to the public. It also aims to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and socialisation needs of dogs." Too strong an emphasis has been placed on the control of dogs rather than the provision of adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise, recreational, and socialisation needs of dogs. This unbalanced emphasis continues throughout the Bylaw draft. This should be re-written to allow an equal emphasis on the opportunities as well as dog control, or reverted to the original purpose statement "The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational/ socialisation needs of dogs, and their owners, while minimising any danger, distress, or nuisance caused by dogs to the public."

			+ Section 6.1 LEASH CONTROL Sub-section 6.3 (iii) - Pāpāmoa Beach in the vicinity of Motiti Road and Karewa Parade between the beach access markers Pāpāmoa Beach Access 0018 and Pāpāmoa Beach Access 0025, including all of Motiti Reserve, as show on the map at schedule one. Summer season restrictions. I disagree with leash control, but do agree that dogs should be kept under control. Many families like to go to the beach during the Summer season. As many dogs are part of the family this may restrict whether a family can go to the beach. There is also a danger that dogs will be left in hot cars. Is there a possibility of having an area of the beach allocated for families with dogs, with transit rights (on leash) over other areas of the beach so that people can also walk their dogs in order to exercise them? + Section 7 DOG PROHIBITED AREAS Sub-section 7.1 (i) - Dogs should be allowed on the Pilot Bay boardwalk on a leash. This is a beautiful area and prevents people with dogs from enjoying the area. I am not aware of any wildlife on the boardwalk area. If I am incorrect and dogs could be a threat to wildlife on the boardwalk, then please ignore this point. Subsection 7.4 "No dog shall be left unattended in a public place, whether secured or not, unless the dog is secured in a designated area which provides separation from the dog and members of the public". This is discriminatory to people who walk to the shops/ pharmacy/ take away restaurants etc. and take their dog with them. If a dog cannot be secured whilst the owner/ dog handler goes into a shop/ pharmacy/ take-away restaurant etc., then this prevents people going about their every day business. If this sub-section is placed into the Bylaw then the Council should provide designated areas for dog owners/ dog handlers to secure their dogs outside all local amenities. + Section 8 DOG EXERCISE AREAS Why has this section been removed from the Bylaw? This should be re-instated under a separate section (if necessary) but should not be totally removed. There should be designated dog exercise areas where dogs are allowed to be exercised off leash. There should be clear signs so that members of the public are fully aware that dogs are allowed off leash to avoid any confusion. + Section 10 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF DOGS Sub-sections 10.3 and 10.4 - I disagree that there should be a limit on the number of dogs that can be walked either on or off leash. So long as dogs are kept under control of the owner/ dog handler then there should not be a restricted number.
63	[redacted]	Auckland	Do not support 10.3 and 10.4 Commercial dog walkers should be exempt from this rule. Several owners also own more than two dogs and should be exempt. Dog walkers are a necessity in this day and age and demand for their services will only increase with time. They need to make a living and two dogs at a time will not allow that. Consider looking at issuing permits to commercial dog walkers. Greater Wellington Regional council are doing a great job of managing commercial dog walkers, consulting with them could help.
64	[redacted]	Auckland	I do not support the proposed changes of having max 4 dogs on lead and 2 dogs off lead. I am a dog walker and if this law comes into place, it would not be profitable for my business. The dogs I take out are well trained and under control. Please do not penalise the responsible dog walkers. Dog walkers are so important for dogs socialisation and exercise. Many dogs can't go to day care for various reasons, so dog walkers are very important.
65	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	There are a couple changes/policies I do not support which I will outline below: I consider the existing restriction on dogs on the Pilot Bay boardwalk is an unnecessary burden on recreation dog owners in Mount Maunganui. Providing one off-road walking space for dogs on-leash in the northern mount will give a significant number of residents and visitors a chance to enjoy this area and enhance overall compliance with the Bylaw rather than a blanket ban in this area. The boardwalk sits within a highly modified and generous grassed area, away from the beach. This is a suitable path for dogs on lead, especially as bikes are already restricted from this path. I also do not support the addition of the beach/foreshore 255m south(-east?) of Moturiki to the prohibited area. I consider that an on-leash restriction would be adequate here. This rule is in response to the high use of this area during peak summer periods and an on-leash restriction will provide adequate levels of control to manage this. A ban on dogs restricts a significant portion of the population with dogs from accessing a public area which should be avoided if possible, where

			this can be appropriately managed through and on-leash restriction. A ban has negative social effects and in this case will likely lead to on-going compliance issues.
66	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	What I would like to see is that the Council actually use their teeth. So the existing laws are not enforced or enacted and they should be. We live in the area, try to be good responsible dog owners including picking up others poop at times, if I can stomach it, only to see people blatantly going where they shouldn't....often belligerent if you mention it, and no one giving out fines! I don't mention it now as too frightening at times. Instead of extending the areas, how about policing what we have
67	[redacted]	Matua	Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I feel the changes that you have suggested in terms of the number of dogs that can be exercised one way or another in a public park or reserve are very timely. The parks are all becoming more intensely used as the city grows and with it are a rising number of "professional" dog walkers. As I understand it, anyone can become a "professional" dog walker, it is merely another name for a person whose business it is to walk dogs for other people. There was an article in the Bay of Plenty Times this week suggesting that such "professional" people have total control of their dogs and that incidents do not occur. I can attest that this is simply not true. It is quite daunting for people anywhere to see and hear a group of large dogs being let off together and only under the eye of one person. There is also another point to consider, most businesses who nominate a public park in which to carry out their business have to pay a fee to the council for the privilege. This is not the case for "professional" dog walkers and I do not believe that the Council has any obligation to them. I would also like to see some comment about people who insist on riding bicycles or driving cars with dogs running off lead behind. This is not only very cruel but there is no way that fouling can be observed or picked up and needless to say these people have absolutely no control over their dogs should something happen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council for the ability to freely exercise and socialise our beloved dogs, without this privilege, their lives and ours would be all the poorer for it.
68	[redacted]	Papamoa	Note that I am a dog owner myself. I live in Papamoa, so my submission can be read with this in mind. I thank the council for a common sense & well balanced approach to dog ownership in Tauranga. Compared to some other councils, the basis of the policy & bylaws for dog management is fair & reasonable taking into account the needs of all users of public areas. I would like to submit some comments & suggestions regarding several of the proposed changes: Policy Dog safe communities - Public education for dog owners is very important to encourage responsible ownership, especially for first time dog owners. Could some form of education requirement be a requirement for owning a dog, possibly part of the a first time dog registration? This must be something simple & not so onerous as to discourage registration. Bylaws 200m restriction around Omanu & Papamoa surf clubs - Judging 200m has always been difficult & is applied somewhat subjectively, so a defined area is a definite improvement. The council must ensure that there is ample signage to inform owners of the restricted areas & their responsibilities in them. Seasonal on-leash restriction between Motiti Rd & Karewa Parade - This doesn't reflect the reality of the beach in the summer season. While the area does have many people, it is not like the area around the surf club. Both families & individuals spread themselves along the entire beach. Imposing additional rules on dog walkers for this one area doesn't seem to make a lot of sense. In addition, informing dog walkers of this rule is difficult for those who have walked a distance along the beach to this area. The rule that your dog must be under effective control at all times should be sufficient here without additional restrictions on dog walkers. Dogs left unattended in public places - On the surface this is a very good rule & I wholeheartedly support the intention of it. The difficulty is the availability of designated areas; the number of these areas provided by council must be sufficent to be fair on dog owners using public areas without imposing too much of a burden. I believe that providing a fair number of areas isn't possible. A reasonable approach would be a requirement for owners to ensure their dog is secured in a place separated from members of the public as much as is practical, removing the requirement for designated areas. In addition, the rule requiring effective contol "so that no dog can cause nuisance or danger to any person or other animal..." covers this. Dogs classified as menacing must be neutered - I believe this rule needs to be changed, to be extended to require all dogs, rather than just a small group, to be neutered. A provision for owners to apply for an exemption that will be granted for all reasonable requests e.g. responsible breeders, must be included. While responsible dog owners do neuter their animals, there are irresponsible owners who don't. Requiring dogs to be neutered under threat of penalty would help

			improve the general welfare of dogs & reduce the number of unwanted puppies. It could also be used as a means to effectively ban any puppy mills within the council's area. I hope that my feedback will be taken into account when finalising the proposed changes & thank the council for this opportunity to submit my comments on them.
69	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support the proposed changes but wish to suggest they go further with respect to leash control. I believe that all dogs should be on a leash between the Papamoa Surf Club 'No Go Area' and the Omanu Surf Club 'No Go Area' - on the beach and reserves. The council should also look at setting up additional areas elsewhere that are more easily controlled (smaller areas) for dogs to roam off the leash.
70	[redacted]	Matua,	Our specific wish is to provide feedback on how walkers and cyclists (which we are) could be less effected by dogs, unleashed, but even leashed, in public parks. What we would suggest is that a park specifically for dogs is designated as Hamilton CC has done. If this dog park existed, we suspect that the pressure of too many dogs on designated walkways and cycleways would at least be minimised.
71	[redacted]	Papamoa	Set up a dog area at the far end of Papamoa beach. There are so many dogs rooming on our beautiful beaches and my children are now frightened to go to the beach after several encounters of unleached dogs running up to them. Children before dogs please. The area around surf clubs should be 500 either side and be policed.
72	S[redacted]	Papamoa	Yes I support the new proposed changes to both the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018. There also needs to be more full time paid dog officers who could be both bylaw officers and dog officers, available for instant contact and availability when needed or requested by the general public, especially when we are faced with dangerous or concerning situations. I and our children have unfortunately witnessed two dogs mauling each other (with one seriously injured and requiring emergency neck repairs from vicious biting and tearing - had this have been a child they would have likely died) This terrible situation was due to both dogs just walking past each other with owners and both owners not having their dogs on a leash. We also have to walk around and through lots of dog waste going to the beach (via beach access) as it seems many owners don't pick up waste after their dogs and currently there are no doggy poo bags available encouraging owners and certainly nobody available to fine for these ongoing pretty disgusting ongoing offences. There needs to be serious enforcing and fining for breaking of laws including the above and barking and disturbing of the peace at night, and appropriately trained council staff available to take immediate action - hence why I would think dog owners pay a registration in the first place - so there is money available and actually used for hands on dog control and management, keeping our community clean, safe and a pleasant place for all residents and visitors to enjoy.
73	[redacted]	Greerton	I am a dog owner and I think dogs all should be on a leash in a public place other than designated areas for exercise as allowed by the council.
74	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support something being done in the control of dogs and designated areas being established especially on the Papamoa beach were I find most people have no control of there dog at all. I live in the Pacific Coast Village and unfortunately a lot of owners bring there dogs to the board walk and just let them off creating all sorts of problems in the dunes and on the beach.
75	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	As a GP at the Mt, I deal with a significant number of people who have been bitten by dogs, mostly in public places. These injuries can be very significant and slow to heal especially on the lower legs. I also walk on the beach most lunchtimes and am often appalled at the lax attitude of dog owners - often ignoring their defecations (dog faeces are on most of the entry tracks to the beach that we use). Worse is the attitude of dog owners who do very little to keep their dogs under any semblance of control, allowing them to run at other people including children, and at the wildlife on the beach. I feel strongly that dogs on the beach should not be allowed to approach other people or wildlife and that if the owner does not have sufficient control of their dog to ensure this, then the dog should be on a leash.
76	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I don't know what the money from dog registration fees are used for. In my opinion most dogs are taken care of physically and mentally and are well socialised. Do these owners pay fees for you to manage the few that flaunt the act? I feel it is ridiculous to confine owners to two dogs off leash and four on leash. Dog owners should be trusted to make sure they are in control of the dogs they are exercising. I have seen one lady unable to control one small dog, however I have also seen someone walking six dogs on lead and being perfectly in control. I would like to see more areas for dogs only. Both Hibiscus reserve and Ocean Downs reserve are hardly ever used and with a little of the dog registration fees spent on fencing, drainage and planting.
77	[redacted]	Otumoetai	As a responsible dog owner I oppose these policies/bylaws. I have three small dogs (approved by Council) and cannot see any legitimate reason to prevent me from exercising my dogs offleash in designated public spaces. My dogs are well behaved, always under control and pose no danger to any members of the

			public or other animals. Why would the Council provide special permission, including a site visit to my property, for me to have a third dog if they then revoke this basic right as a responsible pet owner?
78	[redacted]	Papamoa	It is absurd to stop people from tying their dog up while they pop into a shop while on a walk around the streets. The best way to exercise your dog for a lot of people with busy lives is taking it for a walk to the shops to pick up bread / milk or other bits and pieces. There has never been any reports of dog attacks when dogs are tied up outside a shop. If anything, the bylaw should read that any dog tied up outside a shop should not be approached by members of the general public. You are already taking away more and more of the beaches they can walk on so why take away the ability to be able to walk to the shops for an ice cream or what ever. Thats just wrong.
79	[redacted]	Papamoa Beach	I do not support the rule for on-leash restrictions that apply to papamoa dunes area, nor the proposed rule of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for papamoa beach. This is unfair to dogs and dog owners, dogs should be allowed to exercise off leash on Papamoa beach freely all year, at all times.
80	[redacted]	Hairini,	I support the majority of the changes to the by law except for the requirement for a person not to have more than 2 dogs off leash or 4 dogs on leash at a time. There are many responsible dog owners that this would impede activities with their dogs, and socialising with other dogs.
81	[redacted]	Papamoa	Why can't we be like other popular beaches in NZ,that don't allow dogs on the beach between the hours of 9am to 5pm during the summer months. I can't walk on the beach alone as I have had three accasions in Papamoa where dogs have not been on a leash and have had nasty frights.One being with my granddaughter who fell over when the dog charged at us and ended up standing right over the top of her.she was holding my hand at the time. The owner yelled at us telling us to look after our children. ??? If the current situation continues it will become impossible to go down on the beach and enjoy what is very special to us living in the area.
82	s[redacted]	, Greerton	I support the limitation of off lead dogs and on lead dogs
83	C[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I'm a little disappointed the beach ban will be extended from Leisure Island for approx 255 metres however I understand it as during summer time this is a very busy area. May I suggest you introduce busy and non-busy periods whereby some restrictions are lifted in the non-busy times. I was in Wellington recently and noticed on Oriental Bay they allow dogs on the beach during non Daylight Saving time. Perhaps we could do something similar. I walk my dog at 6:30am all year round and can tell you that during winter there is not many people enjoying the beach! You could even take it one step further and allow people access up till 9am during winter and from 6pm. I don't just mean for the Main Beach area but for all beach access and Pilot Bay. The other thing I would like to see is Dog Rangers actually doing something proactive. It gets very frustrating as a responsible dog owner when I constantly see other people walking on the boardwalks, the Main beach, running loose through the dunes, running up to strangers, owners not picking up after them etc etc. More needs to be done to curb this.
84	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	Dear Steve, I am sure the TCC will sort out the management policy & bylaws eventually. In the meantime I am concerned that a large area of the beach allocated for the dogs is opposite highly populated Retirement Villages. Many of the elderly love the fresh air & freedom of a stroll along the beach near home. We now feel insecure when dogs are racing around (many of them friendly critters & that is nice) but when we are not as firm on our feet as we used to be we can become nervous & vulnerable. Some dogs do jump up & are friendly. Nice - but we can be overwhelmed & knocked over. Then there are others who think the beach is their territory. (The dogs of bad owners, & their are still too many of their ilk.) I am just asking that the elderly folk in our wonderful community also be considered by the decision makers. We are here too. I would like you to speak up for us. Thankyou.
85	S[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Being a dog owner living in central Mount Maunganui is becoming increasingly difficult, and while I understand keeping dogs off some of the more popular beaches I have very little understanding for the reasoning behind keeping them off the boardwalk when on a leash and under control - especially when you consider there are no bins on the footpaths running parallel to the boardwalk on the pilot bay side (as not picking up after your dog and disposing in a 'hygienic manner' is a fineable offence, it seems only logical to have bins where dogs are allowed). I would like dogs being able to be walked on the boardwalk to be considered.
86	S[redacted]	Papamoa	Some of the proposed changes will have a massive impact on dog owners. - Proposed summer season December 15 - February 15 This is a massive restriction for people with high-energy dogs and puppies as it wouldn't be sufficient to exercise them on leash. It is also discriminating dog owners taking their right away to exercise their dogs, when appropriate on certain parts of the beach. You wouldn't implement restrictions for families with children. I understand that it would make sense to have restrictions during the Christmas period being quite a busy time but suggest to loosen the restrictions after New Years Day, when most people return to work. At least during the week, it would be appreciated to be able to walk dogs off leash at any time.

	[redacted]		- The proposed summer times also have a massive impact on dog owners as for many of us the beach is the only area where we actually can exercise and socialise our dogs off-leash appropriately due to Tauranga Council not providing any alternative dog exercise areas. The TECT Park is a longer drive from most of the suburbs. The dog exercise area is tiny, not well maintained (i.e. overgrown every time I went there), not suitable for longer runs and socialising due to its layout and it doesn't offer any shady spots so not suitable in summer at all. Looking at Rotorua with the Scion Dog Park (and other dog parks) and Napier with the Napier Dog Park it would be appreciated, if something similar (i.e. fenced, water options, enough space to exercise and socialise dogs) could be considered for Tauranga as well, especially if the proposed summer times are put in place. - Proposed change dogs cannot be left unattended in public places I don't understand what the issue is. Currently, I have the freedom to walk my dog and quickly pop into the post office or diary on the way home. I think, people with nervous dogs etc. wouldn't do this and people rarely tie-up their dogs to go for a big shop. So why taking away this little bit of freedom from dog owners who have well-trained dogs?
87	D	Mt Maunganui	Largely support the policy changes as proposed but have concerns about the dog on a leash unattended in a public place. I have been a responsible dog owner for the last 27 years. I take my dog for walks when doing chores. Posting parcels, going to the supermarket, chemist etc. I tie him up away from entry points while I complete my chore. This will mean I would change this behaviour. It will mean I will need to walk the dog seperately. This added time will mean I take the car as I would not add a second walk due to time pressures. The dogs I have owned have generally had someone patting them when I've returned. I believe approaching a tied up dog unknown to you is risky but should not result in them being banned from public leashing. That's is for parents to educate on the risk and the rest of the public to assess or leave them alone. I personally do not approach others dogs unless they are showing eagerness to be patted. A public education process about the dangers of leashed dogs would be fairer for s low frequency problem.
88	G C	?	I have read the proposed amendments in respect of dog ownership. The changes are largely positive in my view, however can you advise why dogs are now banned on the street across the Rd from the Mt Surf club? We are responsible dog owners and it is frankly lovely to be able to have lunch or coffee under the Towers with our dog like many other owners. In all of the years we have been going there I have never seen any issue or problem with the dogs. They have all been well behaved and under control at all times.
89	M	Otumoetai	Yes i agree completely. i would rather see this implemented full time, not just over summer. There needs to be more policing somehow as Tauranga seems notorious in general for people walking dogs around without a lead on.
90	D ell	Papamoa	I am pleased with the changes made. I have not been able to walk on the beach with my small dog who is now 12 years old on account of the bigger dogs off leash who run up to him, which he does not like. When the leash control comes into effect it will be very pleasant to go on the sand. So thank you.
91	ke	Ohauiti	Please dont take it away from us. we love our dog and moved here so we can enjoy her on the beach with us as a family. there is never any issued down on the beach with dogs all running around and enough areas you can go which are dog free. why make a problem when theres none.
92	r l	Mount Maunganui	keep it simple No dates amd times just one clear rule. provide decenr signage. main beach signage re dogs could not be more obscure if you tried.
93	St	Papamoa	I do not support the changes relating to restrictions at Papamoa Beach East. Ref; Statement of proposal for the Dog management Bylaw 2018 & draft Dog Management Policy. 4) Purpose 4.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote the control of dogs to minimise danger, distress, or nuisance by dogs to the public. Firstly, the above document refers the reader, for submissions to the Councils website www.tauranga.govt.nz/dogs however I found that the submission form was not available for download and printing, submission could only be submitted" online". Unless you have computer, skills or are prepared to drive over to Tauranga City Council offices on Willow Street, you cannot make a submission, consequently I suggest that a number of would be submitters may well have given up at this point. In other words, it has not been made easy for the average resident to make a submission. Council convinces itself that it has meet the consultation requirements, however elderly dog owners and people without the necessary computer skills or access do not have a voice. I am a dog owner living within the proposed leasing area, Motiti Road to Karewa Parade and adjacent the Papamoa Dune area. I exercise my dog twice daily and with a number of other local residents/dog owners who are exercising their dogs off lead. The dogs meet, socialise and generally run around play in a way that dogs of all shapes and sizes enjoy. I do not believe that my dog is in any way "causing distress, danger or nuisance to any member of the public and is therefore compliant with Dog Management Policy/Bylaw and should not be subject to leashing proposals. With reference to the leasing requirement for leashing within the Papamoa Dune area, the policy does not make it clear why dogs have to be leashed. If however the legislation and management policy applies "distress or nuisance" as relating to wildlife then my question is does the Council enforce a policy on prohibiting cats from this area with corresponding penalties as applied to dog owners. Cats as we all know are nocturnal hunters which kill anything they can find. If as I

			suspect there are no such Bylaws and Policies for cats, then I do not believe that leashing requirements should apply to dogs. With reference to “minimising danger, distress or nuisance” to the Public, although not part of the Dog Management Policy, is the Council putting in place and policies for the management of Quad Bikes, which in my area are steadily increasing in numbers and do not appear to have any limitation on where they can operate. I witness these vehicles running along the beach every day and sometimes at what I consider to be dangerous speed. Whilst I have no vendetta against quad bike owners, I believe that these vehicles pose a greater threat to the Public in terms of “danger distress and nuisance, than an unleashed dog. I also regularly seen horses on the beach, within the proposed dog leashing area Motiti/Karew Parade, I believe that these animals may also be a threat to the public in terms of danger, distress and nuisance and from the piles I see on the beach’ the owners do not “scoop the poop! I am not familiar with any the legislation relating to horses, however I assume fooling the beach is an offence ? In my area there are families which are dog owners, the dog is an integral part of the family and therefore joins Mum Dad and the Kids at the beach, the kids of course like to throw a ball for the dogs a take the dog to play in the sea. Consequently, I believe that the leashing proposal for Motiti-Karewa Parade coastal will cause a nuisance and distress, to the children because their dog will probably be left at home. The proposal will also cause distress to the dog who is left at home and as a result may well bark, which would be is in breach of the Dog Management Bylaw and as such may causing nuisance and distress to the public, which may lead to a noise compliant to Council. A report to Council of a barking dog on a Sunday afternoon may well cause a nuisance and distress to the enforcement officer who has to investigate the matter. In fact, the snowball effect may result in post from President Trump on twitter. I am also concerned this is only the first step, which may lead to a total and/or extended dog ban over the summer months. I have been a dog owner for many years and pay the mandatory registration fee as do the thousands of other law-abiding owners, which clearly collectively amounts to a large chunk of money. I was pondering this whole dog issue thing when it dawned on me that in all those years the only thing that I get for my $87 is a small coloured plastic tag, that I fit to my dogs’ collar!! So may I suggest that Council spends the remaining $86 dollars supporting the rights and privileges of dogs and their owners. In conclusion the Dog Management Policy will significantly restrict my options and times to exercise my dog off lead within my local area, consequently I register my opposition to the leashing requirements indicated in the Councils Dog Management Policy for the Motiti/Karewa Parade beach area and the Papamoa Dune areas. As a final comment other than the main Mount beach, Leisure Island, Pilot Bay and Surf Clubs, Papamoa East appears to be the only area with dog controls, why?
94	[redacted]	Tauranga central	I do not support the following: Have your say! We’re proposing that over the busy summer period our furry friends must be on-leash if they’re on the beach between Motiti Road and Karewa Parade (including Motiti Reserve). The restriction would only apply between 10am and 5pm, 15 December to 15 February. The proposed change is part of our dog management policy and bylaw review. All proposed changes are at www.tauranga.govt.nz/dogs where you can also make a submission before 17 September. I also laugh at the bureaucracy involved in gathering the feedback. You make it so complex. Just use the Facebook feedback
95		Papamoa	If an own has no control of his or her dog then they shouldn’t be letting them running wild, how ever I enjoy taking my dog for walks everyday around our beautiful beachs and to be restructured seems a shame. I clean up after her, she comes to my call. I also take my dog for runs twice a week with no lead and have never had a problem. In this case I’m for having full access across all our beaches and parks.
96		Matua	In general I approve the proposed changes. The one item I object is that of leaving a dog unattended in a public place. If I were to adhere to this rule then I would no longer be able to walk to my local shops or cafe and tie my dog outside even for a short time without breaking the law!! Tauranga is a city which says it encourages residents to walk and enjoy the outdoors .. I believe this proposed change would restrict the freedom of meant dog owners to do that. In my 12 years of living in Tauranga I have seen many dogs left outside shops including my own Hungarian Viszlas and my overwhelming conclusion is that this brings joy to most people who witness this. Seeing a happy dog greeting passers by while waiting for it's owner to return is one of life's small (free) pleasures. Making this unlawful seems draconian, unnecessary and impractical. Provided (as always) that the dog owner has been responsible in placement of the dog I cannot imagine why this amendment would be desirable, necessary or practical. I strongly suggest that if this goes ahead, Tauranga will be creating a substantial underground of law breakers!!
97		Pyes Pa	I fully support changes. No dog should be off lease in a public area.

98	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I wish to voice my concern re the proposal to extend the dog exercising area 255m south of Moturiki. As a disabled person using a mobility scooter and with the new seal/matt i will be able to access the beach at low tide for the first time to exercise my dog. Once i have accessed the beach i can proceed south with the dog however it would require me to transit the restricted area. I would appreciate your consideration
99		Papamoa	The changes are fine and make sense. I have two comments overall: 1. The 'on leash' requirement for the Papamoa Dune wilderness area between Papamoa domain and Taylors Road needs to change. This a great 'off leash' area. The beach itself could remain 'on leash' but the sand dune track parallel to the beach is a perfect 'off leash' area and used frequently by many dog owners. 2. There are insufficient large 'off leash' areas. There need to be some large wilderness type spaces (in the bush, alongside rivers, tracks and trails) where dogs can run free under the control of their owners. Ideally these will not intersect with cycle trails.
100		Pyes Pa	As a owner of 3 dogs who are exercised together, I am not impressed with the idea that multiple dog owners will be unable to take all their dogs out at the same time to exercise. Where is the statistics to back up the need for this? Frequently I have had issues with people with their dogs (MOSTLY ONE DOG) approaching my dogs when off lead which are near me and under my control. I do not have time to exercise dogs multiple times nor drive to Tect park where I found was even worse as idiot owners believe they have the right to let their dogs behave under control off lead as it's a "OFF LEAD AREA". I don't see how this is good, leaving a dog at home only means it's likely to make more noise and be frustrated if it's not had exercise. Common sense is used on my part when we are out, see other people/dogs etc put dogs on lead when needed. It doesn't help that idiots on occasions sneak up on you when they have a whole park and can avoid close proximity to you yet come within a meter of you and your dogs which they don't know. What I'm trying to say is that there needs to be more education to both dog owners and public about sharing spaces. I spend a lot of time with my dogs and I am involved with a club, I go to agility events most weekends where there are hundreds of dogs and we all seem to be able to safely walk around etc. Where is the education in TGA does the council like councils in Auckland provide a few free sessions? We certainly don't have RDO certifications for cheaper regos which not only educates people but gives them an incentive to read and learn about caring and ownership for dogs. I don't even walk my dogs in the area I live in due to the number of owners which let their dogs off with little control. Where is the dog control to police dog owners?
101		Tauranga south	S.9 How can you or anyone else tell what is approximately 255 m south of Moturiki? You would have to put up a sign in which case the policy would have to refer to the sign. Similarly what does in the vicinity of Omanu SLC mean?. I also though you were changing the rules here? When is acceptable to have a dog off the leash i.e. how is the boundary of "vicinity" to be determined by a dog owner? Specifying limits in terms of metres is incredibly hard for most people to judge. Much better to give a physical description. I think it will be hard for people to reference the numbers of the Beach Access points so again a sign would be a better alternative. Otherwise I support the proposed changes. 7.4 seems unreasonable. Surely if a dog is secured you should be able to go into a shop to buy a paper, or somesuch. Perhaps specifying a time limit would be a more reasonable approach.
102		Matua	I have a dog who is walked from time to time by a Professional dog walker. If you restrict the number of dogs she is able to walk this will impact on her business and ability to walk the dogs. She has total control of the dogs and chooses appropriate large spaces to exercise them happily. The dogs interact with each other and learn good socializing skills. Not all groups of dogs mean TROUBLE.
103		Papamoa	Great idea, which we follow to the letter. However we have seen dogs on the walk around Mauao. Also many many dogs on boardwalks both along Main Beach, and Pilot Bay. The signs are too high, and too small. If visitors access the boardwalk where there is no sign, how are they supposed to know no dogs are allowed? The stencilled signs on the actual boardwalk are very faint, and too far apart. The beaches are a nightmare with dogs running around off leash. We need some volunteer dog patrollers to point out to locals and visitors, what the regulations are. Pilot Bay grass area, always has at least one dog sitting with the owners. Not fair on the rest of us who obey the rules to the letter!
104		-	Morning, MY view is doggs are fine.. IM suggesting all the dickheads that work related to building consents be used as tests to see whether the pounds are suitable..

	[redacted]		Tossers... Regards;; Dr Dave...
105	[redacted]	Judea	As a dog owner, I support these proposed changes. They make sense and continue to allow for dogs to be exercised off the lead while managing potential conflicts between those who do not own/like dogs.
106	[redacted]	Bethlehem	I tink that you have a difficult task in front of you trying to balance the needs of the public (dog owners and non-dog owners alike) and the environment and in general the rules are more inclusive here of dogs owners then other areas I have been to. So well done. I walk my dogs along Mount Maunganui beach a lot and have yet to see a dog on Leisure Island and so I am not sure that it is necessary to add a further restriction on dogs in that area. I think a small sign at the start of the island that said "dogs prohibted" is a sufficient reminder to the public to keep dogs away but allowing access to the beach. i think most dog owners are sensible but I know that there are a few that are not but I think by putting out a blanket statement of you cannot exercise more than two dogs off leash or four on leash is not addressing the problems of the people that are not sensible owners. I have seen people with more than 4 dogs off lead that cause no problems and I know one owner whose one dog does more damage to trhe wildlife and people's nerves than a pack of dogs put together. You mention in your dog management policy that you have fines for owners that dont take dogs to mandated obedience classes but don't state the terms under which those fines can be given out. I would rather see a dog ranger patrolling parks and giving out fines to owners whose dogs are being a nuisance and educating the public at the same time. You mention public education on dog ownership but as a resident (and dog owner) of Tauranga for nearly six years I have no idea where that public education takes place. So right there you have a communication problem. Do you offer dog obedience classes for people who want the companionship of an animal but might be financially stretched to get to and pay for an obedience class? When you send out registration notices do you mention this public education service ? The short answer is no. Use the tools you already have to better educate and inform raher than penalise and be visible in the public eye. Lastly, I am not sure whose brain wave it was to put a dog park 30 minutes outside of Tauranga at TECT park. If there was a city dog park where dogs could go to socialise it would be used unlike TECT. There would be an area where dogs could be dogs without disturbing non dog walkers. E.g.reclaim the swamp land between the bus stop on Carmichael Reserve and the speed bumps near CarMichael/Sta Pauls, get the geese off, put a fence up, have some covered area for winter/summer use (and to keep geese off) and let the dogs go free. There are a few grassy areas along Daisy Hardwick walk that would also work, beside 4th ave and Takitimu Drive, K Valley Road and so on. In other words don't get more punitive be creative and make Tauranga a dog friendly city.
107	[redacted]	Papamoa	No I do not support alot of the changes.. Maybe as a start you need to set up more dog parks around the areas, you seem to have a million playgrounds for kids why can't you do the same for dogs? as the number of people who now live in Tauranga, Mt Maunganui and Papamoas areas have increased council needs to move with the times and provide more for dog owners. I think instead of putting limitations on people and their animals such as more parks, maybe run dog obedient schools for the public at a small cost, I am sure you have people that could oversee this and god knows us dog owners pay enough for fees surely money could go towards this because I have no idea on what my dog fees go towards (and might I add they cost more than a car to register) The statement regarding dogs must not be left alone in public places is not fair, have you considered the people who are not only walking their dog but also looking after their health by exercising maybe going to the shops to buy essential items. In regards to points Addition of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road (beach access point 0018) and the end of Karewa Parade (beach access point 0025), including Motiti Reserve and Define the summer season as 15 December to 15 February between the hours of 10am and 5pm this is crazy.. maybe you should do the same for people with kids,!! I have seen more out of control children on beaches with beach toys with no regards to other people trying to enjoy their day as I have seen with people with dogs, us dog owners tend to be alot more considerate! You as a council need to seriously change your attitudes towards dog owners, we are being penalised for those ignorant people out there who have no idea at all!
108	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I'm worried that dogs on leash In papamoa is a trial for a wider policy. Tauranga is very special in that dogs and owners can both enjoy the outdoors. Please leave as is.
109	[redacted]	Papamoa	With regard to proposed rule: Addition of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road (beach access point 0018) and the end of Karewa Parade (beach access point 0025), including Motiti Reserve. Refer to map in bylaw. Why: To protect people's safety on a popular spot of the beach during the busy summer period. Why not introduce a time for this to allow off leash (similar to Auckland rules where after 7pm and before 10am dogs can be off leash). I understand the desire to impose restrictions over the "summer months" due to crowded beaches however this is unlikely to be an issue after 7pm.

110	M	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	The proposed changes are infringing on peoples ability to exercise their dogs and stimulate them. I would propose offering a dedicated dog park in the Tauranga and Mt Maunganui areas as this is the areas where you are reducing areas to use. Its unfair to dogs and their owners. If you are concerned with public safety perhaps offering better education in schools so younger people know how to safely approach a strange dog and what to do in the highly unlikely event of a dog attack. The bylaws offer nothing in recompense for all the restrictions that are proposed to be implemented. Take a lesson from more established European cities which allow dogs more areas to roam, in and out of shops and restaurants. They are considered mans best friend for a reason. If the council only wishes to impose for rules then the annual fees for dogs should be fairly reduced.
111	D	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	I do not support this. People that are not responsible with their dogs should be fined. Instead of responsible dog owners. Over legislation is a sign of weakness, I have spent many days on the beach and never seen dog waste, never seen dogs fighting and never seen dogs attacking people. So for what reasons are these laws being put in place? Is this being done to please a few people? Their had to be good and strong reasons for this. Are the people requesting this going to pay for the signs and policing of these laws? The money will in no doubt come from dog owners pockets all because of a few. My wife and myself strongly stand against these changes!!!
112		[redacted]	Matua	Ref Clause 7.4 "No dog shall be left unattended in a public place, whether secured or not, unless the dog is secured in a designated area which is provides separation from the dog and members of the public." If this means I am no longer legally able to stop at a cafe during walks and tether my dogs to a table outside while I order coffee, then I strongly object to clause 7.4 as currently drafted. I often patronise local cafes on walks with the dogs and I am sure the cafes are glad of the business. Many others dog owners do the same. For fear of the dogs being stolen, at such times I like to maintain a clear line of sight to them, I am usually within 10-15 metres of them, able to issue voice commands if need be and back by their sides within a few minutes. I would also add I have never actually witnessed problems with dogs tethered outside supermarkets or dairies, though these are not places I'd leave my own dogs unattended. Is there a particular problem you are trying to avoid with this clause? Have their been instances of harm you feel you need to legislate against? If so, please would you ensure that in the process of "protecting" the public, your bylaw doesn't unnecessarily penalise caring and responsible dog owners, or adversely impact local businesses.
113	K	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	I am supportive of the rationale regarding the changes to the policy and bylaw however I find the proposed amendment "Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded) " to be overly restrictive and detrimental to the wider community. Walking a dog to the corner shop (dairy as opposed to a mall situation) and tying it up outside should be encouraged. For some residents this make be their only exercise for the day and it socialises the dog along the way. A tired pooch is one that isn't at home barking! If you look more broadly at policy around loneliness, social isolation, benefits of being physically active for older people, I think it is important to allow this to occur. Perhaps it could be couched in terms of distance...i.e you are within 25 meters of an unattended dog. The coffee industry at the Mount will fade away if you enforce this rule.
114	T	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support most of both documents, particularly the restrictions near our surf clubs. I suggest that dogs should be allowed to walk on lead near children's playgrounds so their owner can dispose of dog poo in the council bin. Alternatively, place the council bin at a greater distance from the playground. I suggest that a council dog bag dispenser be placed in the Links Avenue football club next to the existing rubbish bin adjacent to the sealed car park. I do not agree with 10.3 that an owner may only have two dogs off leash. If the dogs are under control, by voice or whistle and the owner is carrying leads then I think this number should be higher, at least 3 dogs off leash. I think the restriction should be applied in the case of paid dog walkers. They do not have the control necessary to have more than 2 dogs off lead. Further, I think that the paid dog walkers must apply for a license from council and pass a test where they demonstrate that they can control dogs in their cars. I totally agree with 14.2 that menacing dogs must be neutered.

115	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I do not agree with the idea that you can't leave a dog unattended in a public place. I often walk my dog to Bayfair and the local dairy. I always tie my dog to a bike rack or pole (or utilise the Bayfair dog-parking facility) so he is not causing nuisance to anyone. Please consider changing this to "unleashed dogs left unattended" as this makes more sense. I have a 6 month old daughter so I am busy enough without having to make separate trips to walk the dog and do shopping. Also the one about dogs within 10m of a playground- often the only bin in a park is right next to the playground, so to drop off dog poop I need to go to within 10m of the playground. Thank you.
116		Mount Maunganui	Dogs not being allowed tied up outside stores bylaw. Dogs are part of people's family's and when out for a walk and need to do an errand like running in to a store there is alternative buy to leave your tied up outside for a short time. People can see the dog and easily keep away from it if they want to because it is tied up. I have two little kids and we often walk our dog but drop in to post shop or dairy to get milk while out. This bylaw would mean either a) our dog can't come on our family walks. Or b) we can not do a quick errand while out walking our dog. This bylaw would have a big effect on dog owners and minimal impact to safety of other people because the dog is tied up.
117		Papamoa	I do not support the new additions to the bylaws, they are overkill and too restrictive. Why do we need this blanket restriction? The over all cases of dog attacks, dog nuisance incidents, dog damage or dog waste on these stretches of beach would be at the least negligible and at the most minimal, if that's why you are proposing the changes. (TCC please supply any data and rational for the changes). I am referring to the Summer Dog on a leash by lay between Karewa Pde and Motiti, and also all around dog on a leash by law from Domain to Taylor reserve. I am a dog owner and I live in Papamoa East. Our family and dog (he's tiny) walk the beach daily mostly from Karewa Pde's most eastern access towards Motiti Reserve, it is the one time of the day he is allowed off the leash to run free and he loves it more than anything. He isn't aggressive, he isn't a nuisance, and we clean up after him if he messes. All other dog owners we come across on the beach are the same. We have never in our dogs life had a problem with him or other dogs not being on a leash. Yes the Karewa/Motiti part of the beach has become more populated since our dog was born but it's still pretty quite, often deserted as it has always been, depending on the time of day you walk. Why should he be restricted from playing in his own back yard just because more people have decided to move here, that's not fair. We already experience that the Tauranga City Council laws are very discriminatory against dogs, as other places we'd love to walk him are no dog zones I.e Mount Beach, Pilot Bay, Papamoa Hills etc etc. and now you want to restrict him closer to his home, no I am not a fan of this bylaw at all. Furthermore the other area you propose between Taylor Reserve and Domain is another area we let our dog run free why are you restricting that area? We walk from The end of Parton Rd towards domain and it's very often deserted so again I'm not sure why this restriction is being proposed. Unless the Council can come up with some hard evidence based on reliable data on the impact of unleashed dogs on the environment and the citizens of Papamoa Beach to form the basis of a good rationale as to why we need these bylaws then I oppose these changes.
118		Mount Maunganui	K support the proposals wholeheartedly big believe more should be done. The beach is being over run with dogs. Unfortunately in my experience the majority of dog owners are not actively involved with their dogs exercising and the dogs invade family areas and are a nuisance. Not only that but I see terrified toddlers and young children. Auckland beaches do not allow dogs off the lease in summer between certain hours. Why can't this be done? You cannot avoid a dog bounding up to you when at the beach and when there are so many on the beach there is always a group playing/barking - humans are in the minority and it's dangeeous and intimidating for small children.

30.8.18

Submission to: The Draft Dog Management Policy and to the Dog By Laws
From: The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc – Tauranga Branch

We wish to be heard.

Address for contact: [redacted]

DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. We support all of Council's proposals with the exception of the amendments or additions requested below:

2. The existing definition of "Under Effective Control" should include 'leashing, tethering and containment' of dogs. i.e.

Preferred definition:
"*Means to leash, tether, contain and to manage, influence or determine the activities of all dogs in a person's possession, whether by voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means, so that no dog can cause nuisance or danger to any person or other animal and cannot enter or interfere with private property and includes the physical ability to restrain all dogs in a person's possession".*

The existing definition is a great excuse for dog owners to have their dogs free to roam to the extent that the enjoyment of reserves by other members of the public is spoilt.

3. The principle 4.1
that: "*dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where required to protect public safety and wildlife*' is, in our view, woefully deficient. The existing principle does not take into account the enjoyment of reserves and amenities by other members of the public. It also ignores the health risks from exercising of dogs on sports playing fields.

Preferred principle:

- *dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where there is a requirement to protect public safety, health and enjoyment of reserves or facilities, and to protect native wildlife and their habitat*

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4. **POLICY STATEMENT 5.1**

that : "*Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, Council does not restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed*."

This existing policy includes neither the existing or the requested principles, discussed in No.2 above, which identify where it is inappropriate to have freely roaming dogs.

Preferred Policy 5.1:

"Dogs in public places

- Dogs ~~need~~ enjoy the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, Council does not solely restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in some public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed.

5. Further Policy statement requested.

Council is faced with a conflict between the desire to provide free exercising of dogs and the need to restrict this ability to protect the enjoyment by a majority of the public of civic amenities that are free of intrusive dog behaviour. Other Councils acknowledge this problem by introducing areas of reserves fenced for freedom-exercising of dogs. Council needs a policy to provide this service. As a dog owner I am not aware of any fenced dog exercise areas provided by Council.

Requested new Policy 5.1.3:

"Council will progressively provide fenced dog exercise areas to facilitate unrestrained exercise of dogs and the peaceful enjoyment of other reserve amenities by the public."

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6. Existing Policy 5.1.1 says: "*Dogs can be exercised unleashed in public places except in those areas included in Schedule 1 of this policy and the Dog Management Bylaw 2018."*

Schedule 1 does not give effect to protecting human health (playing fields), or to protecting significant areas of native wildlife and their habitat.

Preferred amendments to Schedule 1:

(a) Prohibited – *"All grounds used by the public for sport within reserves or educational facilities"*

(b) On Leash- "• *On footpaths and in the road reserve • Papamoa Dune Wilderness Area (being that area of dune from Papamoa Domain to Taylor Road) • Matua Salt Marsh Yorke Park •Carmichael Reserve . Kopureroa valley reserve The beach between Motiti Road beach access marker 0018 and the Karewa Parade beach access marker 0025, including Motiti Reserve from 15 December to 15 February between the hours of 10am and 5pm. • Any flagged lifeguard area on the beach not specifically listed above."*

The reserves added to the existing list have all been developed as native wildlife habitat. Matua wetland, Yorke Park and Carmichael Reserve are effectively an entity of continuous or connected wildlife habitat. The Kopureroa valley is going to be the biggest habitat within the City. Threatened species that are present and vulnerable to dogs roaming freely include banded rail, fern bird, black teal, and dabchicks. Council has a responsibility preparing the City for "Predator free New Zealand".

PROPOSED CHANGES TO DOG BY LAWS

7. Proposed rule: *"Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded).***"**

It seems reasonable to drop into a dairy for a bottle of milk if your dog is tethered outside. The risk or safety issues from a tethered dog is not too different to those from a leashed dog being walked in a public place.

Preferred amendment:

"Dogs cannot be left untethered and unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded)."

Attachment: F&B Policy on dogs.

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Forest & Bird Conservation Policy - Dogs

Forest & Bird recognises that dog owners and dog regulations have an important role to play in protecting some of our special wildlife and therefore supports the -

1. Prohibition of dogs from areas of public land with high biodiversity value, particularly where there are species present that are vulnerable to dogs. Dogs should also be required to be on a leash in public spaces adjacent to such areas.
2. Requirement that dogs be on a leash in bush areas where they may contribute to the spread of disease such as kauri die back, cause other damage to a fragile environment, or represent a threat to ground based wildlife.
3. Adequate financing for the public education about, and enforcement of, dog regulations.
4. Provision of informative and visible signage to raise the public's understanding of biodiversity values and to clearly inform dog owners of regulations to protect these values.

Adopted December 2017

Forest & Bird Conservation Policy - Dogs

Policy Background

Purpose

The purpose of this dog policy is:

- To inform the public of Forest & Bird's position on dogs.
- To advocate for effective management of dogs in areas where they are likely to threaten important animal species and habitats.
- To assist F&B staff, and branches and members with submissions on council and local board plans, dog control bylaw reviews etc.

Context

What is Forest & Bird?

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's independent voice for nature. It is a national non-government organisation, with 50 branches throughout New Zealand with a supporter base of around 70,000. Forest & Bird's mission is *To protect and restore nature in Aotearoa/New Zealand.*

What is unique about Aotearoa/New Zealand?

Unlike the rest of the world, New Zealand's fauna evolved without mammalian predators. They developed unique characteristics, like flightlessness, that makes them especially vulnerable to disturbance by introduced mammalian predators. The arrival of humans, and the mammals we brought with us, has had a devastating impact on our native species.

A large number of our native species have already become extinct and many are struggling. While rats, mice, mustelids, possums, hedgehogs and feral cats are recognised as significant predators, there are many ground dwelling or ground nesting species that are particularly vulnerable to dogs.

A great deal of success has been had in dealing with introduced predators particularly on off shore islands and mainland fenced sanctuaries. However the problem is an ongoing one as the introduced species reproduce rapidly and have few natural controls on their populations. There are great difficulties in managing introduced predators in the extensive conservation areas. Currently large numbers of volunteers spend many hours doing pest control, while in parts of the conservation estate introduced predators are managed by DOC. Long term the

Predator Free New Zealand initiative aims to eradicate all introduced predators. This approach will require us to work together towards an environment where people, their domestic animals, pets and native species can co-exist. Dog owners have an important part to play in this long term protection of our native species.

Many conservation areas administered by DOC are closed to dogs, or have leash or permit requirements.

Why have a policy on dogs?

Forest & Bird recognises the important role dogs play in New Zealand society. Dogs provide companionship and other positive benefits. Many Forest & Bird members own dogs.

However dogs can have a negative impact on some of our native species through predation or disturbance. Flightless birds such as kiwi and weka, and birds that nest, breed and feed on our beaches, estuaries and braided rivers, such as dotterel, blue penguin, godwits and oyster catchers, and ground dwelling lizards are particularly vulnerable to dogs.

This policy is about the ways in which dog owners and dog regulation policy can do their part to avoid the impact of dogs on native species in New Zealand, particularly on publicly owned DOC land, Local Government Reserves, estuaries and foreshores.

Councils have an important role in protecting the environment including native species, providing public amenities and providing for domestic animals needs under the Animal Welfare Act. Forest & Bird encourages Councils to set aside appropriate areas for dogs to run and identify alternate locations to dog owners to avoid conflicts with protected bird breeding and wildlife areas.

Policy Detail

1. Dogs should be prohibited from areas of public land with high biodiversity value, particularly where there are species present that are vulnerable to dogs. Dogs should also be required to be on a leash in public spaces adjacent to such areas.

Protected bird species that are particularly vulnerable to dogs are those that nest, roost, breed or feed in wetland or inter-tidal areas, as well as ground dwelling birds such as kiwi.

Disturbance by dogs can cause ground-nesting and other birds (including the New Zealand Dotterel) to **leave their nests**, resulting in loss of clutches and broods. These species have been predated by dogs. (1) The parent leaving the nest can increase the risk of eggs or chicks being predated. Nesting success in areas where dogs are permitted is low or nil (2, 3, 4).

Estuaries are an important food source for shorebirds. Disturbance can **disrupt feeding** which is particularly important for migratory birds. Godwits feed on the intertidal mud flats. Seeking food is an important, intensive process requiring access to the intertidal zones. They can be seen until March before their long migration to Alaska. Disturbance by dogs at this time could

be critical to their flight plans. Shorebirds need a lot of undisturbed time to forage for small invertebrates in the sand and mud. The continual presence of dogs can **stress birds** and their presence could jeopardize a bird's ability to put on the correct weight in preparation for a very long migratory journey.

Endangered shore birds are very vulnerable to continual disturbance which **can lead to territorial disputes** if young birds are forced into other birds' territories.

All dogs on beaches disturb shorebirds. It has been well-documented scientifically that their mere presence is enough to stress birds and impair their foraging efficiency. Off-leash dogs that chase birds have an even greater impact by interrupting the foraging and resting time of shorebirds. In addition the birds burn off valuable calories and **expend large amounts of energy** escaping pursuing dogs.

Council support of the provision of a corridor of safe habitats for native wildlife (eg Auckland's North-West Wild Link (NWWL)) is undermined when dogs are permitted in bush reserves and intertidal areas. Dogs will render these habitats unsafe for the envisaged "spillover" of native birds from land and island sanctuaries, as many of these species spend a lot of time on or near the ground.

Dogs can be a major predator of kiwi. The Department of Conservation Draft Kiwi Recovery Plan 2017 – 2027 makes particular mention of the issue of dogs as a menace to kiwi. For example, section 5.3.4 states: "For some populations (e.g. in Northland), dogs have surpassed mustelids as the main agent of decline." Section 3.1.5 states: "Predation of adult kiwi by dogs and ferrets can cause catastrophic declines in local populations and strongly influence population trends by significantly reducing the life expectancy of adults in some areas."

Many conservation areas administered by DOC are closed to dogs, or have leash or permit requirements. However these are often not well known, advertised, adherred to, monitored or enforced. People should check whether dogs are permitted before visiting conservation areas http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/dog-access/ There should be greater publicity and clear sign posting on site as to whether dogs are premitted, required to have a permit or be on leash. Greater monitoring and enforcement of restrictions on conservation land is needed.

Forest & Bird supports the role of kiwi aversion training, but notes that it is not fail safe (hence the reason conservation dogs wear muzzles) and needs to be repeated regularly, which is often not done in practice. Dogs should be prohibited from National Parks and other conservation land with vulnerable birds, reptiles and invertebrates, unless they are clearly for the purpose of biodiversity protection.

There should be restrictions on dogs in areas adjacent to high biodiversity sites, including on leash requirements on public land and limits on dog ownership on private land. These resrictions can also help to protect dogs and their owners from severe penalities under s57 of the Dog Control Act by removing the opportunity for dogs to attack protected wildlife.

2. Requirement that dogs be on a leash in bush areas where they may contribute to the spread of disease such as kauri die back, cause other damage to a fragile environment, or represent a threat to ground based wildlife.

In areas of high use dogs can trample plants, erode stream banks and muddy streams. The silting can have a detrimental impact on native fish and other aquatic life. Kauri Die Back is a soil born disease and can be distributed by people and animals, including dogs. Dogs should therefore not be running free in kauri areas.

3. There should be adequate financing for the public education about, and enforcement of, dog regulations.

Restrictions on dogs in Council reserves and DOC conservation land are often ignored and breached, resulting in disturbance of the wildlife they are intended to protect.
Dog owners should be accountable for understanding and meeting restrictions on dogs in public areas. Enforcement of breaches of restrictions should occur.

F&B advocates the proper financing and use of local dog rangers, honorary dog control officers, spot fines, and adequate signage.
Failure to comply can and should lead to conviction under the Dog Control Act or the Wildlife Act, to protect our native wildlife.

4. Informative and visible signage should be provided to raise the public's understanding of biodiversity values and to clearly inform dog owners of regulations to protect these values.

F&B suports significant effort being made to raise public awareness of biodiversity values and the impacts of humans and dogs on those values. On site signage is particularly important to raise awareness, to enable the public to encourage others to comply with restrictions, and for enforcement.

Outcomes – What we want to see

- Reduced native wildlife disturbance and deaths from dogs
- Public awareness and compliance with dog management
- Clear signage regarding dog rules in appropriate locations.
- Strong enforcement of dog restrictions

Relevant National Policy/Legislation

1. The Resource Management Act provides for the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (biological diversity), section 6(c). Council plans generally seek to identify such areas and either list them or identify them in their Regional and District Plans.

Regional Policy Statements set out the Regions objectives and policies for protection of biodiversity and direct responsibilities to both regional and district councils.

The "**New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010**" directs both regional and district councils in terms of protecting biological diversity within the coastal environment. Of particular relevance is the requirement under policy 11 to avoid adverse effects on threatened or at risk species.

The objectives and policies in **Regional and District Plans** which set out how council will protect indigenous biodiversity provide useful reference when advocating to council on the effects of dogs on indigenous fauna.

Regional Councils must have a pest management strategy under the Biosecurity Act. However these deal with non-domesticated pests and do not include dogs.

Subdivision and Consent Notices - Pursuant to s.221 of the RMA, Councils can impose consent notice conditions on new Certificates of Title. For example, consent notice conditions to prohibit the keeping of dogs, cats and mustelids. Historically this has been a popular method to manage the adverse effects of subdivision and development on kiwi. The efficacy of consent notices is directly linked to monitoring and enforcement. For an example see Far North District Council Environment court decision APPLICATION NUMBERS RC-2170133, RC-2160327 and RC-2150179.

2. The Local Government Act (LGA) provides councils powers to make bylaws. And it is under Bylaws that dog restrictions are usually made.

Bylaws can be used to control and restrict dogs in locations where they are likely to have an adverse effect on biological diversity. This is especially important in terms of both regional council responsibilities to protect biological diversity as set out in 1. above. The use of bylaws and education is also important in limiting the occurrence of offences.

District Councils have the responsibility to enforce bylaws in respect of the offences set out in the LGA and under the Dog Control Act.

The Department of Conservation has responsibility on conservation land and may identify dog control areas under the Conservation Act 1987 as well as exclude dogs from wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife refuge and wildlife management reserves under the Wildlife Act.

3. Under the Dog Control Act 1996, it is an offence to allow dogs to roam or attack protected wildlife. Penalties include seizure and destruction of the dog, owner imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or a fine not exceeding $20,000, or both.

4. The Wildlife Act 1953: Under section 63 it is an offence to kill or disturb wildlife. Penalties for individuals include imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding $100,000, or both.

5. The Marine Important Bird Areas – particularly **Document 2, Sites on Land, Rivers, Estuaries, Coastal Lagoons and Harbours** - identifies many areas of important mangrove habitat e.g. Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaipara Harbour etc. These sites are globally important for seabird and often other birds are included during the assessment eg bittern.
http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/important-bird-areas

Species threat status list

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120	[redacted]	Papamoa	In regards to dogs being left on side walks while owners shop... I believe the council then should require public shopping areas and malls to provide dog parking areas which meet this standard. By saying owners can't walk down to a local shopping area to pop in to collect their shopping and park their dog for a short time, defeats the clean, green and active lifestyle we have living in the bay.
121	[redacted]	Tauranga	As a responsible dogowner and TCC rate payer I oppose the following bylaws: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). - This prevents any person from walking their dog to the supermarket and tying them up outside the supermarket while purchasing something. We should be encouraging all dog owners to walk their dogs as much as possible, this prevents unsociable behavior such as barking, wandering etc. An alternative would be to ensure the dog is securely tied up, and if a dog has been classified as dangerous then it should not be left unattended in public places. No person may exercise more than two dogs off-leash in a reserve at any one time. No person may exercise more than four dogs on-leash in a public place at any one time. This unfairly disadvantages dog owners with more than one dog, most public places state that dogs should be on a leash or controlled by the owner, which covers having control over dogs, no matter the number. Please don't disadvantage responsible owners of dogs in favor of having blanket policies that pre-empt possible incidences, rather than dealing with the odd uncommon incident as it occurs and placing restrictions on the particular animal and owner involved in the incident.
122	[redacted]	Papamoa	I agree totally with the proposed on leash area on Papamoa Beach. I feel that the timeframes are fair, still plenty of time in the morning to walk your dog and evening. And it only covers the busy period of the year for people on the beach. I feel it is a fair compromise by still allowing leashed dogs in the area.
123	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I do not support the following proposed changes: -10.3 -10.4
124	[redacted]	Greerton,	I do not agree with the following proposal: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). I can't see the harm in tying my dog up outside the dairy or a café while I pop in and quickly pick up an item/takeaway coffee. I think the proposal is overly restrictive, and would be very inconvenient. I (along with the majority of other dog owners) are respectful of the needs of others, would never leave our dogs for longer than a minute or two, and already do as much as we can to minimise risk to the public. I also think, if a policy like this was introduced, you'd find dogs being left in cars more often, and this is certainly not in a dog's best interests.
125	[redacted]	Ohauiti	I disagree with the change to CLAUSE 10.4 : the number of dogs to be walked at one time. Responsible persons should be able to walk more than four leashed dogs provided person is in control of the dogs.
126	[redacted] n	Avenues	I am in agreement to the changes on the Dog Management bylaw 2018 except with regard to tying a dog up for a quick shop. It would be most inconvenient to most responsible dog owners if this was made illegal as there are very few if any designated areas for dogs in retail settings. Regards Margaret Mollison
127	[redacted]	Macmillan	All changes seem reasonable except for those dictating the amount of dogs that can be exercised. I think that limiting the amount of dogs a person can exercise either leased or unleashed is unreasonable.
128	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	I have read through both docs and think they are reasonable for both dog owners and to the public. I think dog owners need to be responsible and considerate. Overall I am in agreement with the policies. I have one question and that is why is this clause proposed to be crossed off as it backs up dog owners rights to exercise their dogs off the leach in public areas but still maintaining control of the dog and being considerate to public> I have had non-dog owners demand unreasonably that dogs be on leach when it was their behaviour of riding their bike very fast on a walk way around a blind corner that was the problem. They almost knock me over and then my dog and then blamed us for the incident and took no responsibility for their actions . We need this clause to stay so to protect dog owner rights against unfair demands from public non- dog owners. 8. DOG EXERCISE AREAS 8.1 Dogs are able to be exercised off a leash in public places, including parks and reserves, except in areas identified as prohibited in

	[redacted]		this bylaw so long as when circumstances such as those set out in sections 7 and 8 require, the dog can be leashed and kept under the control of the owner. I do not think this clause should be taken off or out of the policy - it should stay.
129		Judea	I support the proposed changes. However, please ensure that there is adequate signage up in the 'no dog areas' so everyone, especially holiday makers are aware of the areas where dogs are prohibited. The zones allow walkers and visitors to enjoy the touristy areas of Tauranga and the Mount without the worry of dogs (I am a dog owner too).
130		Papamoa	I am a dog owner and I am in support of these changes, but I DO have some concerns about how effective the penalties will be considering there must be some number of "dog owners" who are not legally/properly classified as such. While on the topic of penalties, I also worry about those dog owners who do not know about local dog rules. I can 150% say with confidence that when I first visited Maunganui in summer of 2017 the signage of the dog ban was so extremely lacking and small that the local motel owner felt the need to explain this to guests. Regardless of whatever change you proceed with, if any, we really do need signage that is more visible. I have also noticed a recent trend in dog walkers leaving filled poo-bags to be picked up "on the way back" from their walk. While I admit that I have never seen a dog owner be dishonest about this practice, I DO think that it needs explicit definition as it certainly does not constitute as "hygienic". I also understand and am in support of temporary-on-leash or temporary-ban areas for dogs for the interests of safety for dogs and people, but my concern will be lack of signage or lack of notification or lack of definition in terms of how long "temporary" is. An example is the temporary fire ban on the beach, a very visible sign which I have seen since moving here in January right through the wettest, coldest and darkest parts of winter which leads me to question the appropriateness of using the word "temporary", and then the use of the word "permanent" for the permanent dog ban around the Maunganui Mauo, beach, boardwalk, Pilot Bay etc but where the signage is smaller than the size of a street-sign and also placed at a height that is ideal for a 3 year old and not a 30 year old to see - you would not NOT noticed this sign even if you crossed the road. On the subject of temporary dog ban areas, I would like to see automated text-messages or the ability to receive an automatic email. My own dog, and myself, have been attacked and bitten until bloodied by the same dog three times this year due to a roaming dog which was not controlled by appropriate gating and fencing. I would like to see tougher penalties and rules on this, and I am a staunch believer that all owners of medium-large dogs must have 1.5m gating and fencing and all small-dog owners must also have total sealing of the gap under the fence and gate; alternatively, or in addition, I think if a dog is caught/allowed to roam then in addition to any fines/impound fees the owner should be forced to construct such fencing/gating. On the subject of ban areas, does this proposal mean that dogs are banned from Blake Park?
131		Mount Maunganui	Better signage on the beach near the dunes would help people know where the areas start and stop. Information on the hours that dogs need to be on leash at every beach access will ensure that all dog owners are aware of hours, dates etc therefore having no excuse of being ignorant. The amount of people who are unaware of where dogs are not allowed and why is prolifient in the Mount and Papamoa, especially those people who have moved to the area. More patrolling of the no dog zones would also be helpful, especially during peak times of use on the beach.
132		Papamoa	I strongly disagree with the proposed change to the Motiti to kawera beach and Motiti reserve that dogs be kept on a leash at the summer time. I am a resident on Motiti beach for the last 18 years and have never had any concern regarding dogs off a leash in this area. All the dogs that currently exercise in this area are never a nusience to people as all the owners I have encountered know their dogs and control them in a very sensible manner and I doubt their have ever been a problem in this area. Just more RED Tape and loss of freedom. Jane Davis
133		Mount Maunganui	I recently just got back from America. Over there dogs live in harmony with people. They are allowed to go anywhere people are, they can even catch planes with their owners. The same in Europe you see them in malls and on the subway. No one in these places are scared of dogs because they are everywhere. I think by banning dogs from certain areas you just make people scared of dogs because it makes them feel like there must be something to be scared of. Dogs are awesome and should be allowed anywhere as long as the owner is responsible. If the owner is not responsible and their dog causes a nuisance then come down hard but well behaved dogs should be given benefit of the doubt.
134		Papamoa	For the leashed dog hours I think 5 pm in Summer is too late. A lot of people like myself like to take the kids and the dog down the beach after school. Our dog will literally cry and break out of the section to follow us if she know she is going. I think 4pm is a more fairer time. I am just out of the area outlined thank goodness and I would be gutted if i lived in the zoned area. I just hope it doesn't push more people to my area which is not a patrolled area in the summer.
135		Bethlehem	The proposed changes to the Dog management Policy seem fair and reasonable. I agree whole heartedly with exclusion zones on the beach for dogs.We also enjoy going to the beach with our dog as it is one of the few places left he can exersize off leash.We also enjoy time on the beach without dogs and having the ability to choose a dog free area would be great.

136	[redacted]		Briggs	Is there any proposal to not allow dogs onto Mount Maunganui Main Beach up to Omanu Beach during the summer months, i.e. say 9am thru to 3pm as per Whangamata Beach. Dogs are a nuisance for beachgoers during these hours. Can they exercise on the beach before 9am and after 3pm? Also I am tired of picking up dog faeces from my front lawn / bank from dogs not on leashes. Is it mandatory for dogs to always be on a leash when out walking along footpaths? So many owners allow their dogs free rein to deposit anywhere while the owners are not in the least bit concerned or even carry a "poo bag". More than happy if they are on a leash. Finally I am beginning to see dogs on the grassed area / boardwalks of Main Mount Beach plus grassed area / boardwalk in Pilot Bay? No one can see the very small notices or more likely ignore notices. I reprimanded an adult holding his dog up to the public water fountain on Main Mount Beach and was told off! Charming!.
137	[redacted]	k	Otumoetai	In regards to the exercising of dogs the proposed change is ridiculous. I do dog walking and my maximum number of dogs tends to be 3 but have done 4. Only allowing 2 dogs off leash at one time means that I either have to do multiple walks in 1 day or I have to put 1 or 2 dogs on lead in order to exercise 2. I think you haven't taken in to consideration people that run dog walking businesses. However personally I think having more than 4 off lead is not a good thing. I also have friends and family that have more than 2 dogs and it will also mean that they can no longer take their dogs out for a run due to these restrictions. Also 10 meters from a playground is also ridiculous - I have worked passed some playgrounds where I would have to walk on the other side of the road to avoid being stuck within the 10 meter zone or I have I have had to go back down a path as the path in some reserves come right out next to playgrounds. Christchurch it is only 2 meters which is doable - I don't even think Auckland has 10 meters. I think that it is a bit excessive especially if I am out with my daughter - I will have to tie my dog up 10 meters away so she can go play and I can be within distance to watch her.
138	[redacted]		Welcome bay	These need removing: 5.1.2 Dogs must be under leash control on footpaths and in the road reserve. So how are people going to run their dogs from a bike now? if you train your dog then this is not required. 5.3.4 All dogs classified as menacing under sections 33A or 33C of the Dog Control Act The whole breed thing shouldn't exist in the first place. They are dogs not wolves. They act how they are brought up. Failure to carry a leash in public $100 fine. If they are trained they do not need a leash.
139	[redacted]		Welcome Bay	I am in full support of this and hope you go ahead with it.
140	[redacted]		Brookfield	I often combine walking my dog and doing errands at the same time...ie going to post office ,popping into the shop or buying lunch at a cafe. As i am usually on my own I tied my dog up and quickly purchase what I need .If I drive to shops and it is hot I remove my dog from the hot car and tie him up in a shady spot while I quickly do errands.I never leave him for long as I am afraid he may be stolen. Many outdoor cafes are dog friendly...how can I purchase my food and coffee inside when I can't leave my dog outsde while I place my order and pay? With you proposed changes I will not be able to take my dog with me anywhere where I need to leave him tied up unattended for a short time.??? My dog like many others I have seen,sits outside quietly waits and causes no nuisance to anyone. Also you often see a lot of elderly people that use mobility scooter walking their pets while heading to do errands at shops...This will mean they can't leave their dogs with their scooters outside diary or supermarkets. I hope you will consider my and other dog owners feedback before changing these laws. Thanks Jo Laurenson Responsilble dog owner
141	[redacted]	ir-	Mt Maunganui	I have no problem with the majority of the changes proposed they seem sensible and I am happy to support them. My main concern is the change to no more than 4 dogs on a leash and 2 dogs off a leash. I am a responsible dog owner and when I am away from the house for work (I work from home) for more than 3 or 4 hours I arrange a dog walker/dog sitter to take my dogs so that they are not at home alone. This person is a professional and does a fantastic job of walking dogs/exercising/entertaining them. The proposed changes could effect her business and her ability to be able to provide this service plus give my dog the opportunity to socialise with other dogs which is hugely important. I do not support either of these two changes and do not think that they are necessary.
142	[redacted]		Papamoa	I live close to the motiti/karewa stretch of beach mentioned in the byelaw draft. I do not support the new byelaw. The reasons are: a) If council want to encourage more people to the area then Council will need to do something about the amount of litter that the temporary residents/visitors at that time year leave behind (primarily around the beach fronting the Christian camp). b) If Council want to take care of the dunes and natural areas then dogs are the least of the problem. STOP USING ROUND UP AND CHEMICAL WEED TREADMENTS. Lizards and other rare creatures are particularly affected.
143	[redacted]		-	Please accept my thoughts as I do totally agree with the TCC's idea that dogs should be on a lead (between Motiti Road and Karewa Parade).
144	[redacted]		396a Devonport Rd	Years ago owners of dogs registered with the Tga Council were given a dispensation (discount on their annual registration fee) if their dog(s) were kept in a fully fenced property.

	[redacted]		I would like the council to reconsider this; there a large number of properties where they are not fenced in nor kept secure.. unfair on many of us who have fully enclosed in, and fenced properties and keep our animals in a secure environment. It is unfair that we look after our animals in a secure environment – I am totally disgusted at the number of dogs that just roam the streets, and being a nuisance or worse still, tied up on short leads, in an unfenced property especially in the rain or worse, in the outdoor heat of the summer. A dispensation would assist the elderly who find comfort in having a pet as their only companion
145	[redacted]	not supplied	Thank you for sending through the amended bylaw changes for dogs. I have a couple of questions regarding the first change. Restricted areas around Mauao and Mount Maunganui: Will the dogs still be allowed on the opposite side of the road to beach (path to the cafes?) Will dogs be allowed through Maunganui town on a lead?
146	[redacted]	not supplied	Thank you for the opportunity to review and submit feedback - I have read through the docs and have summitted feedback on the proposed changes to the docs. I just want to say the plastic bag dispenses are great and I use them a lot. Often I will purposely take my dog for a walk where there is a dispenser available. I think they are a great idea . Just letting you know that the dispenser at Papamoa beach near the surf life saver building has been empty for a month. Thanks again , the council is doing a great job keeping our community dog friendly and supporting the owners to be responsible and considerate in public.
147	[redacted] -	not supplied	Thank you for the submission form. I am satisfied that they recommendations are very good.
148	[redacted]	not supplied	Tena koutou, Reading through these changes I would like to endorse them, especially those concerning the control of dogs round the surf life saving areas at the Mount and Papamoa, leaving dogs outside shops unattended, and control of and minimising the amount of dogs on/off leads. People have become less concerned re picking up their dogs' □ and children step in it especially around the popular swimming areas. I say yes to all changes. We are owners of two Beagles and I have often had to ask people not to allow their dogs to run up to ours as they do not like it. Thank you for the care for our wider community,
149	[redacted] l	not supplied	Hi there - absolutely support all the suggestions in your proposal for " Dog Management" I especially appreciate the curent rule re dogs kept a decent distance from childrens play areas - as in Yatton Park & Memorial Park. I frequently take my two little grand-daughters (6 & 7)to both these areas - with my little dog. It is not difficult to keep her on a leash while in these areas - but many don't bother. Can be scary for all concerned.... I usually let her have a runaround on the foreshore area before leashing her and going to the playground. Soooo many children are terrified of dogs - large and small - and they deserve a safe stress free area to play in. Cheers and thanks for the email - appreciated
150	[redacted]	not supplied	Yes I agree with these changes especially on the beach I would like to see dogs on a lease on beaches. Regarding around playgrounds maybe they could be there if on shortened leaches
151	[redacted]	not supplied	I have no problem with dogs being banned from Mauao or even Main beach but insisting they be kept on a lead during summer in the quieter parts of the beach seems over-kill. What problem are you responding to by doing this? Are you able to tell us how many reports of dog attacks there have been in this part of the beach over the last 10 years please?
152	[redacted]	not supplied	Hello Please can you consider at least one totally fenced space (1/2 acre is plenty) in one of the city parks where many dogs are exercised eg. Yatton Park for safe off-leash spaces for small dogs. My maltese has been attacked as have other small or elderly dogs - they and we NEED secure areas where larger or scary dogs cant touch our pets. Opportunity for dialogue concerning such a facility would be appreciated.
153	[redacted] d	not supplied	I am an owner of a Schnoodle Whom I walk regularly. I have a passion and respect for all our 4 legged friends. At Papamoa here, we are highly populated with little dogs.

	[redacted]		All of who appear to be loved and cared for. I do have a suggestion & a question for the animal team. Wouldn't it be great for pet owners too have off leach parks around Tauranga in the suburbs. We travel to Brisbane every year. All my brothers have dogs, In all of their suburbs they have off leach parks. I am constantly in awe of how successful these parks are. They have a fenced area, for small & big breeds. Every day my brother meets up with a group of neighbours, who walk their dogs too their park. A Water tap & bowl is provided. The dogs socialize & tear around with each other, and also the owners socialize. The council have provided benches to sit on. Its a great community gathering. And so good for these dogs, to get this form of exercise. There is plenty of land out here at Papamoa, where this could be provided. We are certainly paying enough in our rates and dog registration, (which we receive nothing in return for.) The expense involved in setting up an off leach park is minimal, compared too the benefits for dogs, and the community. SO WHY is this NOT happening in our city ??????????. I look forward to your response
154	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Overall I support the proposed changes however believe given the number of families including small children within the area of Tay Street Beach down to Hart Street Beach, that all dogs should be leashed over the summer period similar to what you are putting at place at Karewa Parade and Motiti Taylor Road beaches. We are home and dog owners and walk our dog regularly between these junctions. From about mid Dec through until March, this area is enjoyed by a high volume of people. Many a time have we witnessed uncontrolled dogs running up to small children, through picnics and being a general nuisence impacting on the enjoyment and safety of others. Owners that let their dogs run free here are also not picking up after them when unrulely dogs rush up to them whllst their owners are oblivious or have no control. Leshes in this area is essential I believe to the ongoing enjoyment of beach goers at this time of the year.
155	[redacted]	yes Pa	I have been offered the opportunity to speak at a council meeting on Oct1 and wish to accept the invitation. I would like to speak about the value of a fenced off leash area for small dogs. Please keep me in touch.
156	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	10.3 currently reads 10.3 No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a public place or reserve at any one time. and like 10.4 should surely have added "and all dogs must be under effective control of the owner at all times."
157	[redacted]	yes Pa	I agree with all changes, excepting the following: Dog Management Bylaw 2018 sec 5.2.2 I disagree with the change. "..Respond appropriately" is too open to personal interpretation. The response process needs to be clearly defined to avoid an allowance of negligent or minimal response on the part of the Council. Police don't necessarily need notification, and the council taking charge of investigating complaints of dog aggression is fine. But the suggested amendment is too vague.
158	[redacted]	Mt Maunganui	As dog owners and Mt Maunganui residents, my husband and I totally support the proposals. It makes a lot of sense to apply these rules during the busiest season of the year to minimise any potential harm from uncontrolled dogs to young children and other animals. We would support regulations all year round. Our dog is always on a leash and as it is a long extendable is perfectly adequate for exercise. It is our experience that many people often bring large dogs (often multiple) to the beach for exercise and do not restrict them from harassing wildlife and other smaller dogs as they become over-excited. Many of these owners are often distracted whilst checking their phones or talking to friends and don't notice what's going on.

159	[redacted]	Papamoa	In regards to 6.3 iii - do not support this proposed change as do not believe the restriction is needed. If it was to be introduced, believe it should be reduced to only the area of Motiti Reserve/early Karewa Parade as the most popular area out from the shopping area of Golden Sands.
160	[redacted]	Tauriko	I totally support the new Dog Management Bylaw 2018, especially clause 10.3 and 10.4. I live on **REDACTED** and regularly walk my dog down at Miles Lane Reserve . I have come across a professional dog walker who has many dogs, between 8 and 15 at one time, not on leads and definitely not controlled harass me and my dog. They seem aggressive and are large dogs. The walker, when asked to put her dogs on a lead, has been verbally abusive and is intimidating. Many people and groups use the reserve and it is a shame that one person has the ability to ruin a good thing, and that is why I support this amendment to set clear, easy to measure, standards of what is acceptable/not acceptable behaviour from the humans and the dogs. Most people I meet at the river are lovely, well mannered people who have control of their dogs. (many breeds) Thank you for asking for input.
161	[redacted]	Ohauiti	Why can you only walk 2 dogs off leash - I quite often look after my friends dog and I then have 3 dogs off leash they are well behaved and dont cause any problems - for instance what happens if somebody takes a photo of me with my dogs and sends it to council and complains because its now a bylaw a ridiculous bylaw how is this going to work? What about professional dog walkers that let the dogs run and play how does this work for them? I look forward to your comments
162	[redacted]	Welcome Bay Community Centre 242 Welcome Bay Rd	Proposed rule: Council to have authority to apply temporary restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural, or sporting events in parks and reserves, or where necessary to protect wildlife. Why: To ensure that dogs can be managed when events are hosted in our parks, and ensure that we can better protect wildlife from predators. As an organisation that holds events on public land (Tye Park and Waitaha Reserve), having the ability to restrict dogs at an event is most beneficial. Our main event at Tye Park involves fireworks and we do not believe it is appropriate for dogs to be present. Feedback from other family events suggests that there are attendees who do not like dogs at these events. While we do not necessarily wish to exclude dogs, we would like to have the authority to insist that dogs are leashed and controlled.
163	[redacted]	Tauranga central	All dog owners must have a fully fenced property regardless of financial ability. No sure if this is in one of the by -laws Also cats should be kept in their own property for that matter.
164	j[redacted]	Papamoa	I do not support the changes to the bylaws. Please look at the dates for keeping dogs leashed on the beach. We have a huge coastline and we want to enjoy it with our dog being able to run with our whanau on the beach and in the water. I've been on parts of the beach up until Christmas and they are pretty empty. Perhaps an amendment could be to school holidays? Even then I'm not happy. The idea of restricting to 4 dogs is somewhat ridiculous, if they are leashed then what is the problem? Not being able to leave a dig briefly in a public space could be difficult when in summer it's too hot to leave them in the car! I agree that dog management is important and dogs should be kept under control but please don't legislate for the difficult few.
165	[redacted]	Matapihi	I totally disagree with this new bylaw, as a responsible dog ownner, I feel this is very unfair, Tauranga dosnt have enough of leash parks for dogs, and the beach is such a huge part of all our lives so not allowing our dogs of leash in certain time of the year will majorly impact a lot of tax paying family's lives! For the worst, I'm guessing this is coming about because of irresponsible dog owners and aggressive dogs, these people and dogs will continue to be in our community and will never change. The only thing that will change is for all the responsible dog owners and dogs, once again we all get punished for the few idiots out there! Please please please don't go ahead with the new proposed by law.
166	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I disagree with dogs being prohibited up to 255m south of Leisure Island. At the moment, Leisure Island is a very clear marker that dogs aren't allowed past, so we keep well clear of it. Adding an extra 255m onto this makes the mark very unclear. This area is less populated than other busy areas of the beach which makes it a great spot for dogs. There is plenty of dog-free beach space on Pilot Bay, Main beach, and near surf clubs. I disagree with dogs being banned in Papamoa (Motiti Road/Karewa Parade vicinity) over the summer season. This is a ridiculous demand for Papamoa residents, at least allow off leash dog walking in the early AM and late PM.
167	[redacted]	Covell	I do not support the following changes: - Extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 225m further south along the beach -Replace the 200m restriction around the Omanu & Papamoa surf lifesaving clubs with a defined area -Addition of new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road and the end of Karewa Parade -Prohibit dogs 10 metres from exercise equipment in reserves

			-Council to have authority to apply temp restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural or sporting events -Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place -No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve -No person may exercise more than four dogs off leash in a public place
168	M [redacted] rn	Gate Pā	DEAR IDIOTS AT TCC You guys are a bunch of idiots, you don't need to amend the current policy, you just need to employ some one with half a brain to tell you guys how to utilise the current bylaw. I have a dog living next door that barks and barks all bloody day & night, despite multiple complaints from me and my neighbours, you do nothing at all, despite this dog being a Pitbull cross, is dangerous and I have to keep my kids away from the fence and you are aware of this, you still do nothing. Despite the dog owners telling me that the dog is not going anywhere, that it has always barked, that I need to get over it and again you are aware of it, you still do nothing. So, tell me, what do you hope to achieve by amending the current bylaw? Especially when you state you won't be changing much in the reform? We have a dog, we keep it in accordance to the bylaws. It seldom barks, if it does we stop it or bring it inside, we are constantly asking the neighbours if the dog is quite while we are at work. That's what responsible dog owners do. But no, you guys are more interested in looking after a mut like the one next door & the arrogant owners who think their neighbours should just have to get use to their dog barking…incredible! Why do you idiots make things so hard, why do you continue to do nothing about the things we pay you incredibly expensive rates to manage? Honestly you guys at TCC are incredibly incompetent at anything you are charged to manage. Why don't you just all quite your jobs, that way I won't have to waste 3K on rates that achieve nothing but frustration. YOUR JUST A BUNCH OF BLOODY IDIOTS!
169	Ja [redacted] orfer	Matua	The proposed change that dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from members of the public means that I will no longer be able to walk my dog to a dairy to buy milk or stop at a local cafe for a coffee, as dogs owners sit at the tables on the footpath with their dogs. This proposed change seems rather restrictive. Many dog owners will be affected. I would like to know the number of incidents in these circumstances that have resulted in injury to the public. I oppose this change for the reasons outlined above. Surely it should be permitted to leave leashed dogs unattended for as long as it takes to purchase milk or an ice cream or order a coffee.
170	P [redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I fully understand the need to comply with rules around dogs and dog ownership, and by and large, agree with your proposed changes. However, the proposed change that "Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded)" is very disappointing. For many dog owners, part of the pleasure in owning a dog, and exercising it, entails taking that dog with you. Yes, tying it sensibly is important, but to prohibit dogs from being allowed to accompany their owners to the shops as they run errands, is overly authoritarian and I sincerely hope you will re-consider any change to the ability to do this, very carefully. Additionally, your proposed rule around people exercising more than two, or four dogs on and off leash in certain places, is extremely disappointing. Many people take their dogs to dog daycare facilities: these are people who are being very responsible dog owners, ensuring their animals are well cared for, exercised and socialized. Prohibiting the dog daycare owners from taking these dogs out and about, in a well supervised manner, is again overly officious. Why not assess this more carefully?
171	N [redacted]	Papamoa	It would appear that the writers are not conversant with the issue at Papamoa. It is normal to see 1 dog for every 10 people. At peek times the restricted area requires extending along the beach from adjacent to Alan Place including in front of the Camping Ground. Over the holiday period this area of the beach is full and not just concentrated around the Surf Club area. Every year the numbers utilizing this area of the beach is increasing and at times would well exceed more than 1000 people. In these circumstances it is not compatible to have dogs running loose amongst the public. I personally have been knocked over by a dog leaping up on me on the beach. My wife has been attacked by a dog on the beach requiring hospitalization and many months of convalescence. I therefore have strong reservations on the proposals forwarded.
172	R [redacted]	Otumoetai	Overall the policies and bylaws seem to be tackling perceived issues that don't appear to be backed up with any evidence- like leaving dogs tied up outside shops or some arbitrary limit on the number of dogs one person is capable of walking. The statement of proposal provides no evidence of the thinking behind these changes and Councillors should be thoughtful about making rules that create a lot more compliance for officers without good (or in this case any) justification.

			Proposed rule: Amend current wording to: Dogs in public places – Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, council does not restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed and under effective control. Why: To provide a general approach to dog access and dog exercise areas in Tauranga. Response: Support the changed wording- this is the only positive statement- the only part where consideration is given to the vast majority of dogs in the city, that are well behaved, cared for and not a problem to anyone. Proposed rule: Amend current wording to: Dog safe communities – Public education programmes for dog owners and the wider community are available to ensure that potential conflicts are managed in a way that balances the interests of all people in the community. Why: To recognise council's responsibility to provide details of dog owner education programmes Response: Support the changed wording- I feel that I pay dog registration for very little benefit. I'm essentially paying for other people's dogs to be locked up. I think Council could be more proactive by having positive and supportive programmes for dog owners. Proposed changes to the bylaw, and why we want to make them Proposed rule: Minor amendment to the definition of the Mount Maunganui Dog Prohibited Area (which covers Waikorire [Pilot Bay], Mount Maunganui, Moturiki [Leisure Island] and Mauao). Refer to maps in bylaw. Why: To clarify that dogs are prohibited from all areas of Mauao. Response: Support the changed wording Proposed rule: Extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 255m further south along the beach past Moturiki (Leisure Island). Why: To ensure that dogs are further prevented from accessing Moturiki (Leisure Island). Response: I don't agree with this- why is the boundary 255m away to prevent dogs from accessing Moturiki- that's a very large distance which isn't warranted by the reason stated. In the bylaw there is a 10m space for exercise equipment- its quite inconsistent. Suggest this restriction is in place from 15 Dec to 15 Feb as is the proposed restriction elsewhere and the distance is much less. Proposed rule: Addition of a new summer season, on-leash restriction for the section of beach between Motiti Road (beach access point 0018) and the end of Karewa Parade (beach access point 0025), including Motiti Reserve. Refer to map in bylaw. Why: To protect people's safety on a popular spot of the beach during the busy summer period. as above Proposed rule: Define the summer season as 15 December to 15 February between the hours of 10am and 5pm. Why: To ensure that dogs are controlled during the peak summer season when there are more people, particularly children, on the beach. This proposed summer season aligns with the proposed definition of in the draft Beaches Bylaw 2018. Response: this summer timeframe and hours seems reasonable but its likely the next time the policy is reviewed that it will be made longer in duration. I do not support the extension of this timeframe, dog walkers are the predominant beach users outside of the Christmas peak. Proposed rule: Prohibit dogs 10 metres from exercise equipment in reserves. Why: To align with current uses of parks and reserves. Response this is unenforceable- for example in Kulim Park where the older people's exercise facility is located- consideration should be given to moving exercise equipment so that dog walkers can comply with what is an excessive distance. I recommend a two metre rule. Fergusson Park has a lot of decaying exercise equipment along the footpath and the edges of the park- this rule would essentially ban off-leash exercise for dogs at Fergusson Park. It lacks transparency if that is the intention. Proposed rule: Council to have authority to apply temporary restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural, or sporting events in parks and reserves, or where necessary to protect wildlife. Why: To ensure that dogs can be managed when events are hosted in our parks, and ensure that we can better protect wildlife from predators. Response- please delete this rule to restrictive and gives Council officers too much power. An example might be a ban on dogs at Fergusson Park during the

	[redacted]		soccer season, again banning dogs from a popular area without consultation. Proposed rule: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). Why: To minimise any risk or safety issues from dogs being left unattended and uncontrolled on the footpath while their owners shop. Response- please delete this rule to restrictive, what is meant by a designated area- and the alternative in summer is to the dog in the car which could kill it. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. Response- please delete I do not support this, Council will not enforce it and for people like myself with two small dogs its just silly and arbitrary. Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than four dogs on leash in a public place at any one time. Why: To reduce the safety risk of dogs not being under control when being exercised. Response- please delete I do not support this, Council will not enforce it and for people like myself with two small dogs its just silly. I am more than capable of controlling five chihuahuas on leads if I needed to. I don't clearly see the issue here- unless Council is reacting to a one-off scenario. Proposed rule: All dogs classified as menacing must be neutered, including dogs that are transferred to our district. Why: To encourage responsible dog ownership and take all reasonable steps to ensure that dogs do not cause a nuisance. Response support this completely, but seeing as they tend not to be registered anyway it seems a bit pointless.
173		Welcome Bay	Proposed rule: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). Why: To minimise any risk or safety issues from dogs being left unattended and uncontrolled on the footpath while their owners shop. There needs to be more designated places where dogs can be tied up and left unattended for short amounts of time as in summer it is too hot to leave dogs in cars. Bayfair shopping centre is a good example of a designated area for dogs while owner goes into the shopping centre. Even a more simple structure similar to a bike stand would be useful as owners do sometimes need to leave there dogs for short amount of time especially if they are needing to use the public toilet and the car is too hot. Or need to go to the post office or library etc.
174		Welcome Bay	Section 6.2 If a dog is well trained and under the full control of the owner they shouldn't have to be on a leash when walking on a public footpath, near a road etc. Good dog owners know their dogs. If a dog is under 'effective control' and they don't need a leash then they should be allowed to walk on a public footpath without fear of being fined YES It would be fantastic to be allowed dogs on a leash around Surf Clubs. We go there with the whole family and our dog is part of our family. Is there no longer a fine for owners who do not pick up their dogs poop?
175		Bethlehem	Hello, thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. I support the changes to both the policy and bylaws as these are both relevant and necessary. I have recently been to Whangarei and while out walking stopped to admire their dog exercise area that contained a largish area with obstacles and seating - fantastic for dogs and their owners. This is similar to the dog parks in Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North (there are probably more). I would love to see Tauranga incorporate something similar in our city planning. There are a lot of open spaces within the city boundaries that would be perfect for this - i.e., a portion of the unused land within the Carmichael Reserve in Bethlehem. I understand from my neighbours that this has been raised before but nothing has eventuated so I thought I would raise it again.
176		Papamoa	Papamoa East surely has the greatest number of dogs per capita in New Zealand. Small dogs are exercised on leash and under control by their owners. Large dogs when unleashed are up to 100 meters in front of or BEHIND their owners. At this distance their poo is not able to be found by their owner for bagging.

	[redacted]		The Wairakei River reserve in Palm Springs and probably other areas also is a nesting area at this time of year for chicks of Ducks, Pukeko, Plover and other birds. The chicks get a hard introduction to life from the unleashed dogs. This is a new subdivision area and people do not immediately have fences. Dog owners of unleashed dogs have no respect for home owner personal property. If dogs can pee on my fence and plants can I ask the owner for their address so I can go and pee on their fence.
177	Ja	Tauranga	I would like to see a break down of where the money from our dog registration fees goes. They are very expensive now and I'd like to see where the money is spent.
178	Ja	Papamoa	The beach is the only place I see dogs locally being able to be off the leash and have the freedom to run that they need. 99 percent of dog owners are respectful of others. The ones you need to target won't care about any rule changes. I don't want dogs to be required to be leashed on the beach.
179	An	Papamoa	I wish to make submissions in respect of the Council's proposed amendments to Dog Managament Policy and Dog Managament Bylaw 2018. Our family and our dog will be greatly affected if the proposed Papamoa Beach Seasonal Dog Leash area becomes a reality. A primary reason for adopting our rescue dog in March of this year was to encourage us to spend more time together as a family whilst we walked our dog on the beach. I personally get a great deal of enjoyment seeing our dog enjoying himself off leash on the beach, socialising with other dogs, whilst I talk to their owners. Our local vet has commented that she loves how well Papamoa dogs are socialised, which she attributes to the amount of time they spend running around with other dogs on the beach. My objections to the Papamoa Beach Seasonal dog leash area are as follows:- 1. The proposed area is too large; Our family lives in a property that backs onto Motiti Reserve and hence I am aware that is a very popular destination for local families. Many people bring their children to the playground then use the walkway down to the beach. For this reason I would support the beach area fronting Motiti Reserve being included in the Papamoa Beach seasonal dog leash area. However, I do not believe that other parts of the beach are as well utilised by children and their families over the Summer months and could be made available for owners to walk their dogs off leash. I am amazed by the number of dog owners who use Motiti Reserve and its surrounding beach access ways to access Papamoa Beach. Most of them are on foot, already having walked from homes that are located further back from the beach. Like myself, many would find that by the time they walked to a beach access point outside the proposed area it would be time to turn around and go home again. Their dogs wouldn't have the opportunity to walk off leash unless their owners hopped in their cars and drove to an access point outside the proposed zone. 2. The proposed time frame does not allow dog owners the flexibility to walk their dogs off leash according to the tides; I keep the tide time charts stored on my phone and always aim to walk our dog at low tide. I have a bad back and hips and find that walking on soft sand or a steeply sloping beach aggravates my condition. If low tide fell between 10am and 5pm, I would need to drive to an area of the beach where I could start to walk my dog off leash. 3. There are few alternative areas available to dog owners in Papamoa where they may exercise their dogs off leash. If the Council is minded to impose such onerous restrictions on dog owners during the Summer months, then they must provide an alternative venue for residents to walk their dogs off leash in Papamoa. I do not walk my dog off leash along the waterways as I am on a footpath and my dog soon grows bored of chasing a ball at the park. He wants to go for a walk, sniff logs and meet other dogs. At present, the only fenced dog walking area in the Tauranga area is at the TECT park. People are not going to travel there from Papamoa on a daily basis to walk their dogs off leash. Consideration should also be given as to how the proposals will affect elderly dog owners. I have been surprised by the number of elderly dog owners that I meet on the beach. It can be difficult for them to walk great distances to the beach, and some of them no longer have a drivers license. Due to physical limitations, many of them can only walk on the firm sand at low tide but they still toddle down to the beach each day to walk their dogs and let them off leash so that they can run around with other dogs. It is a matter of balancing the concerns and interests of all beach users. I am aware that some members of the public don't like dogs and therefore don't want them to be walked off leash on the beach at all. I personally don't like fisherman leaving their fish heads below the high tide mark or driving their quad bikes

	[redacted]		along the beach. But I don't own the beach, it is there for all of us to enjoy and requires tolerance on my part towards other beach users. My other objection relates to the clause 10.3 and 10.4 of the Draft Dog Management Bylaw 2018. I believe that these clauses are onerous and will unfairly impact upon the livelihood of professional dog sitters and walkers. Our local dog sitter chooses to only look after obedient, well mannered dogs that he is able to walk without incident. He doesn't charge a lot so is not uncommon for him have three dogs in his care on any given day. I suspect that the majority of dog control complaints to the Council would be in relation to dogs whose owners have allowed them to wander from insecure sections. Those irresponsible owners would rarely bother walking their dogs on or off leash and have no regard for dog control bylaws. By comparison, I would be interested to know how many complaints are received by the Council in relation to dogs that are in the care of paid dog sitters or dog walkers. Probably not enough to worry legislating against. Thank you for the time you have taken to consider my submissions. Please feel free to contact me with any queries you may have.
180		Papamoa	I don't support the proposed changes. The only areas for dogs not to be allowed are any patrolled beaches. For many kiwi families, taking their four legged member of the family to the beach is a way to spend summer holidays. We can't keep them on leashes for hours and dogs should be allowed to enjoy a play with their family and children. I love going to the beach and playing with dogs but I am also part of the Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club - it will be great not the have dogs near the patrolled beach but dogs need to exercise and cool off just like we do. Leave the rest of the beaches for dogs to be free. Maybe they should be on leashes in the streets but not on the beach where there is no designated swimming area. But the owners should be made to pick up the dog's poos and not leave the plastic bags on the beach. Please don't ruin summer holidays for us kids - we want to include our dogs when we go and spend the day at the beach. We should all be encouraged to spend more time outdoors. Most of the time the beaches are busy only during the Christmas period and then are mostly empty. Banning those that want to go and exercise or spend time outdoors for those that want to sit on the beach for few days over the summer is unfair and if all dogs just go to the same small area there might not be happy. Banning dogs from the patrolled only areas is better.
181		Ohauiti	Re: dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place. - could this be amended to allow them for short periods of time, or as long as they're securely tied with a short leash (like less than 1m) or as long as they aren't in the way of pedestrians? I'm thinking in summer it's too hot to leave my dog in the car, and if I can't pop into a dairy with him tied up outside for 3 mins it will be a real nuisance, especially since we live a while away from town. And what if i needed to use a public restroom while walking my dog? This proposed bylaw change is far too restrictive. Re: excercising a certain number of dogs off leash (2) or on leash (4) - this makes sense for the average dog owner but I feel like for dog walkers as an example this won't work. Perhaps they could apply for special dispensation to walk a larger number of dogs.
182		Judea	The proposed by law change for dogs saying that "dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place" I feel is a little bit over the top. If a dog is left tired up while owner goes into shop (so long as it isn't for hours) and it is not lose quiet it should not be a big problem. I myself do this rush into supermarket/get coffee on a walk. I also see a lot of elderly people who do this tire up their dog outside supermarket and it is their way of exercising and socialization their dogs. In making changes the first thought I would have thought would be for the dog and what is best for their welfare. The feeling I have is the more we restrict dogs from being socialization in their lives the more problems in the long run we will create. The more training and socialization of dogs is foremost the answer to well behaviour dogs and top this with education of owners and the general public . Not by punishing good owners and their goog dogs.
183		Papamoa	The proposal for only walking 4 dogs on lead or two off lead (10.4 and 10.3 respectively) is over prescriptive. It doesn't take into account the walker's experience and skill to control the dogs. I have a dog walker who takes my dog along with several others for a walk off lead each week in areas without many people. She has the skills and control of the dogs to be able to manage more than 2 off a lead and has managed this without incident for several years. I also object to the clause 7.4 whereby a dog cannot be left unattended in a public place. It is very common for dog owners to go and pick up a coffee or milk whilst taking their dog for a walk and this is over the top to not allow them to be tied up outside a shop for 5 minutes. This could impact local business owners who are dog friendly and make them lose customers. Not only this but I also take my dog away in my campervan over summer. Whilst this isn't in Tauranga there would be several others in similar situations and rather than leaving their dog in a hot car whilst getting supplies their owners prefer to take them with them and

	[redacted]		tie then up outside the shop. Enforcing this clause could potentially alienate tourists to our area as well as put dogs at increased risk of heat related death. Overall I find Tauranga a reasonably dog friendly city to live in however these proposed policies are actually pushing Tauranga backwards. Dogs are becoming more and more common in peoples lives and increasingly live as part of the family, not just a dog that's left outside. I have spent a lot of time overseas and found so many international cities to be so much more accepting of dogs in public places, on public transport, in shopping centres, in restaurants and because the dogs are allowed in there it's just part of every day life and they become accustomed to this. To restrict dogs and their owners further such as your proposed policies will alienate people further and prevent Tauranga from becoming a progressive city to be proud of.
184	[redacted]	Pyes Pa	i don't support the changes to the bylaw about 1 person, only having 2 dogs off leash in an exercise area. i know plenty of people who walk with 3 or more dogs, as do i, and the dogs are under voice control and we always have leashes handy if needed.
185	[redacted]	-	While I don't have anything against the pending changes I do want to know what is being done to 'teach' 'non dog' people that THEY are the problem .....NOT the dog. I used-to live with (a shadow) Duke, a very large German shepherd/Irish woof hound who was rescued from a bad start to his life. He was afraid of butterflies, would have told a buglar where the spare key was hid, loved to be loved, didn't know he was a dog..... let alone a big one and scary. I trained him to NOT go up to people even to sniff at close range but even still at 50 paces a lady climbed a 6 foot wooden fence backwards screaming to get away from him while out walking in the street. I dare not think what was going on in Dukes mind as to what the woman was let alone doing..... what message did her actions (Soooooooo a drama queen) give Duke, Duke the gentle giant. Rather than cater to one eyed folk with hang-ups I'd like to see 'dog friendly' classes for them who may have a real fear, but so not necessary, to show them what they are missing out on..... the unconditional love from a dog..... N O T H I N G beats the love from a dog, not even ice cream. Marley is a big black mussel with a leg on each corner but I can't walk him because people are so rude and accusing of him in a negative way. (he has a whole section to 'chat to the birds, next door talk to him every day, a male who visits and ruff houses with him and small children who visit him. They do have a fear of dogs past on from a parent who didn't grow up with animals..... long story and not fit for print..... but parent is doing best to over come that fear and the children soon forget the far and pull Marley's tail, feed him and play with/bath him. He is big and mussely (spelling) so is watched with the little ones like any small children should be. In 5 years there has NEVER been a concern. Bottom line..... don't keep blaming/penalizing the dog for narrow minded/deprived folk. Spleen vented. Thank you.
186	[redacted]	Papamoa	I do not support the bylaw change which states dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place. I walk my two dogs to the supermarket and tie them up outside. They are not a danger to anybody and sit and wait patiently for the five minutes I am inside.
187	[redacted]	Papamoa	The area for dogs on leash around Papamoa Surf Club should extend north to Hartford Avenue, and MUST be policed. Dog owners frequently park at the Surf Club, let the dogs out and they run onto the beach. So much for the 200 metres exclusion area. My wife and I walk on the beach in that area almost daily, and 99% of the dogs are not controlled. This is the prime swimming beach for Papamoa residents in summer including large numbers of children. The loose dogs are an absolute disgrace and dog owners know they won't be caught so don't care.
188	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I live near the beach and I have a wonderful dog. I think dogs should be permitted in all areas out os season including pilot bay with acception of Mauao and leisure island because of livestock and bird life/seals. During peak season I think dogs should be allowed at pilot bay(on leash) and beach areas 200 metre from surf club. Dogs should be under control and kept on a lease when walking through these areas. There are so many more people with dogs and we need areas to exercise. I would love to see papamoa hills open to dog owners as it's provides an alternative to beach walks. On lease or off. I would also like to see more shaded areas for dogs For those hot summer days. As a rate payer and dog owner lisence holder I would also like to see more bins provided for dog waste and fuelling stations so dogs can grab a drink.
189	[redacted]	Golden Sands	We support the changes. We have been living in Papamoa since 2008 and the increase in dogs accessing the beach between motiti and karewa parade has increased to a ridiculous level over the past 18months interfering with our fun at the beach. Our children are expected to "put up" with dogs unleashed interrupting their beach cricket games, sniffing in our picnic dinners, urinating in the sandcastle creations at the water's edge and feeling intimidated by them rushing towards them when playing in the sand or water. We have never let our children interfere with other people's enjoyment at the beach so why should dogs be allowed to? I understand it is a wonderful environment for dogs to run and play but popular beach areas should be exempt at popular times as you have suggested. We are so lucky to have such a paradise on our doorstep however our children are now put off going to the beach due to the dogs and our 7 year old is scared. We as parents find this VERY frustrating!! Summertime is such a special fun time for familiea. Dog owners can still walk their dogs morning or night. There are plenty of other beach areas further along that they can be unleashed to play with their owners/family that is less obtrusive to other beach goers.
190	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	If there was going to be any changes to dogs on the Mount maunganui beach , I am strongly against totally prohibiting them . I walk every morning and night and 90% of usuage would be dog owners and they are all courteous and are proactive with collection of their dog waste. But I would agree to hours of access. In fact if you stop dog owners, you will find the beach will remain littered with rubbish form party goers. As I know 100s of dog owners that pick up other party

	[redacted]		goers rubbish . ie cans, bottles, BK wrappers etc ie dogs on beach before 10am, and after 3pm in winter. and in summer take these hours out further (9am-5pm). main beach could still stay dog free, but I think Pilot bay should be opened up to dogs between certain hours , similar to the sea side .
191		Mt Maunganui	5.2.1 do not remove 'free' it should be free for dog owners who pay their registration I would like to see the 10 meter to a playground rule reduced to 5 meters for well controlled dogs. Dogs are part of families and as a family we like to use the playground. I would like to see better use of email and phone calls around dog registration. Physical addresses change more frequently than emails and reminders should be sent there. Cold calling at home should be a very last resort, waste of dog owners money to do cold calls for registration follow ups (and giving on the spot fines, rather than listening to a persons situation). If we had of received a reminder by phone/text it would have saved everyone money. It seems Council can have multiple customer information points, so changing an address for rates may not change for dog rego (we got caught up with that last year). Need to LEAN (efficiency tool) your systems! It is unfair to have a fine of $100 for failure to notify change of address when your system isn't smart enough to change an address across your whole system. Apparently we had 5 different addresses against our name at the council. In addition I would like to see a large reduction in fee's according to breed/microchip/vaccinated/neutered dogs. A small miniature dachshund who is all of those things will never require dog 'services' nor contribute to any dog menacing. A portion of current dog rego fee's should be dispersed across all rate payers, as it is a societal issue, not a responsible dog owner issue.
192		ocean crest	The changes seem good especially defining the areas around popular beaches/parks and recreational grounds Infringement penalties - regarding these -is there a clear stated penalty for not cleaning up after your dog messes in a public place? or for allowing your dog to poo on others private property without cleaning it up? - possibly some of these penalties are a catch 22, people that can't afford to register their dog will not have the money to pay a fine as well, instead why not remove the dog until such time they front up with the registration. if they don't microchip- remove dog from their care, chip it and they pay the chip fee to get their dog back? for failure to provide proper care/food/attention, a fine won't help the dog but possibly the removal of the animals and risk of prosecution would. also statement 5.22- why is it now not a requirement for council to report to police a serious harm incident? this clause should be reinstated as council should have duty of care to report such incidents
193		Maungatapu	Tauranga City Council has a data base of all registered dog owners and yet this has not been used to advise all dog owners that there was a proposed change to the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw. It is my belief that dog owners should have been consulted of the proposed changes in a more effective and transparent way. Many owners I have spoken to over the last few weeks were unaware of any proposed changes therefore, would not have an opportunity to provide feedback or make submissions. Ii only found out about it when it was shared by a concerned dog owner on Facebook. I believe the council could do a far better job at targeting the people these changes will impact on directly.
194			Schedule 1. 5.3.1 - council encourages dog owners to attend dog obedience courses to assist in the training and socialising of dogs. I belong to a local Dog Training Club and as yet there has been no formal request from council regarding this matter. It would be great to see a partnership between the two main Dog Training Clubs and the council to provide information and education to new dog owners. Tokoroa Council have an excellent relationship with the Tokoroa Dog ?Training Club, provide excellent facilities ro ensure dog training is effective and accessible for all. They have in the past provided sponsorship for their championship Agility shows. Perhaps Tauranga Council could contact Tokoroa Council and see if they were able to provide useful ideas on building positive relationships and partnerships with their local dog training clubs. 5.3.4 frat to see that all menacing dogs must be neutered. I think it could go further to ensure public and other animal safety by making it compulsory for them to be secured on a lead at all times and muzzled if off lead. Once a dog has attacked another dog, the behaviour is never fixed it just needs to be managed effectively.
195			Schedule 2 Failure to undertake dog owner education programme or dog obedience course. $300 fine. Please clarify if the council will be offering these programmes or courses? If they are expecting the local Dog Training Clubs to offer this service then it would be fantastic to have asome sort of formal partnership with the council. I would imagine there would need to be some sort of formal certification to show they had achieved a certain level of education? Bylaw 4.3

	[redacted]		I don't understand why the Bylaw doesn't apply to Dog Daycares and Kennels. Some Dog Day cares take dogs to parks to exercise them. I see them turn up on occasion, the dogs are let out of the vehicle, very little control is evident. 10:3 No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash at any one time. With the exception of Dog Walkers and Dog Day Cares, most people who legally have more than two dogs have them for a reason be it Breed Showing, Obedience or Agility to name a few. These dogs are generally extremely well socialised and trained. I feel good dog owners are being unfairly victimised with this proposal. If there is a group that is causing a problem, target them. Don't make a blanket rule that disadvantages all of the good owners (these are generally the ones who register their dogs, train them, exercise them and clean up after them) 10:4 no person may exercise more than 4 dogs at any time in a public place or reserve, and all dogs must be under effective control of the owner at all times. Interesting to use the term 'owner' at all times. I am assuming by use of this term 'Dog walkers' may be exempt? Again I believe good owners are being unfairly targeted because of a few irresponsible owners. As a responsible dog owner who competes in dog sports, I get the general feeling that while Tauranga Council is happy to take our annual registration fee, There is a general and growing consensus amongst local dog owners that Tauranga Council is becoming an anti dog Council. This is quite sad especially when I see the joy owning a dog brings to many people.
196		Greerton	I do not support the changes. Tauranga is becoming one of the most dog unfriendly cities in New Zealand. Dog owning rates payers should get a discount on their rates as they are now barred from a lot of the community services whilst accompanied by a recreatational companion.
197		Bethlehem	either remove this clause from both documents "That part of the beach and foreshore approximately 255 metres south of Moturiki" or add in the following 7.6 Clause 7.1(i) does not prohibit a dog transiting through these areas so long as the dog is controlled on a leash and does not cause a nuisance or danger to any person or animal.
198		Greerton	Re the 'Dog Management' policy under Council review.As can be seen from the emails I have sent to council on behalf of neighbours closer to the dog problem I described in them,the current person in charge of the current policy is completely ineffective.The tone of one letter he sent out to me was an insult to anyone's intelligence and indicated a lack of preparedness on his part to take really effective management action on his part.The dog's owners at 18 B,as a consequence of direct face to face interactions with some neighbours, including us,do take the dogs to another property but return them again from time to time and the barking begins again.The dogs have been a nuisance in anyone's understanding of the word and it's obvious the owners have taken no notice of any meaningful suggestions ,if any, the council have given.I hope any review of dog 'management' will be more than words on the Council's behalf....no one on the Council would be prepared to put up with the noise if it was happening in their patch!
199		Pyes Pa	I am an owner of 4 dogs, I have a council license to have these animals. my husband and I where possible walk these dogs together, but there are times when one or other is away and the dogs need to get out, with your proposed changes I would not be able to take my 4 to a filed for off leash time. if I separate the group they become noisy and unsettled and that would be the only thing to do is walk them in sets of two, which is ridiculous. maybe a suggestion I can make is to enforce the current by laws that are often not adhered to, I see people out all the time with dangerous dogs, unleashed, not desexed, not having control over the dog, they cause a nuisance in the parks. my dogs loved going to Yatton park, it is a great area, until my cocker spaniel got attacked by a group of off leash dogs, I got him under control and the other owners found it funny that he was still barking at them, they did nothing to control there dogs, they even followed me back to my car. I took him to the vet luckily he had just scratches, he is now terrified of other dogs and reacts now, he can no longer be off lead due to this, I do not wish him or other animals to come to any harm. (unless we are swimming) my other 3 at this time were concerned and worried for him and were making a lot of noise. that park is dangerous and needs better control. when I called the council to report this when I got home, I was told by the help desk I could leave a message on an answer machine, which I did, no one ever called me. I was let down by the system, and now the same system wants to take away even more. I do hope not to see these changes come into force, our dogs are important to us and walking them is supposed to be relaxing, now it is causing increased anxiety.
200		Papamoa	I am not opposed to the new policy's of leads on dogs between December and Feb at papamoa end exit and motiti reserve. I am a dog owner and feel this is appropriate. But i would like to raise the issue of the increased amount of quad bikes on the beach over this period and that there may need to be an increased area that these are not allowed over that period. Currently there are long lines and quad bikes on all of the beach and i would like to request that these are banned from the main beach areas over the summer months as well. Often a long line is put out directly by people swimming ..I have been caught in one myself . I regularly (at least every second day when i walk over this period of year) pick up hook long line attachments off the beach both baited and not baited. Many off the fishermen leave all the fish remains lying on the beach as well.
201		Mount Maunganui	• Be able to exercise on leash on boardwalk as near rubbish bins

	[redacted]		• No extension past Moturiki (perhaps summer season only) • If prohibition between Motiti and Karewa Parade should be until 4pm. • Council to provide dog designated areas outside service centres, libraries, and community facilities • Provision of dog poo bags at Mount Maunganui and a water bowl • Option of tag or disc • Discount on dog registration with a responsible dog owner certificate
202	T	Papamoa	The people on the beach next to Karewa Pde have to deal with quad bikes, horses, dogs off leashes, and of course vehicles as well, So incorporating controls all year round would be very helpful. If there is no form of policeing then there will be no enforcement and the dogs and their owners will do little to dicipline their pets.
203	G	Oropi	I absolutely do not support the proposed changes. Specifically 'No person to exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve' I have three dogs and exercise them off leash in the reserve next to my house in Oropi Downs. My neighbours all do the same. No more than four dogs on a leash at any one time- ie no more than four dogs UNDER CONTROL at any one time. What sort of Nanny state are you trying to impose? I have great issue with these proposed changes. If you want to make changes have you considered positive ones such as a fenced dog park?
204	K B	Papamoa	We strongly disagree with the bylaw change that you cannot leave a dog unattended in any public place. This is completely unfeasible. We have a massive obesity problem and the government wants us to exercise more. Getting out and doing errands and walking your dog is great for your health and also provides social interactions for people (like older people who can get lonely). You should be allowed to tie your dog up outside a post office or shop (obviously allowing people to enter and exit without coming into contact with the dog). Also can you please make sure that there are plenty of signs designating the no dogs allowed portions of the Papamoa beach as if you are walking the length of the beach this will be difficult to tell (i.e: signs need to be at the start and end of beach access ways so they can be visible, not just on the roadside). There needs to be more management of vicious and roaming dogs. In Papamoa there have been pitbulls and a rottweiler seen roaming for over a year. People call the council but they are so far away that by the time they get here the dogs have disappeared. My family and I were almost attacked by a roaming staffie last November and had to be assisted by people driving past. This was very frightening and still affects us. Can you also expand the menacing dog breed definition for neutering to include more breeds or at least make sure they are muzzled as per other countries policies. American pit bull terrier English bull terrier Staffordshire bull terrier Bull mastiff Dobermann pinscher German shepherd (Alsatian) Rhodesian ridgeback Rottweiler Japanese akita Japanese tosa Bandog
205	D	Mount Maunganui	It is ridiculous that you can only have 4 dogs on lead. If they are on lead, they are controlled. This change would eliminate the valuable work of dog walkers, resulting in dogs being unexercised. The beach is a perfect place for dogs off leash so they can run and explore unhindered and cool off in the sea when they get too hot. People on the beach are much more menacing than dogs. It is peculiar that dogs are not welcome around the surf clubs yet this is where the doggy bags have been put!
206		Tauriko	I am against bylaws further prohibiting dogs from Mount Maunganui. In particular the extension of the exclusion zone past leisure island. Reason for this is you are pushing us out further and further because of dogs. We want to enjoy the beach and town with our dog when we go to the mount. Your reasoning for the extension is fake. Extending the exclusion zone will not change wether someone brings a dog on leisure island. You have no real reason to extend the exclusion zone so do not.

207	[redacted]	Pyes Pa..	I do not support the proposed rule that Dogs won't be allowed to be tied up in a public place such as footpath etc. The reason is - dogs are able to be with owners in these places so it stands to reason that at times an owner may need to leave their dog for a short time by it's self. Being tied up at a location in public is part of what makes a dog sociable. I would like to know why this rule is being considered as there needs to be proof that there is an actual risk of people being harmed by dogs tied in public. Without proof, this just appears as yet another pointless rule depriving responsible dog owners of rights. - Remember, - it is the owners of registered dogs who currently fund the whole dog control programme. I would also like to add that it is high time to spread the cost of dog registration across all rate payers. The reason is that issues relating to dogs are every bodies problem and dog owners who currently register their dogs are being financially penalised for basically being honest. It is the irresponsible owners who are a cost - both financially and physically. Currently most dog owners are literally paying for nothing - other than trying to keep the bad dog owners in line.
208		Greerton	I am a dog owner of 2 well behaved pups. I disagree with the change regarding walking groups of dogs. My dogs have been with a trained handler many times both on and off lead with a group of dogs in the handlers care... if this goes ahead dog walking and groups will end which would be very sad. While I understand the importance of keeping the dogs together; being off lead and having a good run within my control is something my dogs love... I think unless proven otherwise owners and handlers should be allowed to walk dogs in groups and off lead where is safe and possible.
209		Greerton	Hi I am Writing in response to a recent letter I received detailing the changes proposed. While I think most of these are a good idea for a our growing population one I certainly disagree with. Being unable to leave my dog tied up briefly in a safe spot while I pop into dairy or shop seems extremely unreasonable. It seems that you are trying to make dogs as unwelcome as possible in our community. I don’t understand how you think this will be policed and also what you think it will achieve. I would like to know has there been attacks from Dogs tied up and when and where these were?. I feel like as a responsible dog owner I am being punished. I don’t make a habit of tying my dog up but from Time to time it is necessary while I am out trying to exercise him and do a few errands. I also believe this is good for his socialisation. It seems like a ridiculous thing to do. Also you mentioned designated areas ? Where would these be and how would they be safer ? I strongly disagree with this attempt to make our city less dog friendly . Would you rather dogs are left in cars ?
210		Brookfield	I am generally supportive and applaud the ballanced approach in the policy and bylaw. As the owner of a gentle Labrador who needs plenty of exercise I am pleased the default remains allowing unleashed pooches in open spaces. I support the proposed penalties for those unwilling to raise and care for animals in the correct manner. In my experience dogs can bring people together, create light moments and remind us all what is important. Generally, dog owners exercise more and connect more across social and economic divides. Dogs provide companionship for the elderly and services to those in need. Please maintain the current ballance.
211		Papamoa	More areas with dogs in leashes the better. My family avoid areas with dogs off leash aND as rate payers want to be able to relax on the beach without dogs!
212		Pyes Pa	Section 5.4 states " Council places a high priority on ensuring dogs within the city boundaries are registered." It is my firm view that unregistered dogs are responsible for a significant percentage of biting or attacks on other dogs, their owners & the public in general. I would have liked to see in Section 5.4, a 5 to 6 point strategy outlining a plan that will be used/implemented to ensure the "high priority" is kept in the tightest of focus. The plan to reduce unregistered dogs should be made public & progress on the "priority" should be measured & publicised. By publicising progress it would ensure more than "lip service" was paid to this very important issue.
213		Papamoa	I don’t support current changes. Poor behaviour of owners in consideration of others is the issue. Policing this is not something our district can afford considering our roads are the mess we currently have. Education of owners is required not punishment for good dog owners who consider others now. The bad dog owners will continue to ignore the rules.

214	[redacted]	-	I am just writing to say what a sad city this is that you ban dogs from more and more places. I have recently returned from overseas France, Germany, Croatia and more and it was lovely to see dogs with their owners absolutely everywhere. Buses, trams shops and eateries. Nobody has died from dog poisoning or lost an arm or leg and no dog poop anywhere either. I have for almost 45 years paid my dog registration, I have never had any of my dogs cause any sort of nuisance and yet I receive nothing for this, recently some free plastic bags in memorial park and it is a hefty fee to help give owners of dangerous dogs free sterilisation. I have always paid my own as due most people why should irresponsible owners receive benefits such as this. If I do ever get another dog I certainly will not be registering it, you would never know as they don't roam, bark unnecessarily or bite anyone. Start rewarding good people,
215	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	You are making impractical proposals! Who decides "when circumstances require"?At Omanu, how will dogs know the new defined area when off the leash? When the full tide is in, where will the transit area be? How will the dogs off leash know? Wnen and how will this be enforced? What happens after 5 o'clock in the summer season, when owners bring their dogs to the beach after work? Will the new law be enforced-to date it has not been! Many dogs are off leash in the carpark and roaming freely on the beach in spite of signage! The beach needs to be clean and healthy-there are many access points in Oceanbeach Road away from Omanu beach.
216	[redacted]	Papamoa	I generally support the changes, with the following feedback: 1. Provide a secure, off-leash dog park in Papamoa, away from the beach. 2. If the Papamoa Surf Club has a patrol at Papamoa East in summer, include the area being patrolled as leash-only while patrol is in action (this is at Taylor Reserve so is outside the proposed new on-leash area) 3. Better enforcement, particularly on the beach. As seen on Papamoa social media, some dog owners intend to blatantly ignore any new rules, and already ignore existing rules. It's a major flash-point of division/anger in the community. I walk through the dunes Wilderness Area most days, and even though there are signs at our access point, dogs are never leashed. It's frustrating because we have spent many hours volunteering to help restore the dunes, and off-lead dogs undo that work. 3. Could we have beach/dog ambassadors handing out educational material and discussing rules the over summer? This could be members of the community, preferably other dog owners to avoid the label of "dog haters". It's in the interests of responsible dog owners to get everyone on the same page.
217	[redacted]	Papamoa	Please provide more rubbish bins along Papamoa Beach. All the public would appreciate this along every well signed beach access to the beach. For example where the beautiful boardwalk to the beach is between Sunrise Ave and Sandhurst Drive there is no rubbish bin. Have heard a lot of locals and some visitors complaining about the lack of rubbish bins. If you want to encourage responsible owners of dogs than strongly suggest you promote the more bins the better policy.
218	[redacted]	Papamoa	We are so limited on places to walk our dogs as it is I tauranga and papamoa. Why restrict the good owners and good dogs to limitations? I do not agree with the policy or bad. This council are making it so hard and it seems to be that you are satisfying a few not the masses. All of my dog owner friends are so braised off with tga city council and their own management of responsible owners. Why dont you put some effort into the BAD owners who dont pay registrations and are responsible. Il continue to walk my well behaved dog where I like. I pay rates and dog registration.
219	[redacted]	Papamoa	Regarding this proposal Proposed rule: Dogs cannot be left unattended in a public place, unless they are in a designated area that provides separation from the members of the public (disability assist dogs excluded). Why: To minimise any risk or safety issues from dogs being left unattended and uncontrolled on the footpath while their owners shop. I often walk my dog to the shops and tie her up outside in a spot well clear of the entrance while I pop in for a few minutes. I want to be able to continue to do this, so feel that the law should allow for this provided she is clear of the door and people are not forced to get close to her to enter the store. This way people can choose to avoid her or go up and say hello. Will it be up to individual stores to choose if they have a designated dog area? It would be such a shame not to be able to pop to the shops and combine it with a dog walk. It will mean we use the car more for these short trips. I've never seen a menacing dog tied up outside a shop, so is this currently even an issue? I've never heard anyone even talk about this subject before.
220	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support any changes that mean I can go back to the beach again and feel safe. Dogs should not be off leash at any time, nor any place, but especially not on the beach. Problem with Papamoa is that there are too many folks who don't give a damn about their dogs behaviours. Having seen a friend of mine suffer for months and months after a random dog ran over and took a chunk out of her calf, all she was doing was chatting to a couple of friends and her life changed forever. Intolerable pain, several skin grafts, horrendous scarring. - and that is just one person of many who have been affected by dogs not on leash on the beach. I am too scared to even venture near the beach now, I will only go to Pilot Bay where dogs are not allowed!
221	[redacted]	Papamoa	Dogs SHOULD be allowed to be tied up outside dairy's, cafes etc

222	[redacted]	Papamoa	I dont support any of the changes except for dog free area directly in front of Motiti Park on the beach. I have a small well behaved dog who most people cooo over. I also have two young kids and so already I have to tie up our well behaved and registered dog 10 meters from where playgrounds are but under this new law I cant even take him with us!! I think the council needs to acknowledge that there is a very small proportion of dogs that cause issues. 90% of people pay expensive dog registration and are basically paying for unregistered and/or irresponsible dog owners. I particularly disagree with not being able to tie up a dog securely and responsibly in a public place for a brief period to pop into a shop (if need be just put a time limit on such as 10mins).
223		Mt Maunganui.	To whom this may concern, Dog Management Policy If feel this needs to be revised to have the following rule: -Throughout the summer months (dec, jan, feb, mar) dogs must not be allowed on the beach between the hours of 10am - 5pm. and in conjunction with the above.... -Throughout the summer months (dec, jan, feb, mar) dogs be on a leash between the hours of 9am - 10am and 5pm - 6pm. I spend a lot of time along the beach which runs from the Mt Maunganui to Papamoa and have experience feeling very uneasy that there have been big dogs running along the beach with no leash or constraint when I have two little boys at preschool and beginning of school ages on the beach with me. We have had a family friend malled to death by a dog and this is no matter to consider lightly. There are many dog owners out there who like to let their dogs run free and get a kick out of seeing people scared of them. We have experienced a very rude dog owner on this beach that didn't care that her huge dog ran straight up to my boys and scared them. A horrible experience for a small child!!!!!! This is dangerous and this must be avoided. This relaxed and dangerous 'dog/ beach policy' you have must be changed immediately before some child gets seriously hurt. Why would you be so lenient?... I just don't understand. I hope you can sympathise with this for the benefit of the community and holiday makers.
224		Papamoa	We disagree with sections 6.2 and 7.4. Dogs should be able to be left briefly unattended in a public place if they are reliably secured, as long as they are secured a minimum of 2 meters from the entrance to a building. Being able to socialise dogs takes time and occasions like walking kids to school/daycare or going to a cafe is a good way to do this and leaving a dog responsibly secured is not putting other people at risk. Bayfair Shopping Centre has even encouraged it by providing 'rest stops' for dogs with water and shade 6.2: A dog should be able to be walked off leash on footpaths if they are under efficient control and an owner carries a lead. Also many extension leads that are sold in shops go up to 3-4m so a 2 meter rule is unrealistic to enforce.
225		Mount Maunganui	Dogs should not be permitted on the beach (even with a leash) during the hours of 9am-6pm for many reasons. 1. spread of germs, disease 2. scare children 3. owners do not clean up after them It is a very common practice for beaches to not allow dogs during the day time because of the public. The beaches should be a safe and clean place for adults and children and it is difficult to be safe and clean when you have owners who let their dogs run wild on the beach and do not clean up after them. Would you like to sit on the beach next to where a dog peed or pooed??

	[redacted]		The public will understand because it is only a matter of time before such laws take effect as our beaches become more popular.
226	[redacted]	-	I understand the need for some bylaws but most seem to become restrictive to the majority of GOOD or responsible dog owners. One bad owner and everyone is labelled. Eg: I have seen responsible dog walkers with 6-8 dogs and all well behaved. Joggers with dogs who do not "pick up" after their dogs.
227	[redacted]	Tauriko	I would like to protest the change to animals (dogs) having the use of council buildings, especially the use of Council community centres. For the purposes of training an dog there is need for an indoor venue as we cant always rely on the weather being good outside. Most if not all dog groups are responsible members of the community and keep community centres clean after use. Our own group uses carpet to protect any floors that may be vulnerable to scratching ect. I sure you would agree that a dog that has had good training is better for society and there for better for the community. I would urge you to please reconsider changing the bylaw and letting dog groups use the community halls. Thanks Debra Mitchell
228	[redacted]	Welcome Bay	Would it be possible for dog owners to have to have their dogs on leads (compulsory) while getting to the beach on the access ways from the road or car parks. At least then the owners would know they had a lead. My point being that the dogs race off down to the beach and the owners don't know what their dogs are up. Just today we saw a dog chasing the oystercatchers (birds) with no owner in sight - what if it had been jumping up on an unsuspecting child. Also there is always heaps of defecating/fouling on the access tracks - we assume the owners don't know it is happening. Richard.
229	[redacted]	Papamoa	Point 10.3 It should not be against the law to have more than 2 dogs off the lead in a public place. As long as they are all under control it should not be a problem. Control is nothing to do with numbers
230	[redacted]	Otumoetai.	While most of the bylaw seems appropriate and well thought out, I believe the following two parts need to be revoked as there are too many situations and implications for the responsible dog owner. 10.3 No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a public place or reserve at any one time. 10.4 No person may exercise more than four dogs at any time in a public place or reserve, and all dogs must be under effective control of the owner at all times. Would the issues surrounding the reasoning for this not be covered by ensuring dogs are under your control at all times, not causing a public nuisance and/or a danger to public and property? I certainly like to take 3-4 dogs off leash for a play in a nearby park when it's quiet/empty or if any other dog owners are happy they all play together. Think about it. Don't penalise everyone for the few irresponsible owners (and ones who would completely disregard the law anyway) Can you also look into treating dog barking complaints the same way you would treat any other noise complaint. One can receive a dog complaint without any evidence (if the neighbour takes issue with you etc) and when you have constantly loud public nuisance neighbours who party with excessively loud music til 5am it's near impossible for one to get anything done about it. Seems it causes the same issue but treated entirely differently.
231	[redacted]	Papamoa	We walk everyday on Papamoa Beach along with many other regulars I don't feel there is any need to restrict this area. Any dog owners who are not confident keep their dogs on a leash
232	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I applaud the extension of areas where dogs are prohibited at all times and hope that this will result in more shorebirds nesting on the beach. It was remarkable to see variable oystercatchers nesting and raising chicks on the main Mount beach and also NZ dotterel nesting there, even though their chicks did not survive. This shows that these endangered native birds need protected space for nesting and they can cope with human activity nearby. With just a single tape to protect their nesting area it was very encouraging to see how the public respected that space and the vital issue was the complete absence of dogs on site. With the population growing so fast in the Mount/Papamoa/Tauranga area more and more dogs are present and it is Council's responsibility to take a strong stand on control and responsible behaviour from dog owners. I am also keen to see Council take more responsibility for dog control in conservation areas generally and be proactive in putting out a strong message to dog owners at registration time that dogs are a very real threat to wildlife, especially kiwi.
233	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Hello and thank you for the opportunity to provide commentary on the Dog Management Policy and Bylaw documents. My thoughts are as follows: 1/ Both documents suggest Council is giving the issue of dogs in public places serious consideration. That's good. However, it needs more than this; it needs action and implementation. 2/ I am strongly of the opinion that both documents don't go far enough in their intent and have not addressed many of the real issues. I ask the Council to be MUCH bolder with the Bylaw. 3/ Before going further, I confirm I like dogs. Our three adult children each own dogs, our Grand Children are growing up with them and we have owned a dog (now deceased) for 15 years.

			4/ We have witnessed multiple dog related issues on the beach primarily between Omanu Surf Club and Papamoa Domain. These include all the usual.....dogs pushing over children, dog excrement not being picked up, dog fights, dogs frightening elderly as they jump up near them etc etc What we have witnessed is socially irresponsible behaviour by dogs and their owners. This is age of "safe passage." 5/ On multiple trips to Whangamata and Pauanui over summer months, we continue to be impressed by the TCDC Bylaw relating to dogs. In short, dogs are allowed on the beach over the busy months until 9am and after 6pm each day. This system works well, infact very well. I can confirm by discussion that our friends (representing the public) and our children (as dogs owners) are both very comfortable with this approach. 6/ The TCDC Dog Bylaw works. I am very strongly of the view that dogs should not be on ANY Mt Maunganui beach between 9am and 6pm during the summer season (until the end Easter). 7/ It strikes me that Tauranga City Council have been remiss todate with policy and Bylaw regarding dogs on beaches. The opportunity now exists to mirror what works at the other close-by popular summer beaches during the peak season. 8/ The instances witnessed by us last summer of daytime dog-related issues in the region mentioned above dictate it's time to be "more relevant" with your dog management. In short, we are peeved off (kind words) with what we saw last summer on the beach area described and we are dog friendly. PLEASE COUNCIL, SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE CURRENT AND RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE WITH YOUR POLICY AND BYLAW. You have been out of touch with modern societal expectations. 9/ Please demonstrate your reslolve!! 10/ Lastly, I fully support the areas being proposed as totally out of bounds for dogs as per the two documents. As for the rest of the Mt/Papamoa beaches, no dogs should be allowed on the beach between 9am and 6pm!
234	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above proposed documents and the opportunity to speak at a Council hearing. Unfortunately I am going to be overseas on October 1st, otherwise I would have attended. I would like my email to the CEO to accompany this document which states why I object so strongly to dogs on the beaches, in the summer months irrespective of whether they are on a leash or not. In my short time as an owner of a beach property on the Mount, I am alarmed at the irresponsible dog owners and their poor attitude to picking up their dogs faeces and disregard for the distress of others. I can't understand why this Council to date, appears to have supported dog owners rights to a greater degree than to those of dogless citizens. In my email, I have provided many examples of why I feel dogs need to be banned from the beach in the summer months between the hours of 9- 6pm. I have been a dog owner in the past so I don't consider my concerns unreasonable. I have read through the above 2 documents and am horrified to see that you have limited the prohibited areas for dogs over the summer months. This in fact makes a mockery of this draft, in that how can any by-laws be managed and enforced when there are some areas covered on a beach and other areas excluded. (Draft Dog Management Policy, Schedule 1, Dog Access rules). I live at 439B Ocean Beach Road, which is between the Omanu Surf Life Saving Premises and the Papamoa Domain and this area is excluded. What are you thinking?? Please advise why the 'summer months' are proposed as 10am - 5pm. I strongly urge this to be adjusted to 9am - 6pm as the case in other beaches throughout NZ. I ask that you please do fair due diligence and have some consistency throughout the country. There are many people out enjoying the beach from 7.30am onwards, particularly children who are up and out early to avoid the hot sun and dogs are just as much a menace from 7.30am - 10am. Surely this needs to be more restricted. The Papamoa Domain is a wonderful place for dogs to meet and socialise. There is no sand for their faeces to be hidden and foster the dangerous hookworm. I'm assuming you are aware of the hookworm threat, whereby eggs are within the dog faeces, and develop into infectious larvae within 1 - 2 weeks, and can burrow into the skin of children playing in the sand. The larvae migrate through the body causing rashes, skin sores, and at the very worst blindness. Medical opinion would be able to support and verify these concerns. Please don't make me regret purchasing property in your district.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject: Re: Mount Mauganui beach safety concern

[redacted]

Dear Lyn
I will look into this issue when I return to work on 22 January.
Regards
Garry

Sent from my iPad

On 17/01/2018, at 11:08 AM, Lyn Kirkham <[redacted] w[redacted]

Dear Garry,

Provided below is an email forwarded to your Customer Services Department on the 16th January including its response on the 17th.

I feel the contents of my email are of significant importance and should be brought to the attention of the CEO and Council for future policy consideration, as opposed to being forwarded to the Animal Services Department (ASD) where it could potentially be sidelined and therefore that Department is not the ideal, or preferred end point.

My natural conclusion is that emails from the public expressing the same concerns may never be given the exposure they deserve and ask that you please investigate this further with the ASD.

I have taken the liberty of copying in Mayor Brownless and Councillor Morris (our ward representative).

I look forward to your response/s and thank you in anticipation.

Kindest regards
Lyn Kirkham

[redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

From: "TaurangaCityCouncil" <INFO@TAURANGA.GOVT.NZ>
Subject: RE: PLEASE, PLEASE.....DOGS ON THE BEACH IN SUMMER MONTHS [#1BD15F]
Date: 17 January 2018 6:28:07 am NZDT
[redacted]
Resent-From: <info@tauranga.govt.nz>

Dear Lyn

Thank you for your enquiry.

I have passed your request on to our Animal Services Department, under reference no: 697646. They will contact you shortly.

If you have any further enquiries you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us on Ph: 07 577 7000 or email us at info@tauranga.govt.nz and an Advisor will be available to help you.

Regards

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2018 8:37 a.m.
To: "info@tauranga.govt.nz" <info@tauranga.govt.nz>
Subject: PLEASE, PLEASE.....DOGS ON THE BEACH IN SUMMER MONTHS

To whom it may concern

I very proudly purchased a property on [redacted] in 2017 after vacillating about which beach to buy at for many years, spending summers in Pauanui, whangamata and Waihi.
This is a family beach house enjoyed by many and of special note, is how my two grandsons aged 5 and 3 have absolutely flourished in this new environment.

However, there is one major problem which I am very embarrassed about as a property owner with friends and family visiting, so much so, I am motivated to write. **#5265**

The embarrassment and problem is DOGS on the beach, most often than not, off leads throughout the entire summer's day, over the summer season. I find this lack of control and supervision astounding and ask that you please consider implementing dog control as the case in other beach resorts.

We have experienced small dogs urinating on the sandcastles the boys are in the process of making.
we have experienced large dogs, higher than both boys, running at them to the point now that they are continually looking around them and can't relax when they see dogs on the beach, which is constant.
We have experienced dogs defecating in the sand with the owners walking on ahead blissfully unaware that their dog has now just deposited an unhygienic lump on the beach.
We have experienced dogs swimming beside children resulting in the children leaving the water. (I have also heard that the smell of dogs swimming attracts sharks ??)
We have experienced watching a dog owner throwing his dog's excrement into the sea.
We have experienced two very aggressive dogs, being yelled at by their owner, off leads.

I have observed other children reacting in the same way as my two grandsons, with very concerned parents placing themselves between the child and the dog/s.
Surely we have had enough incidents of dog's mauling, children and adults, to cause Councillors to consider these observations with the seriousness they deserve.

Overall, I find this extremely distressing and respectfully request the implementation of a dog restriction, which is ENFORCED, over the summer months when families are holidaying.
My suggestion for the restriction would be something like i.e.: 01 December - 31 March, 9am - 6pm, with fines for those not complying.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

[redacted]

235	[redacted]	Matua	Tauranga City Councillors I wish to make comments on how we control dogs in Tauranga and ask for the below to be included in the Dog Management Bylaw 2018. 1) No dogs in the CBD I am concerned about permitting dogs within the Central Business District and the potential safety and sanitation issues that arise from this. I believe the Central Business District of Tauranga should be added to the list of dog free zones. The CBD of a growing city is a place to shop, eat and work and for people and families to go about these activities freely in a clean environment and with potential hazards minimised to the best of council's ability. Our business district is the highest density area in the city with the most traffic and pedestrians. Any dog in this environment could potentially cause an additional danger or hazard for drivers and walkers in a busy space. An example of the current problem was seeing two dogs at the Willow St bus stop sitting with their owner. The dogs, both a menacing breed sat on a public park bench with their owner, while members of the public were standing and gave them a wide berth. I believe the same logic should also be applied to the CBD at Mount Maunganui and Papamoa. 2) More dog free parks I am concerned about dogs running off leash in many parks where children play. I would like Tauranga to have more dog free parks. I have young grandchildren and several of them are afraid of dogs. Often when we are out walking, dogs will come up to them, or sometimes bark or jump up at them. This is quite terrifying for my grandchildren. Occasionally I will raise dog control with the owner and have been abused for this. I would like to have more places we can go without experiencing this. This is also a problem at Papamoa beach where we have noticed the dogs can be quite aggressive. My six-year-old grandson was nipped by a dog last Christmas. I think there should be more heavily enforced dog free parks, reserves and zones. There are 9, 900 recorded dog bites annually. See article below. Council dog control bylaw needs to be stringent and well-resourced to ensure dogs are controlled properly. Tauranga has more than 12,000 registered dogs and numbers are certain to increase if housing Minister Twyford's plan to allow Housing New Zealand tenants to keep pets goes ahead (and private landlords are forced to follow suit). https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11490903 3) My next comment is not specific to this bylaw but I would like council to consider dog/cat free, native specifies friendly subdivisions. At home we spend a lot of time in our garden and encourage native birds as much as we can. Our former neighbour had three dogs over the fence, which took away a lot of our peace and quiet. This is annoying when you cannot get away from the noise and the dogs wake you up in the morning. Fortunately this neighbour has since moved. I really value New Zealand's natural environment and dogs/cats are predators of our wildlife that are struggling to survive. As a resident of Tauranga I would like to encourage native species into my garden and community as much as possible. We know this will work better in predator free environments. Thank you for considering my submission for making Tauranga a safer, quieter community.
236		, Bethlehem	I support most of the changes and agree wholeheartedly with minimizing danger to people (and dogs) while ensuring the recreational needs of dogs and their owners are met. However there are 2 proposed changes that I cannot agree to. 1: No person may exercise more than 4 dogs on leash in a public place at any one time & 2: No person may exercise more than 2 dogs off-leash in a reserve at any one time. Our family currently includes 6 dogs - all of them council registered at considerable cost. The dogs are all small breeds and include an elderly Chihuahua and 2

	[redacted]		waddling Pugs. My husband and I walk them twice a day. They are (mostly!) controlled by voice and we always carry leads in case we have to use them, which we do when circumstances dictate. Owning 6 dogs may seem excessive, but we are able to manage this because we are responsible dog owners and have years of experience handling dogs. I think you'll find most passionate dog owners know how much work dogs are. Fortunately a lot of us are prepared for this work and take the privilege of ownership seriously. Seriously, there is NO WAY I am walking 2 untethered dogs at a time. That is 6 walks at 30- 60 minutes each. Not. Going. To. Happen. Maria Harkess 0273702903
237	[redacted]	P.O. Box 9160, Greerton, Tauranga 3142	Western Bay Wildlife Trust P.O. Box 9160, Greerton Tauranga 3142 Contact Person: Julia Graham, Chair [redacted] Western Bay Wildlife Trust (WBWT) would like to make submissions towards the proposed Dog Management Bylaw 2018 and Draft Dog Management Policy. WBWT has come across many issues regarding dogs, dog control and enforcement of rules in the last few years. The proposed new rules address some of these issues, however there are still some areas lacking therefore we would also like to put forward 2 more rules to be considered. 1. Main beach/Moturiki Island Dog free zone extension The Trust fully supports the proposed rule to extend the prohibited area from Mount Maunganui Main Beach to 255m further south along the beach past Moturiki (Leisure Island). 2. Temporary Restrictions WBWT fully supports the proposed rule that the council have authority to apply temporary restrictions on dog access for the purposes of leisure, cultural, or sporting events in parks and reserves, or where necessary to protect wildlife. 3. Dogs & Native Wildlife WBWT would like to make a submission that a new bylaw is passed that all dogs MUST be on a leash within 20 metres of native mammals and flightless birds (little penguins). We believe this will make it easier to police and prosecute dog owners who animals are caught or seen harassing native wildlife in coastal areas. 4. Animal Control Enforcement and Officer presence WBWT submits a new bylaw that an Animal Control officer MUST be conspicuously present and available at all times specifically for Mount Maunganui/Papamoa coastal area – particularly from September through to April. Current enforcement is completely inadequate and for that reason dog free zones and by-laws are ignored by both locals and tourists alike. WBWT finds this unacceptable due to the presence of at risk and endangered native species along that stretch of coastline. Our native species are facing incredible hardships, many that are difficult for us to control easily (climate change, over fishing, sea level rise, loss of habitat). Dog control laws that are enforced can go a long way towards helping save and protect our precious native species. Total commitment from TCC to enforce these rules is needed in order to change the attitudes and willingness of some dog owners to flaunt the rules.
238	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	I do not support the following proposed changes: Dog Management Bylaw 10.3 that no more than two dogs can be exercised off leash in a public place at a time as it will unfairly affect those who have more than two dogs or who walk more than two dogs for others. The Council's own Dog Management Policy Statement 5.1 says that "Dogs need the ability to exercise UNRESTRAINED and socialise with other dogs." This proposed change will mean that many dogs will not be adequately exercised unrestrained. Many Tauranga citizens are allowed to have more than two dogs if they either live rurally or hold a licence. How are these people going to adequately exercise all their dogs unrestrained? I personally own two small dogs and often look after other family members two dogs due to medical problems and work. I am not remunerated for this but it will be very difficult for me to continue exercising all the dogs together as one or two will need to be unfairly kept on the leash. Similarly I object to the proposed change to the Dog Management Bylaw 10.4 which limits the number of dogs that can be exercised in public at any one time to 4. Those who exercise dogs professionally could find it extremely difficult to continue offering services as their businesses could become unviable. They may also have to increase their charges. Consequently many dogs could miss out on being adequately exercised and socialised. Under exercised and socialised dogs can

	[redacted]		become problem dogs. With regard to Schedule 2 of the Dog Management Policy, I believe the offence fees for "Failure to provide proper care and attention to supply proper and sufficient food, water, shelter and proper exercise" should be higher set at the highest rate of $750. However as stated above, the proposed changes to Bylaws 10.3 and 10.4 could increase the problem of dogs not being given proper exercise, so this needs to be taken into account when issuing owners fines for this failure.
239	[redacted]n	Papamoa	Don't agree that dogs need to be leased on Motiti reserve. This park is rarely utilised by anyone but dog owners, there are no real facilities, playground etc Would like to see leased dogs allowed on track up Papamoa hills..great exercise for them and owner!
240	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	Stop further restricting the places dogs can go, and give us more options. There are no off-lead dog parks anywhere. There are two reserve spaces in Newton St, and a huge chunk of Coronation Park next to the port - just to name a few - that are barely used by the public and not in anyone's way that could easily be turned into dog parks. A fence, some signs, maybe a water fountain? It doesn't take much to create a nice area for dogs and their owners. We live here all year round, so changing beach areas that dogs allowed then asks where are we supposed to take them for those summer months? Does anyone involved in these regulation changes own or even like dogs? Dog registration costs keep going up, but dog services go down. What are we paying for? Sensible dog owners who register, neuter/spay, keep vaccinated, and have well behaved dogs should not be punished.
241	[redacted]	Mount Maunganui	As a resident of the area near Moturiki, and a regular dog walker in this area, I oppose the suggestion to extend the no-dog zone any further than it is already. However I do have a suggestion that would stop dogs going onto Moturiki/ Leisure Is. A large and clear sign informing dog owners that dogs are not permitted on Moturiki is definitely needed. A sign right at the entrance of Moturiki down by the rocks would give a clear message to those entering this area along the beach as well as those who enter from the road.Current signage is not obvious enough. Dogs and owners walking into this area along the beach do not see any signs as they are located on the grassed area near the cenotaph. Many dog owners (who are mainly from out of the Mount) that I speak to about the the no-dog-zone, have genuinely not seen the signage. I have never seen or heard of any of incidents of dogs going onto Leisure Is. and I have walked this area twice a day every for the last 4 years with my dog. How much of a problem is this? Are we about to punish all dog walkers without knowledge of statistics or proof?
242	[redacted]	Bethlehem	We support the proposed changes and thank you for the opportunity to give feedback. We would like to make two comments with respect to Clause 8 (1) and the Carmichael Wetland Wildlife Reserve in Bethlehem. 1. We would accept at bird breeding time having our dogs on a leash (including a long leash) or under close control and always on the walking tracks. 2. Regarding this first comment above we observe that most dog owners are respectful of the wildlife in the Reserve. However there are a few who flout the signage (low key cartoon pukeko/dog signage referring to it being a wildlife reserve and therefore keep dogs under control) and who allow their dogs to hunt in the wetland ponds, grasses and bushes e.g. one owner who on at least 3-4 occasions has stated that their dog who can be 100-200 metres away in bush is 'just playing' but can be heard barking excitedly. This is a concern when there is a photo of a member of Birds Bay of Plenty (affiliated to Birds NZ) in the BOP Times monitoring banded rail and fernbird in this Reserve. Both species are regarded as at risk/in danger-ref: www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz Can we suggest more signage up on posts at intervals along the walking tracks including photos of birds in the reserve to increase awareness, appreciation and respect of the birds/wildlife in this Wetland Wildlife Reserve? If finance permits perhaps to refresh the signage content from time to time. This is a loved dog walking area and most dog owners have their dogs in control on the tracks.
243	[redacted]	Papamoa	I do not support the bylaw to introduce a restriction on unattended dogs. I regularly walk our dogs to the shops for bread, milk, coffee, etc and leave them tied up outside while I do this, this bylaw will mean I can no longer do this. The majority of time I come back out there are people and children patting the dogs. I've never seen an incident while living in Papmoa East. This would restrict my basic daily activity of blending exercise with the dogs and collecting a few grocery items. In addition many of our parks have toilets this would mean if I was walking the dogs and needed to utilise a toilet facility I couldn't as the bylaw wouldn't allow me to leave them unattended, taking them into the toilets would not be a satisfactory solution. I do not support the bylaw for Motiti Reserve and Karewa Parade beach areas to be included in the restricted area. The numbers of people accessing these areas during summer is much less than many other parts of beach from Mt Maunganui to Papamoa East, Once again I have not observed any issues and this creates another restriction for dog ownership. I believe if I want to let my dog off in the Motiti reserve area and beach area at any time of the day 365 days of the year then I should be able to for them to chase a tennis ball. As a responsible owner I always make sure I'm not interfering or annoying anyone else in the vicinity. Good dogs with responsible dog owners are being penalised under some of these proposed changes and therefore I oppose as above.
244	[redacted]r	Mount Maunganui	To Whom it may concern, I would like to begin to by saying thank you for the work that has been put into the new bylaws. These processes take time and careful consideration before

			being put into active legislation. I have several points and changes that I very very strongly disagree with. I would like to understand what reports, research, and numbers back up the reason for the changes proposed, beginning with the purpose itself. Until each new bylaw can be backed up with research and evidence for coming into policy, I do not believe it is responsible to vote them into policy. If satisfactory evidence cannot be given, these bylaws should not be put into action as policy. The 2008 dog management states: The principles of the Dog Management Policy are: • dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where required to protect public safety and wildlife • dog safe communities • responsible dog ownership • all dogs must be registered. 2018 Draft Whereas the new policy is taking dogs out of the public full stop: "The purpose of the Dog Management Policy is to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners while minimising any potential danger, distress, or nuisance from, or caused by, dogs." Why? Dogs are our family, hiding them away is not the way to create a public awareness and education. What if children that cause a nuisance by crying, behaving poorly, and throwing tantrums were no longer allowed in public? It takes a village to raise a child, and the same is true for our furry children. Conversations should be had between humans, not hidden behind bylaws. I want to keep the purpose of the 2008 dog management policy, I think the 2018 purpose is not healthy for the community and am completely against it. 6.3 Dogs on leash during summer months from Motiti rd to Karewa rd. Why? I would like to have written understanding of how this conclusion was arrived at. The beach the furthest away from the Main beach, the populated and visited beach, in the Mount/Papamoa. So why are dogs supposed to be on leash all the way at the futhermost beach away from the city? I do not want to jump to conclusions, but I cannot see why this should be except that it is trialing for future initiatives making other Papamoa beaches to be a summer month dog. leash area, which I am against. You cannot throw your dog a stick or a ball on a leash, you cannot run at the speed of a dog, nor do you wish to swim with your dog every day to fulfil proper exercise requirements for a healthy, well balanced dog. I am against having summer month on leash beach areas. 7.4 Dogs being left outside a shop or public area. I so so very strongly disagree with this bylaw. As with every decision, I, and every fellow dog owner who leaves their dog outside a shop while popping in a store, would like to see absolute reasoning and hard evidence why this has now come to surface. The dogs that are left outside a shop are the cream of the crop of best behaved dogs. These are the dogs that the owners love so much, they take them everywhere. The dogs are used the routine, they know their job is to wait for their owner and they would prefer to wait without any distraction, staring at the door until their owner returns. This is an unacceptable bylaw and I am against it. 8.0 & 8.1 Dog exercise areas This should not be omitted from the bylaws and is perfectly reasonable approach to owners and their dogs. I ask that this is kept in the bylaws. By restricting the places that owners can exercise their dogs, you are impeding the health of the dogs, an un-exercised dog is not a healthy well balanced dog. Without the park closest to you to allow your dog to chase a ball and run at their top speeds to let out all the energy they store up during the day, waiting waiting for you to come home, you-the council- are going to be responsible for the worsening of dog welfare mentally and physically. If the parks and reserves are closed,a slow walk at the speed of the owner is not an acceptable outlet for exercise. I want the below wording to be kept in the bylaws. "DOG EXERCISE AREAS 8.1 Dogs are able to be exercised off a leash in public places, including parks and reserves, except in areas identified as prohibited in this bylaw so long as when circumstances such as those set out in sections 7 and 8 require, the dog can be leashed and kept under the control of the owner." 8.2 I would ask that this be amended to include a pre-warning of adequate notice that the event will be a dog-free zone. 10.1

	[redacted]		I believe the council is well over-stepping their bounds here as well as using this for a money grab. How did you arrive at this number? What sources were used to decide that 3 was an excessive number of dogs? I've seen many an older person with several small that would in no way indicate that they have an excessive number of dogs. Have people who foster dogs been considered? I am against this bylaw and wish it to be omitted until reasonable evidence of how this conclusion was arrived at. 10.4 Again, I believe the council has overstepped their bounds in writing this bylaw. First, the only time I have ever seen someone walking more than 4 dogs anywhere is by a professional dog walker, whose livelihoods depend on those dogs being the best behaved and under control pack of dogs anyone has seen. I believe those that can walk more than 4 dogs under control are absolutely necessary to our society to show our community that not only is it a possibility that dogs can be that well -behaved, but that this is the example of how dogs should behave in public. I am against this bylaw and do not believe it should be brought into policy. Thank you very much, I look forward to hearing from you.
245		Papamoa	I do not support the proposed change about 'dogs not being left unattended in a public place'. People should be able to leave their dogs outside a local shop, cafe, dairy etc for a short period of time provided the dog is restrained and not prohibiting any member of the public from entering the establishment.
246	n	Mount Maunganui	I think a 10m wide no dog zone around exercise and recreational equipment is excessive, for some parks eg at Moa park, this would mean dogs couldn't even enter the park Also regarding dogs left secured outside shops this is too draconian, Leaving my dog outside a shop while I dash inside to buy something (or post my mail) is reasonable as long as the dog is not a nuisance. This is limiting opportunities for walks when already we are made to feel unwelcome in so many places. Cats should be kept in their own properties and stopped from killing birds also
247		Matua	I do support some changes but I think we should still make changes. I believer the council should require that ALL dogs be registered, ensuring that ALL owners take responsibility for the care and welfare due to their animals.
248		Brookfield	7.4 As this reads currently a dog owner/walker cannot walk their dog whilst on an errand and enter a shop to quickly purchase an item (bread or milk, post a letter), as they cannot secure the dog up outside the premises. Maybe a time guideline/restriction could apply especially if visual contact with the dog can be maintained. 7.5 Banning dogs from all Council Facilities could have unintended consequences: less education and socialisation opportunities for puppies/dogs and people. For example very good educational classes for new dog owners and puppies are provided by Clubs using Council Facilities. The Tauranga Dog Training Club provides many such classes at Moreland Fox Park. These are affordable and ensure both puppy/dog and owner develop skills to enable them keep themselves and others safe. The Club provides other opportunities to develop further skills. Other classes run by professional dog trainers use Council owned facilities. Estelle Leyshon (Allsortsdogtrainingnz.com) runs such classes. In particular the classes at Bethlehem Hall are invaluable for educating about the natural abilities of dogs and ways of getting your dog to focus on you, a task or skill. Much broader learning and socialisation happens as part of these courses enhancing the dog/family relationship. Without opportunity to access appropriate Council Facilities in the city the opportunities to learn good skills might be lost. Clarify what facilities will be available for training and classes. 7/8 Dog exercise areas. Dedicated secure off leash areas closer to the city are much needed. Having such areas could lessen some of the pressure of free running dogs on beaches and in other parks. TECT off leash area is great, but it is remote. There is no cell phone coverage and it is often absolutely deserted. It feels risky to go there alone.
249		Tauranga South	I am very happy to support a lot of the changes made in the Dog Management Bylaw and don't have any issue with making safe some of the key public beach areas and also ensuring Mauao is predator free for the stock in this area, but once again those of us who keep there dog in good health, exercise and socialise our dog to be a good citizen of the world are punished for those who don't. I walk my dog (because it's quicker than driving in Tauranga) to the library to take out books for my family, I walk to the supermarket to feed my family with my dog. The changes to the bylaw will now not enable me to do this - I can't park my well looked after socialised dog near this area - I have to park them a distance away that would proof insecure for him. The same to the supermarket. My dog goes to a day care each week where she looks after more than 4 dogs each day - she is very cautious, very aware of the importance on protecting my dog and also ensuring he is not a concern for any members of the public. Its an awesome service that I rely on as now getting around Tauranga is so hard and I'm away from home for longer than ever before. She will have to change the business model which will mean it is no longer a viable business model with not being able to walk four or more dogs at one time.

			If only you focused on the people that throw rubbish all over memorial park each night into the sea alongside the park and destroy these delightful areas rather than banning good law abiding citizens from going about a normal day. Unfortunately TCC is making owning a dog so hard yet it is scientifically proven that having a dog is good for physical and mental health and at a time that these are at its extreme in terms of negative affects on our community we are putting the further road blocks.

Submission by John Cockrem to the Tauranga City Council regarding the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

I do not support the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018.

I wish changes to be made to the proposed Dog Management Policy and to the Dog Management Bylaw 2018. The changes are described in this submission.

1. Background

1.1 Public places in Tauranga city are used by people for a wide variety of recreational activities. These activities include walking, running, cycling, picnicking, children's play, informal sports, formal sports activities, the playing of music, public events, and walking and exercising of dogs. Some of these activities have no impact on other people in a public area, whereas other activities such as the playing of music and the walking and exercise of dogs can have adverse impacts on other people. The City Council has bylaws and policies that control the activities that can be undertaken in public places. Some activities are allowed, some are allowed with restrictions, and some are prohibited, with the particular activities allowed in each public place determined by the Council.

1.2 There are approximately 11,000 registered dog owners in Tauranga city and the population of Tauranga city is approximately 130,000, so registered dog owners make up less than 10% of the population of the city. The walking and exercising of dogs in public areas is thus an activity undertaken by a small minority of the population. This activity can have adverse effects on people and can have adverse effects on wildlife.

2. Birds in Tauranga

2.1 One of the special features of Tauranga city is the Tauranga harbour. The harbour has open water and estuary areas with mudflats that are exposed at low tide, together with significant areas of wetland and marsh along the estuary margins. The harbour and the wetlands and marsh areas within the city are home to many species of birds, including endangered, threatened and at risk species.

The city is the summer home for migratory wading birds that fly very long distances to breed in Alaska and Siberia, and is home for part of the year for birds that breed in the South Island and fly to Tauranga after their breeding seasons. The birds of Tauranga depend on secure areas for feeding and breeding where they are not subject to disturbance from people and dogs.

2.2 Bird species found within Tauranga city in the harbour and in the wetland and marsh areas that adjoin the harbour are listed below according to their conservation status.

Threatened and nationally critical species

Australasian bittern	Grey duck

Threatened and nationally endangered species
Reef heron

Threatened and nationally vulnerable species

Black-billed gull	Banded dotterel
Caspian tern	Wrybill

At risk and declining species

Fernbird	Banded rail
Marsh crake	Spotless crake
Red-billed gull	White-fronted tern
South Island pied oystercatcher	Little penguin
Bar-tailed godwit	

At risk and recovering or naturally uncommon species

New Zealand falcon	New Zealand dotterel
Variable oystercatcher	Pied shag
Little black shag	Black shag

Other bird species

Pied stilt	White-faced heron
Southern black-backed gull	Little shag
Kingfisher	Pukeko
Shoveller	Paradise duck
New Zealand scaup	New Zealand dabchick
Grey teal	Harrier hawk
Shining cuckoo	Spur-winged plover

3. Special Ecological Areas

The Tauranga City Plan designates 12 Special Ecological Areas (Category 1) and 30 Special Ecological Areas (Category 2). Category 1 Special Ecological Areas are "the best-quality or only remaining representative examples of indigenous flora and/or habitat of indigenous fauna within the City".

The City Plan notes: "The City contains a range of natural areas that contain indigenous flora and fauna. These areas have become so depleted that the remaining examples that make up the biodiversity of the City require protection. The extent and variety of these natural areas needs to be protected and their qualities maintained and, where appropriate, enhanced. This is achieved through the identification, protection, and the maintenance and enhancement of Special Ecological Areas".

Special Ecological Areas are crucial areas for a range of endangered and threatened species of birds that are vulnerable to disturbance by dogs.

4. Dog control bylaws and policies

4.1 There are three principles that can underlie dog control bylaws and policies for territorial authorities. These are:

(a) The provision of public places where people can be present and undertake recreational activities in the absence of dogs.

(b) The provision of public areas that can be used as exercise areas for dogs not on leashes.

(c) The protection of wildlife from the adverse effects of the presence of dogs.

4.2 The Dog Control Act 1996

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to have policies regarding dogs. Section 10 of the act specifies requirements that territorial authorities must follow for their dog policies. Section 10 Paragraph 4 states:

In adopting a policy under this section, the territorial authority must have regard to—

(a) the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; and

(b) the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; and

(c) the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and

(d) the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners

5. Proposed Dog Management Policy

5.1 The draft Tauranga dog policy does not balance the needs of the majority of people who are not dog owners with the needs of the minority of people who are dog owners. The draft policy does not comply with section 10 (4) paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Dog Control Act 1996 as it does not refer to the need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community, and does not refer to the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places frequented by children.

Dogs can have adverse effects on people, many dogs are not under effective control when they are not on a leash, and some dog owners do not pick up dog faeces from public places. People, especially children, should be able to go to public parks and know that they will not be subjected to the presence of dogs.

5.2 The first principle of the Dog Management Policy (policy section 4.1)

The first principle of the Dog Management Policy (policy section 4.1) states:

"dogs should be able to be exercised in all public places except where required to protect public safety and wildlife".

This principle should be deleted and replaced with a statement about balancing the needs of the general public and the needs of dog owners, with a note that dogs can be exercised unleashed only in designated dog exercise areas. The Hamilton City Council Dog Control

Policy 2016 and the Palmerston North City Council Dog Control Policy 2018 are good examples of policies that designate off lead dog exercise areas. These examples should be followed for Tauranga City.

5.3 Policy Statement 5.1 Dogs in public places
This statement says: "Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and socialise with other dogs. Therefore, Council does not restrict dogs to dog exercise areas and considers it appropriate that dogs are able to be exercised unleashed in public places so long as when circumstances require, the dog can be leashed". Statement 5.1.1 says "Dogs can be exercised unleashed in public places except in those areas included in Schedule 1 of this policy and the Dog Management Bylaw 2018".

Policy Statement 5.1 and Statement 5.1.1 should be deleted and replaced with a statement about balancing the needs of the general public and the needs of dog owners, with a note that dogs can be exercised unleashed only in designated dog exercise areas. The majority of parks in Tauranga city should be areas where children are not exposed to the risks posed by unleashed dogs. The dog policy should include a list of specified areas where dogs can be exercised off leash.

5.4 Addition of dog prohibited place to schedule one
Add the following location to the list of dog prohibited places in schedule one.
Add "The Matua Estuary - York Park Special Ecological Area."

Explanatory note:
The Matua Estuary - York Park Special Ecological Area (SEA#2) includes all of the Matua Salt Marsh (being that area of land covered by the Matua Salt Marsh Management Plan), together with York Park. The Tauranga City Plan notes "This Special Ecological Area is of high wildlife value. Australasian bittern, banded rail and North Island fernbird have been recorded. It is a large and relatively diverse natural area and is of regional conservation significance". Key issues for the Matua Estuary - York Park SEA identified in a Wildlands Consultants report in 2000 include "Disturbance of wildlife, in particular banded rail and North Island fembird by domestic cats and dogs". The report noted that "Domestic pets are causing disturbances to wildlife". Reference: Wildland Consultants (2000). Indigenous Biodiversity of Tauranga District – State of the Environment Reporting. Wildland Consultants Ltd Contract Report No. 309.

5.5 Addition of dog prohibited place to schedule one
Add the following location to the list of dog prohibited places in schedule one.
Add "Areas within Special Ecological Areas that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

Explanatory note:

Special Ecological Areas are very important areas for endangered and threatened species of birds. Dogs should either be prohibited or required to be on leash in all Special Ecological Areas within Tauranga City.

5.6 Addition of dog prohibited place to schedule one
Add the following location to the list of dog prohibited places in schedule one.
Add "Areas within Gordon Carmichael Reserve that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

Explanatory note:
The Gordon Carmichael Reserve has special wildlife value and is the home of for endangered, threatened and at risk species of birds including the Australasian bittern, banded rail, fernbird and grey duck. Dogs should be prohibited from areas of this reserve that are of particular importance for birds.

5.7 Addition of area where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one
Add the following to the list of areas where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one.
Add "All areas of Special Ecological Areas that are not designated to be areas where dogs are prohibited."

Explanatory note:
Special Ecological Areas are very important areas for endangered and threatened species of birds. Dogs should either be prohibited or required to be on leash in all Special Ecological Areas within Tauranga City.

5.8 Addition of area where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one
Add the following to the list of areas where dogs are required to be on leash in schedule one.
Add "All areas of Gordon Carmichael Reserve that are not designated to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

Explanatory note:
The Gordon Carmichael Reserve has special wildlife value and is the home of for endangered, threatened and at risk species of birds. Dogs should be required to be on leash in all areas of this reserve where dogs are not prohibited.

5.9 Addition of dog exercise areas to schedule one
Add a list of specified dog exercise areas to schedule one of the dog policy.

6. Proposed Dog Management Bylaw 2018
6.1 Add new clause to section 6 Leash control
Add a new clause (6.6) that states:
"Council may create dog leash control areas to protect threatened or “at risk” wildlife or special ecological areas vulnerable to dogs."

6.2 Add a dog prohibited area to section 7.1 as follows:
"The Matua Estuary - York Park Special Ecological Area. This area includes the Matua Salt Marsh (being that area of land covered by the Matua Salt Marsh Management Plan) and York Park."

6.3 Add a dog prohibited area to section 7.1 as follows:
"Areas within Special Ecological Areas that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

6.4 Add a dog prohibited area to section 7.1 as follows:
"Areas within Gordon Carmichael Reserve that are determined by Council to be areas where dogs are to be prohibited."

6.5 Add new clause to section 7 Dog prohibited areas
Add a new clause that states:
"Council may create dog prohibited areas to protect threatened or “at risk” wildlife or special ecological areas vulnerable to dogs."

7. Examples of dog control policies of other city councils
Some examples of the purpose and objectives of dog control policies of other city councils in New Zealand are given below. These examples should be used as a guide for a revised Tauranga dog policy.

5.4 Palmerston North City Council Dog Control Policy 2018
OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the Policy are guided by Section 10 of the Dog Control Act and seek to:
(a) Minimise danger, distress and nuisance dogs may cause to the community generally;
(b) Avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children or other vulnerable members of the community, whether or not children might be accompanied by adults;
(c) Enable, as far as practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;
(d) Provide for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
(e) Ensure dogs within the city boundary are registered and micro-chipped.
(f) Encourage responsible dog ownership so that owners take all reasonable steps to ensure that their dogs do not cause a nuisance to other people or other animals.

5.5 Wellington City Council Dog Policy 2016
Purpose
- To ensure that the owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Act, that dogs are well cared for and Wellingtonians are able to enjoy dog ownership.
- To prevent any potential danger caused by dogs to the public, wildlife and natural habitats.

• To minimise the risk of distress and nuisance caused by dogs to the public, wildlife and natural habitats.
• To actively promote the responsible ownership of dogs.
• To provide for the reasonable exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

5.6 Dunedin City Council Dog Control Policy 2016
The Council's principal objectives are to:
(a) have all dogs registered and micro-chipped;
(b) minimise danger, distress and nuisance caused by dogs;
(c) minimise the risk of dog attacks;
(d) minimise the fear of dogs attacking or intimidating people;
(e) avoid danger from uncontrolled dogs entering children's play areas;
(f) ensure the protection of public health and safety in areas used by the general public;
(g) provide for exercise and recreational needs of dogs;
(h) provide for service users to meet the costs of services;
(i) ensure the protection of native wildlife in reserves and beaches (e.g. fur seals, sea lions, penguins and wading birds) by minimising the risk of dog attacks

5.7 Hamilton City Council Dog Control Policy 2016
1. The purpose of this Policy is to state how Council will fulfil its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Dog Control Bylaw 2015.
2. This Policy has been adopted pursuant to the functions, duties and powers conferred on Hamilton City Council ('Council') by the Dog Control Act 1996 (www.legislation.govt.nz) and takes into account:
a. the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; and
b. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; and
c. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and
d. the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

251	[redacted]	Katikati	The majority of changes I support, particularly those pertaining to the number of dogs that can be walked on/off lead. More than two off the lead in any situation I believe is unsafe while 4 on a lead would not be safe for me if they were large dogs - I assume this is covered by the 'under effective control' sentence. Clause 7.2 of the bylaw states that dogs on a lead can transit through areas identified in 7.1 (ii) and (iii). Why does this not include 7.1(i) so that dogs can be walked on the pavement on the beach side of the road in transit through the area? I believe that this would be fair so long as they are not let off the lead and are not remaining there but only walking through.
252		Mount Maunganui	Prohibited locations, why do we need to extend these? a also do not see the need to stop dogs on the boardwalk along the main beach through pilot bay, I understand the beach's being prohibited but not the walkway. I think any rule which begins with approximately is bound to be ignored and fail. (7.4) Unattended dogs, where secured I'm not sure the reason behind this as a dog in the way while tied to something is not "secured" maybe you need to look at the definition of secured to include not causing a nuisance or trip hazard to the public rather than banning it all together. This is just going to be ignored as it limits the was in which dogs can be included into residence lives. (8) why is this being removed? There seems to be no valid reason (10.3 - 10.4) -again why there seems little sense to this lets put more definitions around control rather implementing these limits where 1 dog poorly controlled is much worse that 5 dogs well controlled.
253		Papamoa	I don't support the changes.
254		Papamoa	I don't support the changes. Dogs shouldn't only be allowed on the patrolled beaches - all other beaches dogs should be able to run free.
255		Papamoa	I don't support the changes.
256		Papamoa	I don't support the changes
257		Mt Maunganui	Hullo, I have 2 small dogs which I walk every day on the beach from Leisure Island to Tay st. I see in the proposed changes that dogs are no longer allowed on the beach from Leisure Island south for 255M. As I often have a child in a pushchair with me I need to access the beach by the cenotaph walkway as other accesses are not pushchair friendly and it is also much further to go. I live at 15 The Mall.. My dogs never go near Leisure Island and I have never seen other dogs doing that either. If necessary I could keep the dogs on a leash until past the large rock. Thank you Robyn Knight
258		Mount Maunganui	Hi, I would like to respond to the proposed changes to the Dog Management Bylaw. 7.4 No dog shall be left unattended whether secured or not. I often walk to my local shops with my dog, which I tie up on a short lead while I am in the shop. We are encouraged to walk rather than use the car, my dog and I get exercise and training opportunities, the dog is not left home alone. I feel that this proposed item is detrimental to the majority of Tauranga dog owners. 7.5. Dogs are prohibited from Community Centres and indoo sports facilities. I attend dog training classes at the Bethlehem Hall with Allsorts Dog Training. An indoor area is needed so that training can be done in all weather. Removing this opportunity goes against the council ideals of encouraging owners to participate in dog training.
259		Papamoa	I do not support all the proposed changes. I am concerned that the changes are unfairly biased towards the control of dogs in public places instead of supporting responsible dog owners and ensuring they are able to enjoy their dogs' company whilst also enriching their dogs' lives with exercise and companionship. I am concerned that the legislation is being put in place without the intention or resources to enforce it. I'm concerned that areas of the Dog Management Policy and the Dog Management Bylaw 2018 overlap and also extend past their respective scopes instead of the Bylaw enabling enforcement of the Policy. I recently moved to Papamoa. One of the main considerations in choosing this location was Tauranga's apparent welcoming attitude to dogs and the accessibility of beaches and reserves for off-leash dog exercise. The proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw leave me feeling unfairly restricted an unable to enjoy family life with my dog. The Policy and Bylaw have very little focus on the health, and well-being of the dogs themselves. The documents appear to be applying blanket, highly-restrictive rules instead of specifically addressing the undesirable behaviours of some dogs and owners without taking into account the unique

			demographic of Tauranga or the environment and lifestyle Tauranga residents enjoy. As house section sizes in new suburbs (especially Papamoa) have decreased markedly rendering many of an inappropriate size for accommodating dogs, easy access to varied recreational areas is essential for dogs and their owners, and more important now than ever before for those considering adding a dog to their family. I feel the focus should be on education and communication rather than legislation. Where legislation is put in place, I want Council to actively enforce it. Council need to support responsible dog owners and the health and well-being of dogs. Council should better represent the interests of its dog-owning residents and encourage (by way of signage, facilities and policy) the responsible utilisation of Tauranga's beaches, parks and walkways. As a responsible dog owner, I am frustrated by the utterly inconsiderate and reprehensible behaviour of a small proportion of dog owners who fail to pick up their dog's poo. Obviously, enforcement of the current legislation is not happening and the Bylaw itself is not enough to stop that behaviour from occurring. Could the Policy include an undertaking to place rubbish bins at appropriate intervals along walkways and beach access points to encourage appropriate disposal of dog poo? Providing dog drinking water stations at some beach access points would also be highly beneficial to dogs' health and well-being. Dogs are social animals. They are considered family members and need to be included in family activities. In my situation, that means trips to the beach and playgrounds. The 10 metre dog exclusion zone around playgrounds is too large. In my area, all rubbish bins, bench seats and picnic tables are within that 10 metre zone. There are no hitching posts provided. What this means is that I am unable to sit down on a seat or have a picnic, I am unable to secure my dog, and I am unable to assist my child on the playground because I'm holding the lead. If I ask my dog to 'stay' outside that 10 metre zone so I can play with my child on the playground, I feel that I am too far away from my dog to be able to actively supervise her and keep her safe. I think a 2 metre exclusion zone around playgrounds would be ample as this would enable me to be close to my dog and my child, and be close-to-hand to manage the interactions between my dog and small children when they invariably approach her for a pat. I think the Policy should focus on preventing owners from letting their dogs toilet around playgrounds and exercise equipment, instead of a 10 metre exclusion zone. At the beach, I would like my dog to be able to swim without having to be attached to a 2-metre lead. I agree, that during busy periods, uncontrolled dogs can be a nuisance at the beach but I think the on-lead zone from Motiti Road to Kawera Parade is too long. That leaves no off-lead beach access point available to dog owners in Papamoa. If dog owners were to drive to the very last (southern-most) beach access point, there is no rubbish bin and no appropriate car parking. I live in a property next to a small, narrow reserve with exercise equipment. The equipment is placed at intervals along the length of the reserve on alternating sides. Some of the equipment is closer than 10 metres to my fence. There are more dog-owners backing onto the reserve than there are non-dog owners. The reserve is popular with dog owners from the surrounding streets. The exercise equipment is seldom used (other than by young children who use it to climb on). The 10 metre restriction means we and our neighbours are unable to exercise our dogs in the reserve. As mentioned above, due to the size of our sections, being able to exercise our dogs in this reserve space is essential for their health and well-being. As an active person (as most dog owners are, or soon become), if I am likely to use any public exercise equipment, I am highly likely to take my dog with me. The 10 metre restriction again means that I have nowhere to secure my dog and my dog is further away from me than I am comfortable with whilst I am exercising. As a responsible dog owner, I would much prefer my dog to be within 2 metres of me while I am using the exercise equipment. Implementing a large dog-exclusion zone also unnecessarily increases the level of expertise and training required to control a dog at that distance (as there are no appropriate alternative hitching posts), and the dog is at greater risk of unwanted approaches from other reserve users. I disagree with the proposal to include public exercise equipment in the 10 metre dog-exclusion zone. In the Bylaw, part 6.1, I am concerned with the use of the term 'Owner' in regards to leashing of the dog. The dog Owner might not be the authorised responsible person walking the dog. I am concerned the proposed wording would have the unintended consequence that any person other than the dog owner would not be permitted to walk the dog. I disagree with the requirement of 6.2 for a dog to have to be physically restrained by a leash. Surely "effective control" would be sufficient. This would enable dog owners to ride bicycles on the road beside their dogs. Requiring a dog to be leashed in this manner would be highly dangerous for the rider and dog. I disagree with 6.3 iii due to the size of the zone and that it leaves no alternative off-lead beach access for Papamoa dog owners, no appropriate carpark facilities and no rubbish bins. I disagree with 7.3 due to the proposed requirement for a transiting dog to have to remain on the footpath as a responsible dog owner may deem it more appropriate to divert from the path to avoid an unwanted encounter or situation. I would want the bylaw to address the unwanted behaviour rather than defining the path a dog must walk.

			I disagree with 7.4 proposing dogs not be left unattended in a public place. This would have enormous and far-reaching consequences for the ordinary responsible dog owner who pops down to the shops for a paper, a coffee or an ice-cream. Responsible dog owners will secure their dog out of the way, keeping in mind the safety and comfort of their dog and the public, and ensure they return within a reasonable time. The broad wording of this paragraph does not specify the undesired behaviours the Council is wanted to address nor does it balance the needs of the dog/dog owner and the public. For busy families, it means the twice-a-day dog walk to school and back can no longer occur. The proposed change to the Bylaw appears to be addressing an issue that doesn't exist. There are a large number of people in my community who safely hitch their dogs to an out-of-the-way barrier while they drop-off or collect their children from school. This change would mean dogs could no longer participate in these daily family rituals and it would be much harder for the families to incorporate the dogs' need for exercise and social interaction into the day. Of all the proposed changes, this one is the one which I feel has the most detrimental impact on dogs, their owners, and their quiet enjoyment of life in Tauranga. I am concerned and disagree wholeheartedly with the removal of 8.1 being the ability to exercise dogs off-leash in public places including parks and reserves. I disagree with the specification that a leash must be no longer than 2 metres in length. This makes it impossible to undertake long-lead recall training with a pup or keep a dog under leash-control when swimming. A longer leash allows an owner to keep good control of their dog while also allowing the dog to enjoy a walk and the smells they encounter along the way. I would like the Policy to include the requirement for Council to publish [online?] a helpful handbook [or app?] for Tauranga residents and visiting dog-owners specifying dog-friendly facilities, publicising a dog-friendly policy, and advertising the code of conduct for dog owners. It would also be great for the Policy to require Council to publish exactly what happens when a wandering dog is found. There should be support and encouragement to contact Council with a tag number, and the Council should be proactive in contacting the dog owner (this does not happen now). This approach would remove barriers to people contacting Council about wandering dogs for fear of the animals being impounded in inhumane conditions and the owner incurring a large fine. Policy should focus on the positive aspects of dog control such as ensuring dogs are secure and safe with appropriate fencing and shelter at home. [Dog lovers will actively avoid calling Dog Control if they have found a wandering dog. Unfortunately, this does not encourage dog owners to ensure their fencing is adequate or that dogs are securely housed – the focus is instead on avoiding getting Council involved and thereby avoiding fines. This also fails to decrease the risk to the public, property and pets from wandering dangerous dogs]. The Policy should include protection for dogs from being left in hot cars, being left chained up instead of fenced in, and include provision for dog drinking water stations, hitching posts and additional rubbish bins around the city, beaches and popular reserves. I am more than happy to be contacted about my submission, but due to intense shyness, I do not wish to speak at the Council hearing.
260	[redacted]	Papamoa	I support all of the changes to the bylaw in relation to dogs in public places for the benefit of both the dog owners and the general public, particularly in regards to safety. Mount Maunganui Dog Prohibited Area - for the protection of the wildlife and need to recognise these areas of cultural significance, I feel it is important to clarify exactly what areas can and cannot be used by dogs. Extension of the Mount Maunganui Main Beach - this extension will give much greater clarity to dog owners and other beach goers as to where they can expect and not expect to have dogs in the vicinity. It is important to protect Moturiki and by making the prohibited area extend further than Moturiki it then becomes clear this is an area that is not available for dogs. On leash area between Motiti and Karewa Parade - I fully support this as this area is getting particularly busy and it is not fair to have dogs running around off leash in such a busy area with lots of families/people. It is not fair on the dog, as they don't know how people will react to them and it's also not fair to the people for the same reason. With the introduction of Surf Life Saving patrolling this area and the increase in people, then it will align better for people's enjoyment of our great coastline. I am mindful though that we still need to allow dogs to be able to transition through the area but being clear they need to be on a leash. I am presuming that the restriction would only be in place between the 15 Dec to 15 Feb and between 10am and 5pm which are the particularly busy periods for the area. Summer period dates - I fully support this as this incorporates the main summer period including the school holidays and then extends over Waitangi Day too. The hours are great as this is the time that it is too hot to be taking your dog out for a walk, so common sense should (but unfortunately doesn't) dictate that dogs should be relaxing in the shade at home during these hours.

	[redacted]		Dogs being left in public places - I support this but I feel this will be particularly difficult to police and so many people will not abide by this (if it's gets incorporated into the bylaw). Perhaps Council needs to work with business owners to review and provide areas that dogs can be tied to and left whilst people leave them for short periods e.g. like to shelters at Bayfair which are in a quiet area, have shade and water. Dogs prohibited from TCC indoor facilities e.g. libraries - again I support this (to me this is common sense but not to everyone) however I do recommend the wording is changed so that assistance dogs are permitted into these places so that everyone is welcome to use these facilities. Two dogs off leash - I fully support this as I believe that when you have two dogs off the leash in public this is difficult enough to manage and keep control of both dogs/what is happening around them. If you are dealing with one dog, then you lose track of the other one easily, so two dogs should be the limit to ensure the safety of the dog/owner/public. I do not believe that people should be exercising more than 2 days each off the leash for the reasons listed above. Four dogs on leash - Whilst I support having a limit on this, I feel that even 4 dogs can be problematic dependent on where and what time of day you are walking the dogs. On most streets 4 dogs and a person, would totally take over the footpath and force either themselves or other members of the public onto the road when needing to overtake/walk past which is a safety concern. I appreciate there needs to be a 'magic number' so 4 would still allow the professional dog walkers etc to carry out their jobs and is perhaps the best compromise that can be reached.
261		Papamoa	Section 7.2 and 7.3 of the Bylaw in regards to dogs transiting through these areas (Omanu and Papamoa, and playgrounds) so long as the dog is controlled on a leash and does not cause a nuisance or danger to any person or animal is a sensible and practical solution. Section 7.4 of the Bylaw which proposes that no dogs are to be left unattended in a public place, whether secured or not is problematic. This is not practical when considering animal welfare aspects, particularly during the summer months. It is unsafe to leave a dog in a car, even for just a few minutes "when popping in to get some milk' so not being able to tie the dog up outside is impractical. The same for walking or exercising your dog and no being able to pop in to grab a drink etc. In addition, who is responsible for providing a space that is separate from the public where you can tie your dog up? That is an additional unjustified cost on shop owners.
262		Papamoa	I support most of the changes, but I often walk with my dogs to the local dairy and leave them tied up outside while I make my purchases. I never leave them for more than 5 minutes, usually less, and have had no complaints. Many dog owners do the same and some shops and centres have special hitches for dog leads. This is one change I do not support.

Submission no. 263

17th September 2018

#5265

To:- Tauranga City Council (also Mayor & B Lincoln)

Subject:- Dog Management Bylaw Submission

From:- [redacted]

To whom it may concern

As a visitor (and past resident) in your area I would like to express total concern at the number of uncontrolled dogs I have seen especially in some reserves and at the beach.

When I presented at the RSA ANZAC Day service in 2017 I noticed, in the time that I was staying in the area, a number of dogs in the 'No Dogs' signage area @ Mount Maunganui (refer photos with my submissions). Council needs to make sure that people are abiding by the rules with their dogs, and dog owners need to be considerate of others. I attach some letters from Parliament regarding dog control concerns and safety. There are many dog attacks/dog bite injuries (see ACC table) in New Zealand and dog owners need to be more responsible and Councils need to be fair to non dog owners who may not want a dog near them in a public place. (Their right!)

- All reserves should be Dogs on leash areas
- The area around the Mt War memorial should be No Dogs & on beach below this area.
- Areas around surf clubs should be No Dogs areas.
- Have designated dog exercise areas
- Better signage @ reserves

Regards [redacted]



Submission no. 263

#5265

Table 1: Count of claims relating to dog bites broken down by injury scene from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017.

	Count of claims				
Scene	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**
Commercial / Service Location	467	506	511	538	576
Farm	228	218	212	198	186
Home	7,980	7,933	8,266	8,644	9,208
Industrial Place	102	86	94	114	113
Not Obtainable	33	41	36	37	70
Other	1,778	1,671	1,834	1,888	1,861
Place of Medical Treatment	19	14	21	19	20
Place of Recreation or Sports	856	831	939	950	1,010
Road or Street	1,424	1,453	1,416	1,526	1,626
School	38	41	48	35	49
Grand total	**12,925**	**12,794**	**13,377**	**13,949**	**14,719**

** } Public places.

Notes

The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:

The claim date is between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2017.

The claim cover decision is equal to 'Accepted', 'Interim Accept', 'Pending Accept'.

The dog bite indicator is equal to 'Yes'.

A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.

Data were extracted on the 19 March 2018 and may differ if a re-run at a later date.

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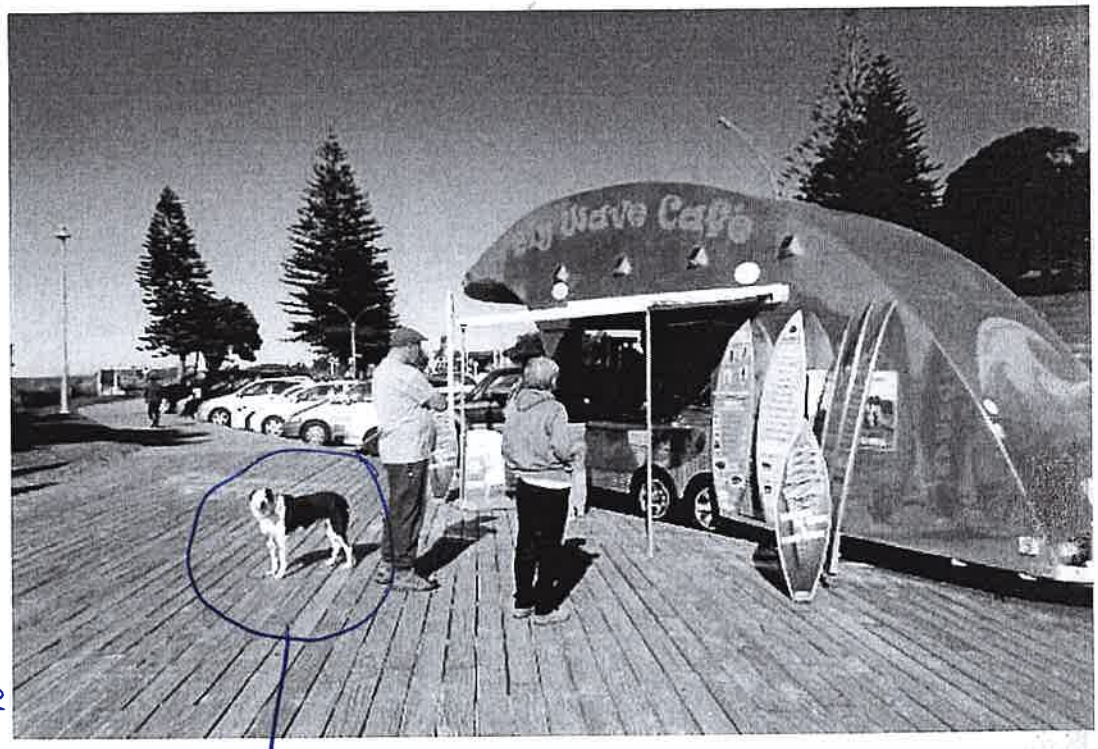
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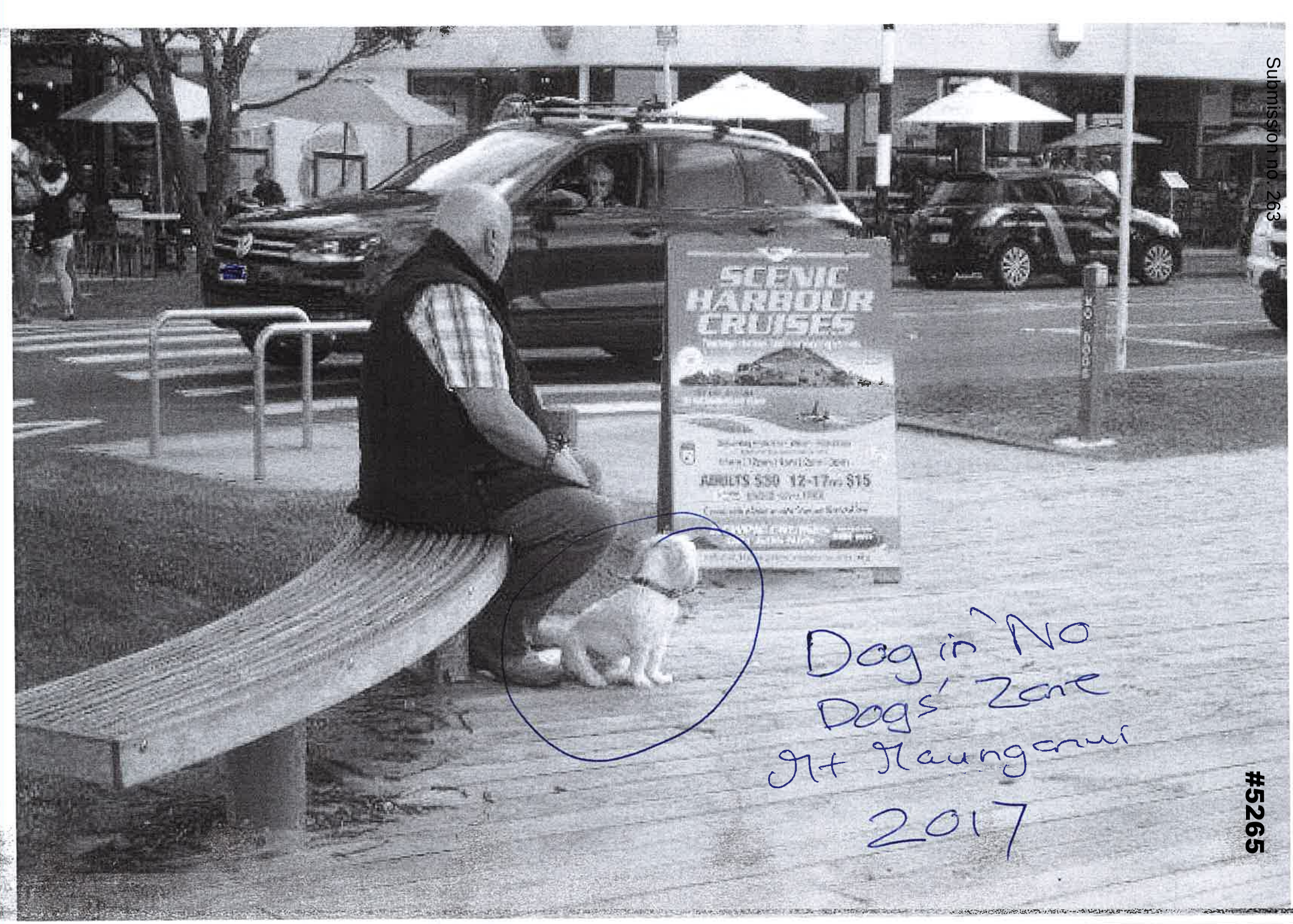


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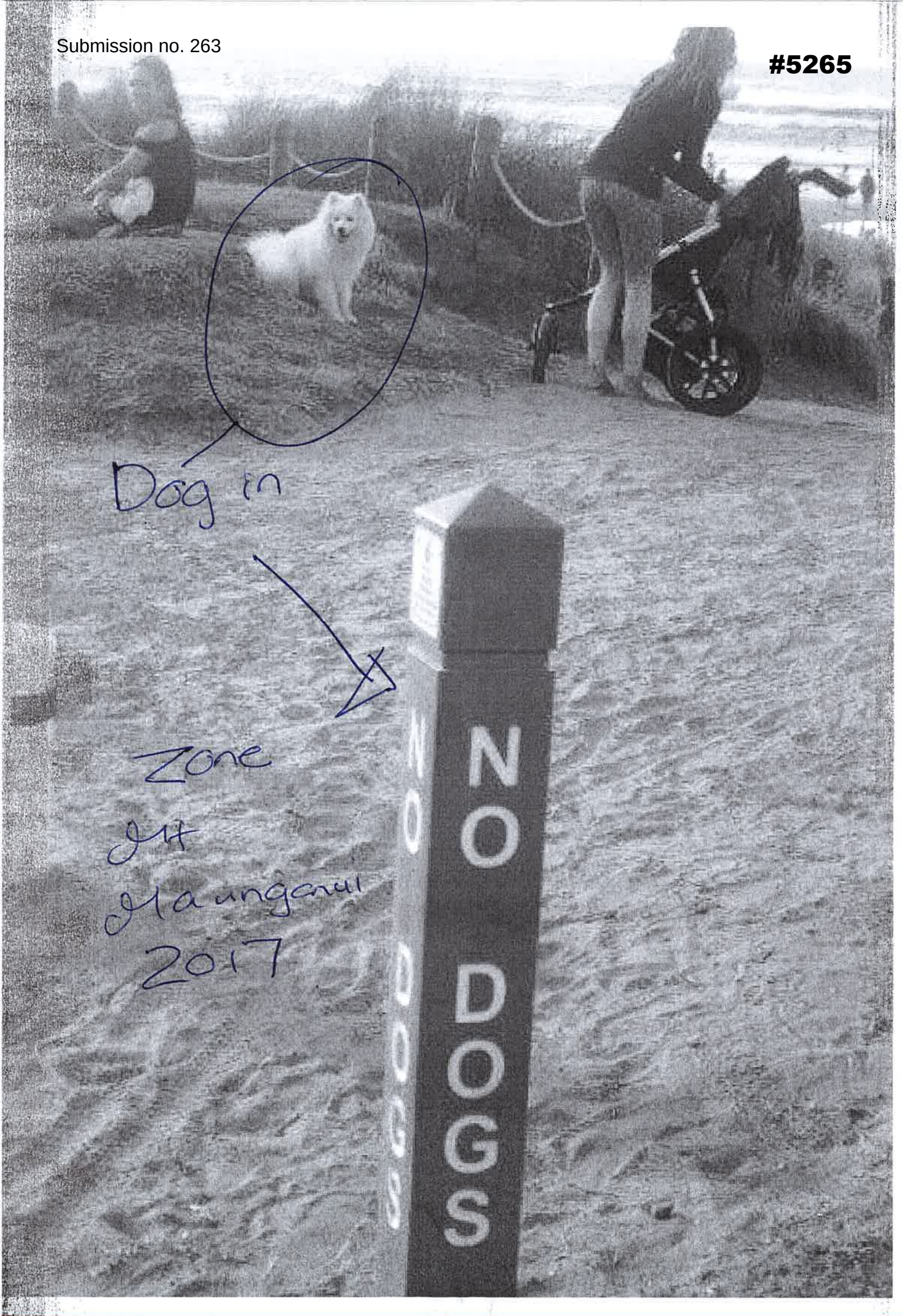


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Associate Minister for Crown/Māori Relations
Associate Minister of Forestry
Associate Minister of Local Government

22 AUG 2018

[redacted]

Tēnā koe Ms [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2018 about your submission to Parliament on dog control.

I acknowledge that this is a topic that you are passionate about, and I applaud you for expressing your views, both to Parliament and to the [redacted] (the Council). You have covered a range of other issues in your email, including your submission to Parliament and your advocacy work on reducing dog attacks in New Zealand. As you stated in your submission, an important aspect of dog safety is education.

I note your use of the information the Department of Internal Affairs provides about dog behaviour and safety around dogs at www.dogsafety.govt.nz. The Department also distributes a resource kit for schools called "The Dog Box". This kit contains a DVD, a set of teachers' notes, a board game, stickers and a take-home information sheet about staying safe around dogs.

As I have stated previously, dog control is a complex issue, which requires balancing the rights and responsibilities of dog owners with the public's right to safety. Councils already have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibilities.

Thank you again for writing.

Heoi anō

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14 FEB 2018

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Tēnā koe Ms [redacted]

Thank you for your emails about matters to do with dog control. I read the materials you provided with great interest, and note that you have suffered from the effects of a dog attack. I hope you have made a full recovery. Also, congratulations on your success at the World Masters Games 2017.

Dog control is a complex issue, which requires balancing the rights and responsibilities of dog owners with the public's right to safety. Councils already have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibilities: owners can be fined or prosecuted if their dogs are not adequately controlled or if their dog attacks a person, animal or protected wildlife.

In my view, good law is only one of several things needed to improve safety around dogs. Other vital aspects are consistent enforcement of the law, good public understanding of the issues and responsible dog ownership. I am currently looking into ways to improve public safety around dogs and intend to pursue a strategy for dog control that will emphasise responsible dog ownership and the sharing of best practices between local authorities.

Thank you again for writing.

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Office of Hon Jacqui Dean

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Associate Minister for ACC
Associate Minister of Local Government

15 SEP 2017

[redacted]

Dear Wendy

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2017 about dogs in public places. I appreciate your concern for people who are injured or threatened by dogs not being under adequate control.

I have read the supporting material you provided, including the good examples of dog control signage, information about others' experiences, and your submission on the [redacted].

The Government intends to work with local government to review and improve guidance for councils on good practice in dog control. I expect the improved guidance will include up-to-date information for councils and animal control officers about the use of the enforcement tools councils have available to them to enhance public safety around dogs.

Thank you again for writing.

Kind regards

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Office of Hon Louise Upston

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Minister for Women

Associate Minister of Local Government
Associate Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment

10 AUG 2016

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2016 and attached photos about your volunteer work in the areas of dog safety and dog control.

I appreciate your initiative in increasing public knowledge of dog safety and improving signage for dog control in reserves. Prevention is often one of the best ways to prevent injuries and your work in dog safety education will be helping many to understand the importance of dog safety.

Like you, I am very concerned about the risk of serious dog attacks and the number of dog attacks occurring in New Zealand. I am currently seeking feedback from New Zealanders about their thoughts on dog control. The feedback received will be considered as part of the Government's review of dog control laws. Feedback is sought online at www.govt.nz/reducing-dog-attacks and will be open from 1-12 August 2016. It is clear that dog control is an issue you are passionate about and have been thinking about for a long time. I would greatly value your input, and the input of others you may know, to inform the review of dog control laws.

I have been meeting with members of the public, animal control officers, government agencies and my Ministerial colleagues to hear their ideas on how to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks in New Zealand. I have also asked officials from the Department of Internal Affairs to collate data on dog attacks and injury rates, and to consider suggestions about changes to our dog control laws that could reduce the incidence of severe dog attacks.

Sincerely

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www.dogsafety.govt.nz
All about safety with dogs.



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Legal Responsibilities

Your main legal responsibilities as a dog owner are set down in

- the Dog Control Act 1996 and its amendments
- city and district council dog control policy and bylaws.



The Dog Control Act 1996

As a dog owner you have to

- register your dog with your local council before it is three months old (or when you get it)
- renew the registration for your dog each year before 1 July
- notify the council if you change your address, your dog dies or has a new owner
- microchip your dog when it is registered for the first time or if it has been classified as dangerous or menacing
- make sure your dog does not scare or injure any one or any other animal and is kept under control at all times
- care for your dog – exercise it and provide sufficient food, water and shelter

You must also take all reasonable steps to ensure that your dog does not

- cause any nuisance to any other person for example by constantly barking, howling or roaming
- injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife
- damage or endanger any property belonging to any other person.

The Dog Control Act prohibits the importation into New Zealand of American Pit Bull Terrier type dogs, and Dogo Argentino, Brazilian Fila, Japanese Tosa breeds.

The Act also lays out the powers and responsibilities of city and district councils.

City and district council policy and bylaws

Councils can make policy and bylaws which could include

- setting registration fees and requirements
- prohibiting dogs from specified public places
- requiring dogs to be leashed in specified public places
- designating areas where dogs can be exercised off a leash but must be under voice or hand control
- limiting the number of dogs that may be kept on any land or premises.

Menacing dogs

Councils **can** classify a dog as menacing if it considers that it poses a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of

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- any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
- any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

Councils **must** classify a dog as menacing if it belongs wholly or predominately to the type or breed of dog banned from importation into New Zealand - American Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Brazilian Fila, Japanese Tosa.

Menacing dogs must be muzzled when in public places and may be required by the council to be neutered.

Dangerous dogs

Councils **can** classify a dog as dangerous if

- the owner is convicted of an offence where their dog has rushed at someone and caused harm or damage
- on the basis of sworn evidence, the dog is believed to be a threat to public safety
- the owner has admitted in writing that the dog is a threat to public safety.

Councils **must** classify a dog as dangerous if the owner has been convicted of an offence relating to harm or damage and no destruction order has been made.

Dangerous dogs are required to be kept within a fully fenced area, neutered and muzzled and kept on a leash in public places.

Classifying Owners

Councils can disqualify someone from owning a dog or declare them to be a probationary owner if they incur more than three infringement offences within two years or are convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act, Parts 1 and 2 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, section 26ZZP of the Conservation Act 1987, or section 56I of the National Parks Act 1980.

As well as having a policy and making local bylaws, your local council provides or arranges local dog control services including dog registration, dog complaint handling, education and information about dog control and safety around dogs, pick up, impounding, rehoming or destruction of stray or seized dogs.

For more detailed information about your responsibilities and rights as a dog owner in your area, you should check your local council's bylaws and dog control information. See Your Council.

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LOCATION: Southland

♥WIN a Lead for your lovely dog

REPORT AD










Hi
It is great to have your dog under control and on a lead for safety reasons. There are bylaws which require you to have your dog on a lead and signage (see examples) throughout NZ. (There is also the Dog Control Act 1996 `Obligations of Dog Owners` educational info available online).
With this in mind I am giving away my 6th lead. The last lead went to a SPCA who were grateful for it. The main photo features me with the dog who received the donated lead.
I have also included other information including a letter from the Minister of Local Government and some petitions with regard to creating a safer New Zealand and better dog control.
There are also ACC dog bite injury statistics. In 2017 there were 14,719 dog bite injury claims made Nationally.
If you would like to be in to win a lead for your dog please email me why, through the below link, by 30th November 2018
Wendy Joy Baker - Caring Advocate for Safer/Better dog control in NZ

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Plea to respect dog rules

By MELANIE CAMOIN
news@waihileader.co.nz

Waihi Beach residents are delivering the message to dog owners: Control your pet in public places.

Dogs are prohibited in the scenic reserve of Orokawa and Homunga Bay, a DOC sign at the north end of the beach says.

The sign was installed last September but locals say many disregard it.

Waihi Beach resident Ian Robinson says seeing dogs in the scenic reserve is no surprise to him.

"In the [Orokawa] Reserve they are in there all the time. I have not been there very often lately but I remember that it is not unusual to see a dog around the corner, 20m ahead of the owners.

"It is a walkway for the public, not for dogs. Why do I have to put up with dogs?" he says.

The DOC sign was installed after former resident Wendy Baker pointed out the issue to the Department of Conservation.

"Orokawa Reserve is a no-dog zone by law," she says.

There were 8720 dogs registered in the whole Western Bay district between June 30 2016-17, and 170 classified as menacing — breeds and behaviours.

Twenty-two attacks on people were reported districtwide in 2016-17.

Wendy, who is a keen runner, was attacked by a loose dog while exercising in a reserve a few years back.

She has started a battle to educate dog owners.

"I encourage owners to be more responsible and considerate by running their dogs in the allocated areas and keeping them under control, on the leash."

In 10 years, the number of ACC claims on dog-related injuries in recreational and sports places has nearly doubled nationwide, from 533 in 2007 to 949 in 2016.

But most injuries are "minor requiring only a visit to the GP," an ACC spokeperson says.

"The most common injuries are lacerations and soft tissue injuries."

Wendy feels the Western Bay of Plenty District Council is too complacent with the four-legged friends.

"I feel they favour dog owners but dogs are not humans. The council needs to be more proactive on this, especially in Waihi Beach when you have 10,000 people and children coming for the summer," she says.



Wendy Baker is leading a battle on dog control. She pushed to have this sign installed at Waihi's Gilmour Lake reserve.

The council reviewed its 2011 Dog Control Bylaw and Policy tightening the rules for dog owners, two years ago.

Dogs must be kept on leash in the Waihi Beach village (Wilson Rd) and in the Island View reserve between October and March due to birds nesting.

They are prohibited along the whole beach in summer between 9am to 7pm, from the third Wednesday of December to February 7 included.

Dogs are also banned from all the scenic reserves and playgrounds.

Council has allocated a year-round dog exercise area in town, between Albacore Ave and Plom Rd (stretch of beach between Waihi Beach and Bowentown).

Ian knows dog control is an emotional topic to owners but asks them to respect the rules.

"Nearly every morning, I see dogs on the loose . . . It does not matter where you go at Waihi Beach. I see them running around, pooping here or there and they [owners] take no notice."

Fines up to $20,000 and infringement notices of $300 can be issued for breaching the bylaw and policy in Western Bay.



The DOC sign at Orokawa scenic reserve prohibiting dogs from the walkway.

PHOTOS / SUPPLIED.

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Bay of Plenty Sexual Assault Support Group	0800 227 233
Victims Info Line/Court Services	0800 842 846
Lifeline	0800 543 354
Barnardos Parent Helpline	0800 4727 368
Youthline	0800 376 633
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Educational Poem

Awareness & Caring

There are some people who are allergic to dogs. so ...please accept that not everyone is going to like your poochy pet.

There are some elderly people who are frail... so ...please care because they may not want your energetic dog near

There are some people who ...enjoy NZ wildlife ... like Kiwi so please understand that your dog may not be allowed on some Conservation land





There are some people who train for sports events... so please reflect on the fact... that they don't want a dog in their personal space ... therefore respect

There are All people who have the right to feel safe in a community ... So Care and control your dog .. on a lead ... Please be more responsible and .. aware



Thank You.

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Poem by [redacted] Advocate for Better Dog Control in NZ

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Proposed changes to Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

Submission form



We're proposing to make some changes to our Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018 to help ensure the recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners are met while minimising any danger, distress or nuisance from dogs. This is a formal consultation, and it's the last opportunity to have your say before we make these changes law.

Tell us if you think we got this right at **www.tauranga.govt.nz/dogs** or by using this form.

Name* [redacted]

[redacted]

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Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission (1 October)? ✓ **Yes** ☐ **No**

We will contact you by phone to arrange a speaking time. Each speaker is allocated 10 minutes.

Please send us your feedback by 5pm on Monday, 17 September 2018.

Post to (no stamp required): Freepost Authority Number 370
Dog management bylaw & policy consultation
Tauranga City Council
Private Bag 12022
Tauranga 3143

Your feedback

Read the draft amended policy, draft amended bylaw and supporting information, and tell us if you support the proposed changes, if you don't, and/or if you have any other changes you want us to consider.

I am providing feedback on: (please tick)

- ☐ Dog Management Policy
- ☐ Dog Management Bylaw 2018
- ✓ Both documents

refer attached sheets (5 pages)



Written Submission
on the Proposed Changes to the
Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

Until recently I was never a dog owner, always a cat person. I wouldn't have heard of these proposed changes, cared, expected or understood any fuss associated with them...

Except I am a dog owner now! Our family shares our home with Jake!

Dog's are valued family members!

- Jake is DEFINITLY & UNCONDITIONALLY a member of the family & is also a rate payer by his annual registration fees. Dog's owners definitely are.

  Where Jake goes we go, a restriction placed on him is a restriction on the family as a whole

Many dog owners now have their dogs as substitute children or at least till they're older and can afford to have actual children The Tauranga City area is a very expensive place to raise a family. These dogs are their family unit. Not just dogs, pets, friends but family - just like our Jake is!

The 'Me' four years ago wouldn't react to these rules like I am now now, as I'm sure non dog owners on the review panel don't either. I didn't get it but now I do.

I've discovered that the dog owning community is very large, dedicated & passionate about their canine family members - A community that our family is much a part of now!

- ***Of all the submissions I've made to Council over the years, this is one that I feel most strongly about & has my voting pen hovering over the introduction of the proposed changes in their present form.***

- ***Jake isn't even allowed in Council Chambers to be a part of the process affecting him, yet he's a fully paid up animal citizen of Tauranga City & surrounds.***

We respect that not everybody likes dogs but just want to be able to co exist on an equal basis with the rest of the community. We don't want to impinge or detract on anyone else's enjoyment of life but don't want the reverse to happen either.

I suspect some of these proposed changes are notional & not practically enforceable, some are even not practical to comply with & conflict other animal rules, regulations & best practice.

These restrictions strike at the heart of our family. If Jake can't go somewhere or do something it impacts on the family and how we function as a family unit on a day to day basis.

Introduction of Summer Time Zones **(NO if it means a total ban on dogs in those areas on those date & between those times)**

Are the proposed Summer Time Zones just relating to certain areas e.g. the end of Papamoa?

Are dogs still allowed on the beach but remaining on a leash during those summer time zones or not allowed on the beach at all during those times & dates?

If not:

- Then the rules are penalising taking a valued four legged family member to the beach along with the two legged human ones.
- There are 40km of beach, if that becomes full & needs a time restriction we have a big problem.

I have two children myself & respect that not everyone likes dog though high densities of young children tend to be in flagged patrolled areas which are already covered by restrictions.

10 metres restrictions on dogs near playgrounds (Yes only if playground designs modified)

All the paved walking paths in the vicinity of playgrounds seem to be within 10 metre & any bins to deposit any droppings also within said 10 meters which makes it difficult not to break the by law if walking a dog by yourself or with a child to young, not strong enough to hold a dog alone while you go into the 10 metre zone

At the Strand waterfront 10 metres on the harbour side would put you in the harbour!

Breaking one Bylaw to comply with another Bylaw!

Why are the bins near dog restricted areas always on the side of the road where dogs aren't allowed?
e.g.

along the non harbour house sides of The Mall & non beach house sides of Marine Parade?

This puts owners in the situation of breaking a by law to comply with another. Pay a $300 fine for not picking up & disposing properly or $300 for doing that by having to enter a dog free area, temporarily at least. Bit of an inconsistency but also a bit ludicrous.

No Dogs outside shops (Totally disagree -Still Allow!)

People are more at risk from being run down by a mobility scooter, bike or skateboarder more surprising & very scary silent but deadly & deceptively fast to unwary pedestrians.

- Can't leave a dog in the car because of heat risk, SPCA and public concerns, so if can't leave dog outside shop can't go

- Can't always leave the dog, (Jake in our case), at home & will mean that if you have the dog with you by yourself, you can't stop at shops if you suddenly realise you need to.

- Also a loss of revenue to the shops that I could & would have spent money with

This is the equivalent of being discriminated because of having a dog, unfairly affecting normal daily activities.

- Means you can't do your normal business on your own with your dog with you.
- I'm not going to give him to a perfect stranger while I go into a shop.

Is Council going to remove the restrictions of taking dogs inside the shops to off set & compensate this added loss of convenience to dog owner & potentially affected businesses?

- Many Cambridge shops allow you to do that and some national supermarket chains are having shop with pets night.

- They recognise the increasing importance of the purchasing power of dog owners, especially those that don't have children.

After all... our dog is a rate payer a paid up registered animal citizens of Tauranga City!

Extended main beach prohibited area **(NO - retain at least one iconic part of the actual main beach for dog owners to use)**

It is nice to have that little area of unrestricted beach by the cenotaph. This is a good access point at the end of the board walk restriction. Otherwise you feel excluded as a full family from an iconic part of the Mount beach experience.

I understand that not everyone likes dogs and is good to give them some dog free space in that prime area but it does exclude us.

I also understand that you can't have dogs on & around Mauao because of the sheep, penguins & busy pathways.

NB: When you don't have a dog you don't notice not having them in these iconic Mount places but when you do have a dog its like I wish we could occasionally. So it is nice to have access to that little piece of prime beach with your dog & family.

A case of targeting the wrong owners again!

Most of these rules seem to be targeting the wrong owners; the responsible ones not the irresponsible ones.

It's mainly the irresponsible ones that cause the problems with unregulated dogs & behaviour will still continue to do so & will only grow at a bigger rate than the growth in dog numbers associated with greater number of households coming into the region.

e.g.

Dog walking restrictions revised to walking no more than four dogs at a time (No)

- The majority of people walking more will be professionals & by nature will need them on a leash.
    - Dog walkers also provide a valuable service socialising, exercising & stimulating dogs enhancing their welfare & wellbeing when their working owners can't. Leading to well rounded, less problematic dogs for the community & council in the long run.
    - These walkers & the dogs they walk are the least of my worries especially if I walk down & heaven forbid walk Jake down some of the streets near where I live.

Modern society's companion animals and domestic pets, therapy dogs & assistance animals are going to play a greater more integral role in the community in the future.

So if you are putting on more restrictions... are you going to reduce the amount of the registration fee to compensate or are we simply going to pay more for less?

A Bouquet - Thanks for the free bags near beach accesses & major park entrances
Absolutely brilliant and a good start!

However, the free bags alone don't compensate for the impact of the severity of these restrictions & diminished value satisfaction, pleasure & joy of being a dog owner. We appreciate that dog management issues are a delicate balancing act but our dog Jake deserves better from his council & so do we.

[redacted]
September 2018

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RECEPTION
TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL

[redacted]

Tauranga City Council,
Tauranga.

Draft Dog Control
" " Management

MO832.11 & MO4/105.2
& MO8/32.11

I have perused these 'drafts' and consider them well balanced with regards to the general problems faced by Council.

The only issue to me is the facts that walking groups of dogs has become a financial type 'occupation'. Does the Council intend to "licence" or in some way control this issue.

[redacted]

266	[redacted]Kay	Papamoa	I oppose 6.3 iii of the Dog Management Bylaw. We live right in the middle of this zone and have two dogs that we exercise daily. We throw a stick or ball. Quite often my wife or daughter takes the dogs to the beach in the middle of the day as one works part time and the other a student. The new proposal would mean we have to walk nearly a kilometre further along the beach for the dogs to be able to run freely to retrieve a stick or ball. This is unnecessary, unjustified and ridiculous.
267	[redacted]	Papamoa	I know this is all about dogs and areas that they are not allowed. What about cats in the area??? They uninate everywhere which smells atrocious , they do their business on the beaches and cause 'sand worms' or what ever one calls it here in nz. These criters get into humans systems and go under the skin where they can bread. I am horrified by the amount of cats that Stoll the streets at night. Beaches and alley ways. Maybe this can be raised in conjunction while discussing dog areas.

Submission

Paula Zinzan & Timothy Allan

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Submission on the Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018

Date	Submission from:	Submission to:
September 19, 2018	[redacted]	Tauranga City Council Private Bag 12022 Tauranga 3143

We thank the Tauranga City Council for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Dog Management Policy and Dog Management Bylaw 2018.

We have lived in Tauranga for approximately 19 years and have owned dogs for the duration of this time. We have lived at Mount Maunganui, Papamoa, Bellevue and now Otumoetai over this period. We have young children and enjoy the outdoors, as a result we frequent the parks and reserves around the entire region.

Feedback on the Dog Management Bylaw

Provision		Comment	Requested Amendment
7.2	10m from playgrounds	This does not go far enough to provide for situations where a dog owner is also a parent. Balancing parenthood and dog exercise can sometimes be a challenge and so it is not uncommon to bribe the kids into going for a walk with the promise of a play at the playground. However, the combination of proposed clause 7.3 and 7.4 would make this impossible and even illegal. As it is currently drafted, it would mean that parents with dogs would not be able to watch and help their children on the playground without breaking the law. This is not reasonable. In addition, in my experience there is not always a formed path, or it might not be practical to use a path past a	Amend provision 7.2 as follows: Clause 7.1 (v) does not prohibit a dog transiting past a playground ~~where there is a formed path~~ so long as the dog ~~remains on the path and~~ is controlled…."

		playground. For example at Kulim Park past the Senior Play Ground, sometimes it is absolutely crowded on the pathway with kids, scooters, bikes and walkers, it may be more practical to walk on the grass.	
7.4	Unattended dog in a public place	By preventing owners from tying their dogs up outside a shop will deprive dogs and owners from exercise and an enjoyable outing which enriches both the dog and the owner's lives. I see numerous elderly people walking to their closest shops, getting their groceries, having a coffee, using the mobile library bus, all while their dog is tied up outside. In all my time in Tauranga, I have never seen a dog tied outside a shop causing a nuisance or a problem. In my experience the dogs seem to create a talking point for their owners and most people enjoy seeing dogs. Proposed clause 7.4 would cause further problems as dogs could not be tied 10m away from the playground area while a parent gives their kids a push on a swing, without breaking the law. This provision is contrary to the purpose of this Bylaw which is to "provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and socialization needs of dogs" and is contrary to the purpose of the Draft Dog Management Policy "to provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners…". It is overly restrictive and unnecessary.	Delete clause 7.4.

Yours sincerely

Paula Zinzan & Timothy Allan

Contact Details:

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From: Marion Chandler [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 21 September 2018 1:02 p.m.
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Dog management policy submissions

>
> Dear Emma,
>
> I have read of your upcoming changes to dog management policy.
>
> I am a dog owner.
>
> Although submissions have closed, I thought i would just offer the suggestion to allow dogs to be carried on buses, as has changed recently in Wellington.
>
> Someone may have already suggested this.
>
> Regards,
> Marion Chandler.

[redacted]e

From: TaurangaCityCouncil <INFO@TAURANGA.GOVT.NZ>
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To: [redacted]
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Subject: Tauranga City Council Website - Feedback Form

Feedback :
Feedback Type

Suggestion

Feedback Subject

Policy

Personal Details

Name [redacted]

Phone:

[redacted]

Comment

I know the consultation has closed on the dog policy but I believe the policy as drafted does not give due consideration to dog owners and simply places further restrictions on them. I think council needs a re think given that dog owners subsidies animal control not only for dogs but all animals within councils geographic area. I would like a fenced dog park in the city. Having to go out to the far end of TECT park is not acceptable. Dogs should be allowed in more reserves so they and their owners have the opportunity to exercise in bush settings. I can accept it is tragic when a child or someone is attacked by a bad dog but the number of these dogs compared to us responsible owners is minimal and if you applied a true risk approach you would invest your time in other areas. Thanks

E[redacted]

From: TaurangaCityCouncil <INFO@TAURANGA.GOVT.NZ>
Sent: Monday, 24 September 2018 6:15 a.m.
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Submission...dog tags [#29FE4S]

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Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2018 5:41 PM
To: "info@tauranga.govt.nz" <info@tauranga.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission...dog tags

Dear Sir,
As you are asking for submissions on the dog bylaws I am taking this opportunity to make a suggestion regarding registration tags.
I would like to see you offering the choice of either the plastic tag(currently)and a small metal tag.,as they do in Rotorua.
My reasoning is that the current tags are too large to attach to the collar of a small dog.The tag will not fit through the ring of a small collar and when I attached a larger ring for the tag to go through.....the tag was so long my little dog was able to happily chew on it and so destroy it.
We walk our dog regularly and meet up with many other dog owners and they all have the same issue.I have not seen one small dog wearing the registration tag because of this.
When I phoned the council about this I was told just to come in and get another tag(and pay extra for it)Why would I do this....I have already paid large registration fee and it won't solve the issue so I didn't accept this as a solution.
I hope you will consider this submission.
Regards
[redacted]t
Sent from Samsung tablet.

#5265

The New Zealand Dog Walkers Association

Code of Ethics

As a member of the New Zealand Dog Walkers Association I:

Conduct:

- Am bound to conduct myself in a professional manner as to not discredit the society or its members. And to carry out services professional standard as set out in this Code of Ethics.
- Must be conversant and familiar with current legislation relating to dog care including but not limited to the Dog Control Act 1996, Animal Welfare Act 1999 (reprint March 2017)
- Will work in accordance with national and local body regulations in relation to dog control, and animal welfare.
- No member will offer advice on, or conduct any training or behaviour modification unless they have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience, and are accredited by or a member or an appropriate body.
- No member will represent themselves as a spokesperson for The Society of New Zealand Dog Walkers without prior approval of the Society.
- Be respectful of colleagues and other professionals and not falsely condemn the character of their professional acts.
- Must always obtain the clients express (written) consent when using any of the following techniques or devices:
  1. E-collars
  2. Prong collars
- Provide clients with a contract detailing your terms of engagement, service and costs. Ensure all parties understand their commitment and responsibilities.
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Education:

- Actively pursue ongoing education in order to provide a service based upon sound scientific principles and current best practice.
- Remain current and up to date with Pet First Aid Training
- Actively look to increase my knowledge of all dog breeds in my care.

Safety and Welfare:

- Make the welfare of the dog of primary importance.
- Maintain a current health and safety plan including an in case of emergency plan and accident protocols.
- All members must provide safe transport for dog in their care in accordance with the draft code of welfare for the temporary housing of companion animals and the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010. All members will strive to meet recommended best practice which includes but is not limited to
    - Dogs should be transported using a specially designed, climate-controlled travelling crate if possible.
    - When dogs are transported on the back of trucks or in vans, non-slip surfaces should be provided.
    - Dogs should not be left unattended in vehicles. If a dog must be left in a vehicle even for a short time, such as when collecting other dogs for a walking group the vehicle should be parked in shade with more than one window left open to allow air to circulate so that heat stress will not occur.
    - When groups of dogs are transported together, care should be taken and physical separation or restraint should be considered to prevent aggressive interactions.
    - When dogs are transported together in a group, there should be easy and safe access to all dogs by the owner or person in charge.
- Assess each dog's suitability for walks; with other dogs, consider age, capability, behaviour.
- Ensure all dogs in my care are up to date on vaccinations and licensed (in accordance with national or local body bylaws).
- Avoid overcrowding (public) areas with my pack, and avoid lingering around gates with my pack, especially when a new dog is entering the park.
- Carry out an expeditious risk assessment prior to all walks.
- Ensure the safety and well being of other people and dogs we encounter while on our walks.

  Can access client contact information for each dog in my care at all times

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Part 1 – Preliminary 1. Objectives

The objectives of this Society are:

To set & provide professional standards, guidelines, support and endorsement for professional dog walkers.

To assist dog owners in choosing a professional, knowledgeable and experienced dog walker, and to maintain a network of like-minded dog walkers who operate under a strict code of conduct and ethics.

Part 2 - Membership

3. Membership generally

1. There are two classes of members of the Society, associate members and full members.

4. Application for membership

1. A person applying for membership of the society:

a. must complete in writing an application form (in such form as reasonably determined by the committee from time to time) and pay the fees set (" Membership Fees");

and b. must lodge with the secretary of the society such completed application form and fee.

2. As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary must refer the application to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.

3. As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:

a. notify the applicant, in writing, that the committee has approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable);

and b. upon rejection of the application, request the treasurer to refund (within the period of 28 days) the Membership Fees paid by the applicant.

The secretary must, on acceptance of the application, enter or cause to be entered the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the society.

1. Minimum requirements for membership:
   Applicants for full Membership must have a minimum of 2 years experience handling dogs in a professional capacity.

Applicants for full Membership must provide a phone number and email address for two valid references;

The SNZDW defines a valid reference as:

- a client with a minimum 2 year existing relationship
- veterinarian
- professional dog trainer (min 5 years)
- qualified canine behaviourist
- professional dog walker (min 5 years)

1A. Potential members who do not meet the NZDWA membership criteria:

The NZDWA reserves the right to use its discretion in relation to new members. If a potential member does not meet the criteria set out in the attached document the NZDWA may contact the potential member asking for further information and references. The potentials members request to join the NZDWA will then be put to the board to a vote.

Additional membership criteria:

All full members must remain current and up to date with canine first aid training (min every 2 years)

Membership application is for individuals, if a organisation wishes to become a member each member of that organisation must meet the minimum requirement for members

All members must hold sufficient, appropriate and valid (dog walking) business insurance at all times.

5. Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the society if the person: a. dies; or b. resigns from membership; or c. is expelled from the society; or d. fails to pay the annual membership fee within 3 months after the fee is due; or e. is fined or convicted of an offence involving cruelty to animals.

6. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the society:

1. is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and

2. terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

7. Resignation of membership

1. A member of the society may resign from membership of the society by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

8. Register of members

The public officer of the society must establish and maintain a register of members of the society specifying the name and postal or residential address together with such other information as may be provided by a member expressly for inclusion on the register of each person who is a member of the society together with the date on which the person became a member.

A member of the society may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than $1 for each page copied.

If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection or otherwise made available to members, that information must not be made available for inspection or otherwise to members.

A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:

a. the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the society or other material relating to the society;
b. any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

9. Membership Fees

1. A member of the society must, on admission to membership, pay to the society the membership fee
2. The memebership fee is annual and shall be due upon each anniversary of the membership of the member.

10. Members' liabilities

The liability of a member of the society to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the society or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the society is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the society as required by clause 9.

11. Resolution of disputes

1. A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the society, or a dispute between a member or members and society, is to be referred to the societies disputes representative

2. If a dispute is not resolved by the societies disputes representative then dispute will be referred to the a community justice centre for mediation

12. Disciplining of members

1. A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the society:

a. has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this set of rules;

or b. has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the society, including in breach of the society's Code of Ethics.

2. The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.

3. If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee:

a. must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned; and

b. must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint; and

c. must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.

4. The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the society or suspend the member from membership of the society if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.

5. If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal.

6. The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:

a. until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned; or

b. if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the society confirms the resolution.

13. Right of appeal of disciplined member

1. A member may appeal to the society in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.

2. The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.

3. On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the society to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.

4. At a general meeting of the society convened

a. no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted; and

b. the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and

c. the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

5. The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the society.

Part 3 - The committee

14. Powers of the committee

The committee:

a. is to control and manage the affairs of the society; and

b. may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the society, other than those functions that are required by this set of rules to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the society; and

c. has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the society.

15. Composition and membership of committee

1. The committee is to consist of:

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Media Spokesperson
Social Media Manager/s
Complaints Officer

b. at least 3 ordinary committee members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the society under clause 16, each of such office-bearers and ordinary committee members having one or more specific roles.

2. To be eligible to hold office as a committee member, a person must have been a member of the society for not less than 12 months prior to that person's appointment as a committee member. A member is eligible to hold only one office at a time.

3. The maximum number of committee members is to be 10

4. The office-bearers of the society are as follows: a. the president; b. the vice-president; c. the treasurer; and d. the secretary.

To be eligible to hold office as president, that person must have been a committee member for not less than 12 months directly previous to that person's appointment as president.

6. Subject to clause 15.7, if no other committee member has nominated for president, the previous term's vice president should be appointed to the position of president provided such person satisfies the requirements of clause 15.5. 7. If no other committee member has nominated for president and the vice president is not willing to stand as president, then the position becomes a casual vacancy that must be filled by a member who has no less than five years of continuous membership.

8. Each member of the committee is, subject to this set of rules, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

16. Election of committee members

1. Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the society or as ordinary committee members:

a. must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the society and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and

b. must be delivered to the secretary of the society(or in the event that a returning officer been appointed, then the returning officer) at least 6 weeks before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.

2. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected.

3. If insufficient nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.

4. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.

5. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.

6. The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.

7. A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the society must be a member of the society.

17. Secretary

1. The secretary of the society must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the society of his or her address.

2. It is the duty of the secretary is to:

a. to keep minutes of all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee; and

b. the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting; and

c. all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.

3. Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

18. Treasurer

It is the duty of the treasurer of the society to ensure:

a. that all money due to the society is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the society are made; and

b. that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the society, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the society.

19. Casual vacancies

1. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the society to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this set of rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

2. A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:

a. dies; or

b. ceases to be a member of the society; or

c. resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary; or

e. is removed from office under clause 20; or

f. becomes a mentally incapacitated person; or g. does not attend four or more meetings of the committee and the committee votes by majority to remove such member; or

h. is absent without the consent of the committee from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee; or

i. is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than 3 months; or

j. is fined or convicted of an offence involving cruelty to animals; or

k. is expelled from membership of the society in accordance with section “Removal of committee members:

21. Committee meetings and quorum

1. The committee must meet at least 2 times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the committee may determine.

2. Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.

3. Oral or written (including electronic) notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 7 days before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.

4. Notice of a meeting given under subclause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.

5. 7 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee, two of whom must be office bearers.

6. No business is to be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.

7. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.

8. At a meeting of the committee:

a. the president or, in the president’s absence, the vice-president is to preside; or

b. if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

9. Meetings of the committee may be held using such technology as the members of the committee present unanimously agree to enable members in different locations to attend such meetings. Meetings held using technology shall be deemed to take place at the location where the presiding member is situated.

23. Voting and decisions

1. Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.

2. Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

3. Subject to clause 21.5, the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.

4. Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

Part 4 General meetings

24. Annual general meetings – holding of

1. The society must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after its registration as an incorporated Society. The society must hold its annual general meetings:
   a. within 6 months after the close of the society's financial year;

25. Annual general meetings – calling of and business at

1. The annual general meeting of the society is, to be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit.

2. In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:

   a. to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting;

   b. to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the society during the last preceding financial year;

   c. to elect office-bearers of the society and ordinary committee members; and

   d. to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members.

An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.

26. Special general meetings – calling of

1. The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the society.

2. The committee must, on the requisition in writing of at least 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the society.

3. A requisition of members for a special general meeting:

a. must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting; and

b. must be signed by the members making the requisition; and

c. must be lodged with the secretary; and d. may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.

4. If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date. A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee.

27. Notice

1. Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the society, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

2. If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the society, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

3. No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under clause 26.2.

4. A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may, not less than 6 weeks prior to the meeting before which the member desires to bring the business, give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

28. Quorum for general meetings

1. No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this set of rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.

2. 7 members present (being members entitled under this set of rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

3. If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:

a. if convened on the requisition of members, is to be dissolved, and

b. in any other case, is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

4. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least xx) are to constitute a quorum.

29 Presiding member

1. The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the society.

2. If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

30. Adjournment

1. The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

2. If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the society stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

3. Except as provided in subclauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

31. Conduct of general meetings and making of decisions

1. General meetings may be held using such technology as the members of the committee present shall unanimously agree to enable members in different locations to attend such meetings. Meetings held using technology shall be deemed to take place at the location where the presiding member is situated.

2. A question arising at a general meeting of the society is to be determined by either: a. a show of hands; or b. if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot.

3. If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the society, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
4. If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson.

Part 5 – Miscellaneous

36. Insurance

The society is to gain and maintain insurance of its incorporated body

37. Funds - source

1. The funds of the society are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.

2. All money received by the society must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the society's bank or other authorised deposit taking institution account.

3. The society must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

38. Funds – management

1. Subject to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting, the funds of the society are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the society in such manner as the committee determines.

39. Custody of books etc

Except as otherwise provided by this set of rules, the public officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the society.

40. Inspection of books etc

1. The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the society at any reasonable hour:

a. records, books and other financial documents of the society;

b. this set of rules;

c. minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of the society.

2. A member of the society may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than $1 for each page copied.

41. Service of notices

1. For the purpose of this set of rules, a notice may be served on or given to a person:

a. by delivering it to the person personally; or

b. by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person;

c. by sending it by email

2. For the purpose of this set of rules, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:

a. in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee; and

b. in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post; and c. in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

42.Financial year

The financial year of the society is:

a. the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of the society and ending on the following 30 June, and

b. each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the society, commencing on 1 Juy and ending on the following 30 June.

43. Non-Profit Clause

The assets and income of the society shall be applied solely in advancement of its objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Society except as legitimate compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

From: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Commercial Dog Walking / Regulation
Date: 3 April 2018 at 11:26 AM
To: [redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz
Cc: [redacted].nz

Hello [redacted],

I hope you had a great Easter Weekend. My colleague, Angela and I are working on the review of the Dog Management Bylaw and Policy for Auckland Council. We were forwarded your email and attachments from our Animal Management Officers. I think it's a great idea to explore standardisation of the dog walking profession. It looks like the group has put a lot of effort into developing these draft rules. I'm currently looking into how we could align some of these issues into our review, and understanding how we could assist you further.

I would be happy to chat on the phone/meet in person a little later this week or early next if that works for you?

Warm regards,
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]k [mailto:[redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 5:19 p.m.
To: [redacted]
Cc: Complete Canine Care; Liz Clough; DOGlife NZ; Francesca Eldridge
Subject: Commercial Dog Walking / Regulation
Importance: High

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for taking the time to chat a couple of weeks ago, and again today - and I apologise for not emailing you sooner. And I am so happy to hear that the matter of regulation around commercial dog walkers is on the table within council and making some headway, hopefully we will be able to contribute to that process.

As I mentioned there are a few operators (in copy) within the (dog walking) industry who have been working together to form an independent national body (likely to be an association / society) with the main objective being to improve the standard of professional conduct within the industry.

That said we have a number of other commercial dog walkers who've expressed interest in having input around the subject of regulation, but out of the interests of keeping things

manageable I have only included those involved in our process to date.

The conversation around forming such an organisation / body was born out of initial conversations about the desperate need for regulation around commercial dog walkers / businesses, and whilst we are not able to regulate the industry from the level that local body government can we feel that there is a place for an industry body. That said we have held off formalising a body so that we could communicate out plans to council and to have conversations with the right people about if there might be a need for such a body to work alongside or with council, as we recognise some areas where such an organisation may in fact be able to help administer regulation depending on how it is introduced and what the regulation looks like.

In brief our plan was to form an association, New Zealand Dog Walkers Association. The primary (top level) purposes of NZDWA would be:

// To set & provide professional standards, guidelines, support and endorsement for professional dog walkers.

// To maintain a network of like-minded dog walkers who operate under a strict code of conduct and ethics.

// To assist & educate dog owners about choosing a professional, knowledgeable and experienced dog walker.

Initially we have identified our core audiences as:

// Owners & employees of dog walking businesses.

// Dog owners.

// Regulatory agencies i.e. animal management, local & regional councils.

// Other industry sectors i.e. vets, groomers, daycares etc

I have attached copies of our (draft) rules & code of ethics, so that you get some idea of the standards we would like to implement. I have also attached a text doc with reference links that we have collated in our research around regulation and professional (self) regulation in other countries.

In respect to regulation, it would be fair to say (in terms of consensus among industry professionals that would advocate regulation) that the following areas are key (and probably somewhat urgent):

1. Numbers (being the number of dogs per. handler) in either;
Public space / land or
Private space / land

2. Compliance;
Handlers to have evidence of first aid cert and either a behaviour, training or walking qualification or suitable experience or mentoring *(refer Marin County here: https://www.marincountyparks.org/~/media/files/departments/pk/open-*

space/201/_dog_walking_update/1permitcommercialdogwalkerguidelines4final.pdf?la=en)
Handler or business has the applicable walking license or permit *and or*
Specifies the use of private land used is part of their license details
(N.B. Our belief is that under Auckland by law dog walking on private land is classified as dog day care and therefore anyone using private land for walks should get resource consent
All staff branded (or identifiable) at all times *(N.B. A condition of both Toronto and Marin County regulations)*
Best practice for health and safety standards met *(Heath & Safety standards would need to be set by either local govt / council or perhaps by the NZDWA)*

3. Transportation;
Drivers must have full drivers license *(seems like a given but it is often not the case)*
Must be adequately crated for the intended use, with adequate airflow and access to water
Staff member in attendance of the vehicle at all times; with the exception of:
Leaving vehicle momentarily to collect another dog from its home
Using a bathroom or going into a service station to pay for gas (or similar)

We also have some thoughts around welfare, which would certainly need to be evaluated more thoroughly and I am sure council / Animal Management would some significant opinions around this subject. Our top line points on welfare are:

Welfare;
Handling of dog reactive dogs
Handling of people reactive dogs
Handling of dogs subject to any council classification
Protocol in respect to any dog handling incidents i.e. dogs lost by handlers, attacks while in handler care (by dogs with a handler or a member of the public)
Protocol in respect to any public complaints (in respect to a handler)

Of course, as you can imagine these subjects expand broadly and there are certainly other points which we have all raised or have opinions around but in the essence of keeping this initial dialogue concise I am keeping to the key points identified.

Please feel free to distribute this email within the people and parties that are working on the review of the bylaws / regulation. And of course please email or call me to discuss anything related to the industry.

I think the next step would be meet and discuss aspect of regulation, to allow an open discussion so that council / local govt can understand the current industry dynamic and to get your feedback on our intent with the NZDWA (and if in fact there may be a place to work alongside each other).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,
[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Dog Walker Regulation.
Date: 30 November 2018 at 3:20 PM
To: [redacted].govt.nz, [redacted].co.nz

Hi S[redacted]

The Bylaw review process is still ongoing, and has now passed the Regulatory Committee stage. Early in 2019 the process will continue to the public consultation stage. This is when all the information that Amanda supplied will be become relevant, and all other feedback from the public will be considered. This stage of the process will be publicly advertised, but I will also send a reminder out to all internal and external stakeholders. In the meantime, I'm forwarding all the information and photos to Shilpa Mandoda and her team.

I will leave any investigation into 'uncontrolled' dogs in your capable hands, and any welfare issues should be referred to the SPCA.

Have a good weekend.

Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 30 November 2018 7:52 AM
To: [redacted] a[redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz>
Cc: [redacted]govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Dog Walker Regulation.

Hi A[redacted]

Thank you for the email. That photograph says it all . If you have any ideas where they are walking these dogs as looking at that photograph it appears that it could be Waitakere rangers. Auckland council are having problems with kauri dieback and this is not good . If we can work out where these dog packs are walking I can notify our Biosecurity team.

I will try and find out how the bylaws team are doing with their review

Again thanks for keeping me in the loop

Cheers

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From: [redacted] [mailt[redacted]ticksandbones.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 29 November 2018 3:29 p.m.
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Dog Walker Regulation.
Importance: High

Hi [redacted]

I left you a message a little earlier, I am not sure who I talk to about regulation for commercial dog walkers but it is a conversation that I think needs to be had urgently. As you are aware 'pack walkers' are a dominant segment of the dog walking industry - but frankly it is getting out of hand and it is only a matter of time before (another) serious incident occurs.

Attached below is an image posted by a 'pack walker', in this group there are **83** dogs, with **8** handlers - this is not unusual and there are quite a number of pack walkers conducting walks in this manner. I am sure I don't need to point out the issues and risks associated with this number of dogs being taken out in groups together. This photo was posted an hour ago by one of the walkers in a closed social media group (lots of the pack walkers use closed groups to avoid the backlash of questions from the public when they see photos like this and to avoid being identified because there are often incidents involving members of the public and it makes them untraceable).

These walkers are walking in public places where there is often other wildlife or members of the public walking their own dogs, I walk no more than 4-6 (maximum) dogs in a group and often have members of the public comment on what a lot of dogs I have - so image how someone would feel bumping into this group in Riverhead forest (or similar location).

What has to happen to get council looking at regulating this industry?

I look forward to hearing back from someone on this, there needs to be some urgent attention on this industry.

Best,
[redacted]





On 23/08/2018, at 8:45 AM, [redacted] <S[redacted]> wrote:

Hi C[redacted]

Amanda has sent me some good info regarding Taurunga City Council's proposal . As discussed earlier with the bylaws proposal team it appears that Taurunga may have the same issues as Auckland

Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than two dogs off leash in a reserve at any one time.
Proposed rule: No person may exercise more than four dogs on leash in a public place at any one time.

These were the exact submissions I wanted to submit to the bylaw proposal team . Is it possible for you to have a look and forward [redacted]a's email through to the proposal team to look at.

Thanks [redacted]a for this info this is really helpful

Regards
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto[redacted]@sticksandbones.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 August 2018 11:34 a.m.
To: [redacted]y
Subject: Dog Walker Regulation.

Hi S[redacted]

I hope you're well.

I just wanted to touch base to see if there had been any progress that you know of with council around the subject of regulation around commercial dog walkers? I haven't heard anything since we met with Shilpa Mandoda in the Bylaws Team back in April.

Of interest Tauranga City appear to be tightening up their policies (in general) around dog control, which may be good to keep an eye on and certainly may be reference for Auckland:
http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/community/have-your-say/open-consultations-and-engagements/consultation-details/artmid/1491/articleid/2745

The most significant proposed rules are:

[redacted]

I'm still very keen to be involved in anyway to see some regulation or structure put into place for commercial walkers in Auckland, steering panel / committee etc - so please let me know if there is anything I can do?

Kind regards,
[redacted]

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5268

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

It is uncommon that people are able to safely control more than 6 dogs

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is more specific and ensures the whole of ambury remains dog free

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Maximum 4 dogs, with no more than 4 dogs off leash unless licence obtained. 4 dogs off leach are manageable. Most dog owners and walkers are responsible and we shouldn't over regulate, as we know the small percentage of irresponsible people will continue to behave irresponsibly.

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Mellons Bay Beach
What local board area is this location in?
Howick
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
Dogs should be able to be off leach all day, all year round. The beach is mostly utilised by dog walkers and there are plenty of other beaches people use.
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
The beach is rarely utilised by people, other than people walking their dogs. This would be a great 24 hour off leach location for dogs.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5360

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I have owned a dog in Auckland for 12 years. I have on multiple occasions been concerned about the safety of the off-leash professional dog walkers.

They just have too many dogs. It's impossible to supervise the safety of individual dogs in such a large group. Many of our off leash dog parks are not well fenced and you are expected to keep control of your own dog. If an excited dog runs off after another dog/cat/bird/rabbit/person/bike/car, there is literally nothing the dog walker can do until they have caught and leashed all their other dogs (15-20 mins minimum)- by then the dog will be long gone or hit by a car or whatever. Often they arrive at the dog park and all dogs poo on arrival, and the dog walker has too many dogs to keep track of picking up all the poos. I have on multiple occasions been yelled at by a "professional" dog walker to keep my small, well-behaved off-leash dog away from her group of 10+ dogs - and she is probably one of the smarter ones realising that I have an unknown dog (and she might have some she doesn't trust well either) and if a fight starts there is little she can do. However I don't appreciate basically being told to leave the off-leash public area while she makes money from it. A good friend of mine has a dog who was lost near muriwai when walked by a professional pick-up dog-walking service - they didn't notice the dog was missing until they counted all the dogs back in the van again. The dog was missing for six nights in the middle of winter and found 7km from where he was lost. Dog walkers should have a limit of three off leash dogs unless they have TWO walkers for safety. Even then, as mentioned, I find the large groups of dogs quite antisocial as the dog walkers don't want your dog mixing with them and so they effectively cordon off an area of the public park for themselves.

I think the kind of dog walkers who are happy with taking so many dogs often have a lax attitude to safety - I have seen on multiple occasions professional dog walkers just opening the van doors and letting their 10+ dogs spill out onto the carpark off leash, expecting the dogs to follow them to the designated off-leash area. Just too lazy to put them all on leads.

I think a much better model for pack walks is a pick up service that takes them to a private property (eg farm) which is fully fenced.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

no

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

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Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Muriwai Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am a frequent off leash dog walker at Muriwai regional park and strongly oppose a move to change this to an on leash area. We have an extremely high energy dog and it is not feasible to provide adequate exercise for him when he is being walked on leash.

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Our do. Wes's lots of exercise and it is not feasible to provide this with on lead restrictions being proposed.

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

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Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I strongly support a max of 8 dogs, but in any area where dogs are allowed off-lead, there should be no limit to how many. All dogs off-lead should be under control. In off-lead areas, dog walkers should not be limited by how many in their pack of 8 can be off-lead as long as they are under control. Also where safe and sensible dogs should be aloud off lead.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

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Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

I don't know

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don't know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Create more designated off-leash dog areas in parks, beaches, and reserves. Especially beaches—there are only two, Saint Leonards Beach and Kakamatua Inlet, that are fully off-leash. We need stricter rules for wandering dogs, dog attacks, and nuisance behavior, (ie, must be neutered, taken away from the owners and fines) and when these rules are broken, they need to be enforced. There are so many reports that are not followed through by the authorities. If these rules are upheld, there will be less risk to the public, and if there are more safe off-leash spaces, there will be less rule-breaking in areas where dogs are not allowed or must be on a leash. You will have to spend more money on Animal Control Services but you will be saving money in the Public Health Service

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Tell us why

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Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

if there are more safe off-leash spaces, there will be less rule-breaking in areas where dogs are not allowed or must be on a leash and thus less risk to the public

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5469

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5472

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Agree. Difficult for someone to control that many dogs at one time, particularly off leash.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Please do not reduce dog access at current parks, beaches and public areas. It is getting more and more difficult to take them out due to restrictions which is unfair on responsible owners. Please at minimum keep them on leash rather than prohibiting from public places. They are becoming more important in peoples lives and to reduce their access to public areas affects people's wellbeing, socialise and ability to exercise amongst a range of other things. By restraining where dog owners access, you also affect the economy and business owners. For example during summer beach restrictions I'm much more likely to eat and drink at home rather than while out due to not wanting to leave my dog behind.

Instead focus on responsible dog ownership.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Waitakere

What local board area is this location in?

Waitākere Ranges

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Inability to bring my dog reduces my ability to make use of tracks.

I understand restriction on off leash but please increase ability to bring on leash in increased hours.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5500

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I think 6 dogs is a fair size for dog groups however all should be allowed off leash in appropriate off leash areas

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

I don’t know

Tell us why

A better definition of menacing behaviour should be provided. Neutering doesn’t always help with aggression and can make it worse, dogs should be referred to a vet for assessment as to the best action.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Without adequate off lead exercise areas and options people won't follow rules. Council should consider helping dog owners to identify off lead areas or provide alternatives. Small exercise areas can create more issues for dog socialisation and don't give enough space to properly exercise your dog.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Auckland is a very hard city to locate dog friendly parks and areas. Restricting these further makes it hard to live here. I support ideas to create new exercise areas and protecting wildlife and farms however in areas such as the Botanic gardens, widely used by many dog owners, seems unnecessary.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

It's still very confusing, the map showed a reduction in the off leash area. I support no dogs in any children's pay areas.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I like walking my dog on the cossy loop track, under control I see no reason why dogs can't be allowed on the track. I support prohibiting dogs from lambing areas.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Making it harder for dog owners

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season)

and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
The new rules are a bit confusing. I agree dogs should be prohibited from children's play areas and south of the surf tower. They should be allowed under control in other areas.

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don't know

Tell us why

A bit confusing to understand where you're allowed to exercise your dog.

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

It's hard to exercise dogs at most regional parks. I used to visit many of the parks before I got a dog, now I only visit a few due to massive restrictions on many and unclear information on the dog friendly areas/places.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

8 believe that a maximum of 8 dogs including being off leash with an experienced pack walker is totally fine. Any more than that is too hectic

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

I don’t know

Tell us why

I think that dog walkers and owners need places they can walk off leash all day, all year round including beaches and parks.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

A breed isn't menacing, how a dog is brought up and treated is actually what you call menacing.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

We need an outside impartial contractor performing all behavioral issues with a fulll report released to the public with the public are able to intervene before any further action is taking.

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

I don’t know

Tell us why

This isn't helping dog owners. Focus on stopping backyard breeding first

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Give us more areas to walk.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

No

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

A dog on a leash is uncontrollable.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Leave the botanical gardens off leash area, off leash at all times

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Being off leash if they are under control is safer on the tracks. At least give off leash times

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us the beach all day long

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi East
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi Scott Point
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Give us off leash alll day

Muriwai Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Give us the beach off leash 24/7

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Give us the beach 24/7

Shakespear Regional Park
We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Give us off leash 24/7

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during

lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us off leash 24/7

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us off leash 24/7

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us off leash 24/7

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us off leash 24/7

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Give us off leash 24/7

Whakanewha Regional Park
We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Give us off leash 24/7

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Mellons bay
What local board area is this location in?
Howick
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
If you open up off leash 24/7 it is safer for dogs so it isn't highly concentrated and people how don't like dogs will know it is a dog beach and can stay away.
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
If you open up off leash 24/7 it is safer for dogs so it isn't highly concentrated and people how don't like dogs will know it is a dog beach and can stay away.

Each dog should be accessed and have their own parameters

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#5572

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

It is up to the dog walker how many dogs they control when excercising. They can use common sense as they should know how each dog behaves

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

It's the dog owners responsibilty to neuter the animal

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Trained people for this position

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Licence required for exceeding set number of dogs on a property

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

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I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change
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Te Ārai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs are an important part of peoples lives. There are people out in the community that cannot afford dogs & allowing dogs to be part of Regional Park, Beaches & walkways give people a chance to interact with them.

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#5642

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I believe the limit of six dogs/three off-lead should have allowances, provided the handler has demonstrated sufficient training, experience, and judgment in managing dogs. This could be regulated through a licensing system which they could be able to present if requested. Additionally, the weight and size of the dogs should be considered when setting this limit rather than a catch-all.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

I don’t know

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Clarification makes the rules easier to observe and enforce.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I fully support the proposed measures to maintain the natural habitats surrounding waterways and ensure the safety and sense of security within children’s areas. These are crucial for the long-term preservation of the park and the well-being of all visitors.

However, I also recognise dogs' significant role in promoting accessibility and well-being for many. While restricting dog access in certain areas can enhance safety and the environment, it’s essential to consider the potential impact on those who rely on their dogs for support.

I believe a balanced approach, allowing well-behaved dogs in appropriate areas, would ensure that the park remains accessible to all visitors while still protecting the natural spaces and ensuring safety.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#5801

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

Specialist pack walkers are highly skilled and can manage a large number of dogs. They are a fantastic option for working parents to enable their dogs enrichment, exercise and socialisation in a safe environment. I think the issue is with control, which may happen with random dog walkers, but this bylaw would impact many businesses with highly skilled and trained professionals. These trainers are not the issue as dogs with them are under control at all times. Through my fostering work with Chained Dog Rehabilitation and Rehoming I've worked with many pack walkers and their expertise is unmatched.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

These regional parks are a big reason why we love living in Auckland. We love to spend our weekends here in nature, getting both human and dog exercise. This would severely impact quality of life for us as we would be less likely to explore these areas. Living such busy lives, on our weekends we still need to walk the dog, and then wouldn't have the energy or desire to go out to a regional park for a secondary walk/day out with humans

only. Our dog is a big reason why we love to exercise and experience nature on our time off.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

As stated before, this is a fantastic day out for all ages and we love being able to walk the dog and give him some proper exercise and socialisation whilst also being able to wander the gardens and have a coffee with grandparents.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

This is one of my favourite beaches as it's accessible to Auckland suburbs (live in one tree hill). Not being able to bring my dog would discourage me from going.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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I do not support the proposed change
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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
The most beautiful beach in Auckland and the best place to spend the day with friends and family. I want to continue to enjoy this with all family members (dogs included). Responsible dog owners have their dogs under control, pick up after them, and don’t

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
As earlier, we frequent this park.

Whakanewha Regional Park
We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I believe this is not addressing the core issue which is responsible dog ownership. The cost involved in this bylaw exercise would be much better spent on initiatives such as desexing, registration and education. In my opinion the resources spent on this

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

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Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Mahurangi East

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

My concern is that dogs need to be off leash for the health of dogs and of their owners and if the local parks are restricted further then there will not be enough space in Auckland for the welfare of our ever growing canine community

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I think there needs to be a maximum set on the number of dogs and would support eight. However, I think all dogs within a group should be allowed off-leash if under control, not only some.

I don't think it is realistic to have some dogs on-leash and some off-leash. My dog attends group walks twice a week and the walker has excellent control over all the dogs (groups range from 5 to 8 maximum). It would be very difficult for a dog walker, or anyone else with multiple dogs, to manage a group of dogs in which some are off leash and playing, and others are on lead. I think it would be chaotic for the dog walker, and they would be pulled by the dogs on lead reacting to the ones that are off-leash. It's likely that the number of dogs being walked would need to be reduced to the number that are allowed off-lead for it to remain manageable. This would result in shorter and more expensive dog walks. As someone who is a responsible owner who pays for my dog to be walked when I am at work, this would disadvantage me financially and mean that my dog will have to spend longer at home alone (currently she is away for 4 hours at a time).

These rules seem aimed at dog walkers and yet I do not believe they are the main problem. I frequently walk in off-lead areas and are yet to have an issue with a dog walker with a group of dogs. The dogs tend to be very well controlled and are well socialised due to group walking with other dogs. I do however think there should be some rules / licence for dog walkers although this is not currently being proposed.

My actual concern is with the owners who often only have one dog that is not well socialised with other dogs. Most of the dog attacks in my local area (including the streets near where I live in Ellerslie, on Mount Wellington, in Stonefields and in Waitarua) that I'm aware of have all been of this nature - one unsocialised dog, often with a history of attacking, that is owned by an irresponsible owner and is often off-leash. It is fear of these particular dogs that has often stopped me walking in certain areas for concern that my dog will be attacked. The rule that is being proposed does nothing to address these types of dogs and their owners, but penalises dog walkers who are typically very responsible (as they need to be if it is their job as people would not have their dog walked by a walker who can't control the dogs) and with well socalised dogs that are typically not aggressive.

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Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clear rules leave no room for misinterpretation by dog owners and the public alike.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

It is very confusing to have differing rules in the same area, e.g. Monte Cecilia Park, Taumanu Beach, Piha, etc. Dog owners seem to choose the off-leash option and ignore the on-leash and "no dogs allowed" restrictions, often resulting in negative consequences for nature (e.g. endangered wildlife) and the public.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Bylaws are useless unless enforced. Sadly, I experience defiant dog owners in all areas where dogs are supposed to be on-leash or not allowed at all. When I try to remind them, I am being abused and feel threatened at times.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park
We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Taumanu Beach
What local board area is this location in?
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
Dog owners currently defy the rules. Dog faeces is a problem on the beach. When swimming, clothes on the beach are not safe from dogs urinating on it (as happened a year ago). It is not possible to have a picknick at the beach as off-leash dogs help thems
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
Dog rules at Taumanu Beach are varying and most dog owners seem to ignore all restrictions. Dog-rule-signs are way too small and overgrown. Also, we have never seen anyone to enforce the current rules.
Location 2:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Monte Cecilia Park

What local board area is this location in?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Entire location

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Entire locationAlthough signage has been improved lately, dog owners ignore the rules, i.e. dogs are only allowed off-leash in "the bowl". I have been viciously attacked and bitten by a dog off-leash in an on-leash part of the park in 2023. The attack was unprovoked and**Entire location**

Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence

Rules and bylaws will not make a difference if they are not being enforced. Monte Cecilia Park is not safe for families with children or visitors who come for a walk or a picknick. There are specified dog parks in Auckland for dog owners to use. However,

Location 3:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

What local board area is this location in?

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6078

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I believe that dogs should be allowed on the tracks outlined in 2.c. , as walking with dogs (on leash, undercontrol) provides no negatives to the flora and fauna of the regional parks and is a pleasurable way to spend an afternoon.

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I would like to keep the off leash area for dogs as specified in the original point a section of the rules

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other

areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6080

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs

We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:

Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

- at the parks/beaches I frequent there is never a problem with many dogs being present

- it is massively impractical to find out how many dogs are in a public space to understand if I can walk there

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6103

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

I do not agree limiting dogs off leash the bylaw rule should not come into action leave the rules as they are now as long all dogs are watched vigilantly by owners or walkers

There should be no limit as to how many dogs are off leash as long as they are under control and supervised vigilantly there should be no restrictions all the dogs should be able to enjoy themselves off lead . My two dogs attend a dog walking organisation and they have never had any issues whatsoever. I don’t condone this new law it should be left as is . Let professional walkers continue to provide an awesome of leash experience for our fur babies. Can the new law and leave the existing one .

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Do not support

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Do not support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Do not support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Leave the rules as they are it should not change all dogs deserve to be off leash not limited

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

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Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

I don’t agree with the bylaw rules . There should be no changes stop changing the rules for our dogs they should not be limited to their exercise

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6107

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6

Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Overall I feel that the number of dogs being walked on leash at once is not such an issue as it is often a job and those people take care.

I feel strongly about the number of off -leash dogs as most owners do not do this well and it would be difficult to keep an eye on what three dogs are doing at a time, especially if they are off pooing where the dog walkers do not see. And if they still had another three dogs on leash this becomes a lot of living creatures to manage.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

It is very frustrating that it is often unclear what is allowed where and at what time for dog owners. I often see dog owners breaching the rules but they seem to think it is ok what they are doing and will sight an out of date sign or ancient rules.

The more simple and clear the less opportunity for bending and breaking the rules.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Obviously menacing dogs are a huge concern but I think this is disproportionate to the everyday dog owners who do not do what they should for their animals eg pick up poo, walk on leash where it is on leash or be able to control their dog via verbal instructions. Menacing dogs are a far smaller proportion of the dog issue than entitled average dog owners.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

Please make it clearer why dog access rules are set.

Many dog owners do not seem to understand that there is anything to consider other than the rights of their dogs, so for instance in areas where our native flora and fauna should be protected it needs to be made clear that is why dogs are not allowed. I am sure there are people who don't care about that but at least it gives a clear reason.

Please include as a reason for no dog access as the safety, comfort and care of children. I feel that dog owners seem to think that their dog's rights are greater than anything else on earth and we have so many places where dogs get priority at the moment and all and everyone else need to accept that and this is simply wrong. Dogs are not more important than children. People can love their dogs like children but the dogs can not be given more spaces, rights and value than children.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Please ban dogs from all council campgrounds, it is too hard for people to manage them and others to be comfortable and safe and not dealing with poo. Camping is about nature and our native environment not introduced pests such as dogs.

It is horrible being barked at by dogs left in cars in car parks or driveways. So many properties are simply too small for many dogs and it is cruel to keep them in such small places especially when owners are out all day everyday.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Everytime we walk on a maunga they feel overrun with dog walkers. Can we please designate areas for dog walking (especially off-leash areas) and have others where there are no dogs allowed at all.

If dog owners were able to follow on leash rules I would not be as strict but there are simply too many people who do not keep the dogs on leash where they should so I feel if people can not be trusted we need to put rules in place to help them. So make an area that is fenced and secure for off leash dogs. Make the rest dog free, especially somewhere very busy like Cornwall Park where there are so many people, families, biking, farm animals etc. Again if owners followed rules and kept dogs on leash and picked up poo it would not be such a problem, but trying to find a place to sit without poo is sometimes very challenging eg Owairaka maunga.

Also maunga are sacred and special and dogs running around doing what they want and pooing everywhere seems disrespectful and inappropriate.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

I am surprised there is not more on changing anything on city beaches. Dogs are a huge problem on the beaches and there seems to be no effort to make areas where dogs are not allowed or to separate dog areas from people areas or the times of day. Why do families with children have to go at the highest UV ray times to avoid dogs?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

As long as the on leash road is monitored to check people follow the on leash rules.

I support strongly no dogs anywhere at Ambury.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I think that except for the far northwestern area where it can be off leash and separated from the rest of the gardens dogs should not be allowed in the botanic gardens at all.

There has been a sharp rise in dogs in the botanic gardens and it is unpleasant because the place is about trees and plants and art and beauty and dogs are simply going to lift a leg and wee, or poo or sniff people who do not want to be sniffed or jumped at. And more dogs means more dogs interacting with eachother and getting excited and jumping and barking. And if there is anywhere they are able to be off leash owners will let the off leash in on-leash areas because so many people do not choose to follow the rules.

Please ban dogs from the majority of the botanic gardens.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

There should be some part of this beach during summer and winter where no dogs are allowed. Why should everyone have to go at the hottest time of the day in summer to not have dogs and in the winter have to have dogs at all times?

Please designate more areas where dogs are not allowed at all in summer and winter.

I do support the prohibiting of dogs in summer change from on leash to not at all.

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Have more grassed and picnic areas where dogs are not allowed at all.
No dogs in the campground.
And in the more wild longer northern part of the beach how are dogs impacting the native birds and wildlife? should there not be more control and also when

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

I am extremely supportive of no dogs at Pakiri. With the amazing bird life and dune repairs it is vital this area is protected and preserved.

Shakespear Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

But also have a time in 'other seasons' where dogs are not allowed off leash. People still use beaches and parks out of summer and I am unsure why dogs should get better access to these spaces outside of summer time. Allocate areas where dogs are not allo

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Ensure there are no dogs in campgrounds or the beaches associated with the campgrounds. There needs to be places people can go where there are no dogs on beaches at any time of day.

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

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I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Over time I feel the trend should be that dog access is reduced further and further. With growing populations of people (and dogs) we must protect our special regional parks and the wildlife they contain and this is simply not congruent with dog access.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1. Walking multiple dogs

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Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

Create a license and testing for walking multiple dogs. Specialists have the ability to control multiple dogs while some people may not even be able to fully control 2 dogs. The number of dogs doesn't matter. It's the capability of the walker.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs on lead should be allowed on the coastal walkway.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
Tell us why
People will ignore the amendments to the stream areas and dogs need opportunities to access off lead water bodies.

Hunua Ranges Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park
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What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park
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What do you think of this proposed change?
Mahurangi Regional Park (West)
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi East
I do not support the proposed change
Mahurangi Scott Point
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park
We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Allow dogs to access but on leash only. Dogs are part of a family.

Shakespear Regional Park
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What do you think of this proposed change?
I don’t know
Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

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We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park
We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I support the proposed change
Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Tell us why

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

No need to change the law to prohibit dogs on leash. Leashed dogs are good dogs!! More education and implications for OFF leash owners is where the focus should be.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

Tell us why

The banks and forest area are important for gentle walks under shade. This is a great place for dogs, but I believe this should be leashed.
Waterways - the stream is a fantastic place for dogs to have a quick cool off

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be allowed on leash near the water and on the tracks.
I agree that during lambing season dogs should not be allowed.

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

dogs on leash should be allowed.

Mahurangi Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I do not support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I don’t know

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Te Ārai Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Waitawa Regional Park

We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify how dog access rules are set:

Support

Tell us why

It should be community led not punitive by the council.

Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):

Support

Tell us why

Dogs need more freedoms and the rules should support this. Dog owners pay extra and yet the council is looking to punish them and thier dogs.

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Support

Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

Stop punishing dog owners and thier dogs and creating a hostile environment to dogs. The vast majority are responsible dog owners and should be treated as such with more dog friendly spaces not less.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6398

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Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

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Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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Tell us why

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Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6

Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3

1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

I generally support this, but I also believe dog walking businesses should have proper licensing.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Support

Tell us why

I want proper policing and effective management of problem dogs.

October 10 2024, my dog was attacked at an off leash dog park. Animal Control were notified and the attacking dog seized a week later. This dog had other verified complaints of aggression. On the 20 February 2025 I found out the dog was released back to the owner. This should NOT happen.

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

Support

Tell us why

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October 10 2024, my dog was attacked at an off leash dog park (Waiatarua) and my husband was bitten. Animal Control were notified and the attacking dog seized a week later. This dog had other verified complaints of aggression. On the 20 February 2025 I found out the dog was released back to the owner. This should NOT happen.

Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:

Support

Tell us why

Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):

Support

Tell us why

Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):

Do not support

Tell us why

I do not support this if it means decreasing access. Responsible dog owners should not be penalised. These spaces should be accessible to all responsible people and pets.

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Support

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

I implore you to support responsible dog owners. In my case, my dog was attacked and the attacking dog (3 months later), returned to its owner (who demonstrated irresponsible ownership of his dog by walking it off leash and often without a collar).

Others in my neighborhood are fearful the dog is back. Please protect those who are law abiding in our communities.

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed changes to access for the following reasons:

Inadequate Off-Leash Area

This punishes responsible dog owners. Removing this access represents a significant and unfair change.

Unfair Restriction of Park Space

Prioritizing one group’s use at the expense of others who have peacefully enjoyed it for years. This is neither fair nor reasonable.

Restricting responsible dog owners from using these spaces goes against this fundamental purpose.

Lack of Supporting Evidence

The justification for these restrictions lacks factual support.

Misplaced Focus on Irresponsible Ownership

The proposed changes appear to target issues related to irresponsible dog ownership—such as uncollected waste or holes dug by dogs—rather than addressing responsible owners. These concerns could be mitigated through enforcement, increased signage, and public awareness campaigns, none of which have been meaningfully implemented.

Impact on Community Connection

Recreational spaces play a vital role in fostering social connections , a safe space to connect with others. This is particularly important for those without children or who live alone, as it may be one of their primary social outlets.

Contradiction to Auckland Council's Dog Policy

With increasing dog ownership, the focus should be on maintaining—or expanding—public spaces for dogs rather than reducing them. This aligns with the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs, which aims to:

Maintain opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public spaces.

Minimize problems caused by dogs through appropriate management.

Protect dogs from harm and ensure their welfare.

Any restrictions should be balanced by designating a fair and reasonable off-leash area where responsible dog owners can continue to exercise their dogs safely.

As per the Council's own policy, dogs provide companionship, emotional support, and help foster social connections. Please take these factors into account when making your decision.

Thank you.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed changes to access for the following reasons:

1. Unfair Restriction of Park Space

The newly prohibited area represents a large percentage of the park, prioritizing other groups use at the expense of others who have peacefully enjoyed it for years. This is neither fair nor reasonable.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?
Tell us why

Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?
Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this

Location 1:
What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?
Madills
What local board area is this location in?
Ōrākei
In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?
Tell us why
Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?
To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:
What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?
Do not punish responsible dog owners!
Please explain your issue in more detail:
Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence
Location 2:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

Monte Cecilia Park

What local board area is this location in?

Henderson-Massey

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

Entire location

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

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Location 3:

What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?

What local board area is this location in?

In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

Tell us why

Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?

What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?

Please explain your issue in more detail:

Do not push responsible owners out, better enforce the rules against irresponsible owners and those who have aggressive dogs.

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6518

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

It concerns me when I see one dog pack walker with many dogs off their leashes. How can they manage all the dogs at once on their own when the dogs are going in different directions? What if they loose one dog and don't notice it? What if there is a fight amongst the dogs but they are also trying to control the others? By limiting the number of dogs on a pack walk, they will be better able to manage any situation that may arise for not only their own safety but the safety of the dogs they are with and other people/dogs in the area.

Will there be a limit to the number of dog walkers that can walk together? For example, if three dog walkers are walking together at Big King with six dogs each, that's 18 dogs with potentially 9 of them off their leashes. I'd like to recommend that the maximum number of dog walkers together is two so that the total number of dogs off-leash doesn't exceed 6. This would be easier to manage and would minimise disruption to others in the area.

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Tell us why

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Mahurangi East

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Tāpapakanga Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

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Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6581

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

maximum 6 dogs under control of one person. the split number on and off leash is not logical

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

I do not agree with breed specific legislation. Menacing should only be applied by behaviour not breed.

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Tell us why

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more access for well behaved registered dogs

Submission to Auckland Council on Proposed changes to bylaws

We wish to submit our views on the proposed bylaws with a focus onf the welfare of both dogs, guardians and the wider public. We feel the council has duty to those relationships and not the financial goals of a small group of commentators.

The Association for Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Auckland City Council's proposal regarding dog control policies and leash laws. We appreciate the Council's commitment to reviewing these regulations to balance public safety with the needs of dogs and their caregivers. We fully support the implementation of limits on the number of dogs one person can walk at a time to ensure better control and safety.

The Limitations of Blanket Leash Laws

While leash laws are designed to ensure public safety and order, applying more stringent leash requirements universally may not effectively address the underlying issues related to canine behaviour and public safety. Instead of broad restrictions, a more nuanced approach is recommended, one that emphasises education, responsible dog guardianship, and community engagement.

The Ethics of Providing Freedom for Canine Welfare

Ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of dogs involves not only physical health but also ethical considerations in training and handling practices, including enrichment and agency. Research highlights several benefits of giving dogs freedom to explore:

> Physical Health: Increased physical activity, contributing to better overall health (Hurley et al., 2011), including the prevention of obesity. As outlined in New Zealand's Code of Welfare for dogs, exercise is crucial for both physical and mental health and insufficient exercise can lead to behavioural problems.
> Agency and Space: Greater sense of agency in dogs by allowing them enhanced sense of freedom to explore their environment, which significantly augments their positive welfare and reduces behavioural concerns (Blattner et al., 2020; Jones, 2024; Littlewood et al., 2023; Westgarth et al., 2010).
> Mental Stimulation: Dogs benefit from cognitive engagement and environmental enrichment, leading to reduced stress and anxiety (Kis et. al., 2015; Moesta et al., 2015).

Longer leads (at least 3m or 10 feet) and long lines have emerged as significant aids in achieving goals of greater freedom and agency (Campbell et al., 2016; Littlewood et al., 2023) while keeping dogs, wildlife, and the public safe. Longer leashes and off lead freedoms, when properly trained, promote natural behaviours such as sniffing, roaming, and interacting with their surroundings, which increases a dog's feelings of safety and satisfaction (Foltin & Ganslosser, 2021), in line with the Five Domains Model of animal welfare (Mellor et al., 2020).

Behavioural Benefits and Strengthening the Human-Dog Bond

Off-lead freedom for dogs under effective control and longer leashes help in addressing behavioural concerns by providing appropriate outlets for energy and exploration, reducing the likelihood of behavioural problems (Foltin & Ganslosser, 2021), including leash pulling, which is a notable welfare concern for dogs (Townsend et al., 2022). This increase in autonomy reduces stress and frustration, subsequently leading to a decrease in undesired behaviours like excessive barking, or aggressive/conflict behaviours. Additionally, they contribute to strengthening the bond between dogs and their caregivers (APPA, 2020), as “well-behaved” and content dogs are easier to manage and enjoy a higher quality of life (Jones, 2024; Littlewood et. al., 2023).

Dogs are highly valued in New Zealand society, both as companions and working animals. However, improper management and care can negatively impact their welfare and potentially affect other dogs, humans, animals, and the environment. In order to adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Code of Welfare for dogs, the promotion of effective off-lead freedom and the use of longer leashes will help enhance canine welfare and mitigate the risks above.

The risk of unqualified and unregistered walkers and owners will lead to more compromised welfare and or danger to the public. Bylaws simply restricting the locations will not address these concerns. Managing and restricting the number of dogs under control of single person will significantly improve outcomes for our expectations.

Limitations of Excessive Restrictions

Excessive restrictions, such as stricter leash laws, or restricted access to safe off leash areas can inadvertently exacerbate behavioural problems by limiting dogs' opportunities for exercise and mental stimulation. This may lead to increased frustration and stress, undermining the very safety these laws aim to achieve (Horwitz & Mills, 2009; Tami et al., 2008).

The Importance of Education Over Restriction

Rather than implementing more restrictive leash laws or limiting access, we advocate for prioritising educational initiatives. Educating dog guardians about humane training techniques, responsible stewardship, and the benefits of positive reinforcement can significantly reduce behavioural issues that lead to stricter regulations (AVMA, 2019). Effective education fosters a deeper understanding of dogs' needs, as well as teaching them skills needed to coexist harmoniously in public spaces, leading to better public integration and reduced conflicts.

Benefits of Integrative Approaches

We recommend a well-rounded approach that includes creating more dog-friendly spaces, such as designated off-leash areas (including shared human-dog spaces), alongside educational campaigns to address safety concerns effectively. The positive impact of such initiatives means that communities with accessible dog-friendly spaces report higher levels of social cohesion and community wellbeing (Wood et al., 2015). Engaging the community in unbiased discussions about dog policies ensures that regulations are practical and enforceable and see more compliance and fewer conflicts between dog caregivers and non-caregivers (Weiss et al., 2013). Collaborative efforts between dog caregivers, animal behaviourists, and council can result in policies that are considerate, protect public safety whilst promoting the welfare of dogs.

Conclusion

In summary, while bylaws play a role in maintaining order, unreasonable restrictions on their use is not a panacea for canine behaviour and public safety issues. We propose that a comprehensive strategy, integrating education and the use of longer leashes is a more effective and humane approach.

We agree there are concerns regarding the large numbers of dogs under the care of a single person, who may rely on the use of aversive tools which will decrease positive welfare outcomes for dogs. One effective method is creating and maintaining more off-leash areas where dogs can exist under specified conditions (example, leash when necessary, expected courtesies and particular skill sets, i.e. “under effective control”). These spaces, combined with educational programmes for dog caregivers, can mitigate the need for restrictive laws. By focusing on these strategies, we can foster a positive environment for both dogs and people.

LImiting large numbers of either leashed or unleashed dogs is ideal to ensure both the individual dogs needs are met and applying a more responsible guardianship by the walker.

We disagree with the necessity and safety for large groups of dogs being walked at once and a restriction of 4-6 dog per handler is more appropriate. We are aware of the compromised welfare that occurs in such large groups and point to the evidence of Lost dogs, Injured dogs, plus Injured members of public and their dogs when poorly managed groups are in public.

Leashed or unleashed, instead we should be focusing on the level of oversight and control of such dogs in public.

We have already witnessed significant improvement over the last few years with people using positive reinforcement training and appropriate off leash locations to reduce unwanted interactions and harm from poor training and management as seen by large group/pack walkers. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion and encourage the Auckland City Council to consider these perspectives in their review process. As the body representing ethical professional dog trainers in New Zealand, we would very much appreciate being consulted further as the review process progresses.

Sincerely,

Association for Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand

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Do not support

1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

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Tell us why

Safety.

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

I strongly endorse and applaud the Auckland Councils' proposed changes to limit the number of dogs a person can walk at one time. I would also like to see the implementation of mandatory training to ensure commercial dog walkers understand canine behaviour and pack dynamics. These are much overdue first steps to regulate the commercial dog services industry. Auckland's potential changes would align with recent changes in dog walking regulations worldwide, and with Wellington councils regulations that reflect a growing emphasis on public safety, animal welfare, and environmental protection.

Several factors (outlined below) prompted me to feedback to Auckland Council on this matter- not the least of which, is that dogs cannot advocate for themselves but rely entirely on good and knowledgeable human stewardship for all aspects of their welfare.

Having owned and looked after dogs, I have firsthand evidence of the negative side of the current commercial dog walking industry, and of many incidents that could have been prevented by appropriate regulations and training requirements for commercial dog walkers. I also have recent first hand evidence that the proposed changes would permit dog walking as a viable commercial enterprise. Specifically, recently I looked after two dogs (long stay)for a family member and a friend. The two dogwalkers used by the owners take only up to six dogs at a time and assess dogs they walk for compatibility prior to taking them on. One of the walkers does two dog walking shifts in a day with a different set and a small number of dogs. This method of dog walking makes it financially viable for the walker, and concurrently fulfils public safety, animal welfare, and environmental protection responsibilities.

Current Commercial Dog Walking

Commercial dog walking provides a needed service to Aucklanders however, almost no other area of employment (e.g., engineering, hairdressing, medical, finance, mechanics, plumbing) would permit untrained individuals to operate as they wished. Commercial dog walking has become a highly lucrative enterprise with many walkers in Auckland earning well over a thousand dollars a day by walking high numbers of dogs at one time (often over 26 dogs) often with only one – two helpers. This together with a substantial lack of knowledge and understanding of canine welfare and behaviour among commercial dog walkers has led to serious safety risks for both dogs and people. In the main, commercial walkers have a lack of knowledge across areas of canine behaviour and welfare including, but not limited to, reading canine behaviour to recognize stress signals, poor pack

management, lack of understanding of canine socialization, inability to recognize medical or behavioural issues, poor leash and recall skills, lack of first aid knowledge and failure to follow safety and council regulations. These factors are likely to have significantly contributed to a rise in dog attacks both on people and other animals.

Dog Owners

Given the social nature of dogs, dog owners have the very best of intentions when choosing to get their dog walked commercially while they are at work or away for long periods of time. However, with the current lack of knowledge and understanding of canine behaviour among commercial dog walkers, dog owners have no reliable way to distinguish a dog that is resting because of an enjoyable canine experience or one that is depressed because of a stressful outing, particularly, if the owner is not there to observe their dogs behaviour at pick up and drop off.

I am aware first hand that commercial dog walkers have mounted a strenuous effort and petition to keep what is an exponentially increasing lucrative business the status quo. However, the vested interests of this group represent a significant conflict of balancing all interests.

Revenue

The proposed changes would likely generate additional revenue for the Auckland Council. By implementing regulations, training and licensing requirements for commercial dog walkers Auckland Council would not only tackle an increasingly urgent problem but would directly impact the councils' financial health.

It seems that rather than considering dogs as sentient beings, the commercial allure of earning high income by walking a dangerously high number of dogs at one time, has contributed to the current dog walking industry appearing to treat dogs as emotionless, unintelligent commodities. Instigating regulations such as those proposed by the Auckland Council would go a long way to updating how dogs are considered and the specialist training required to handle them. The current dog walking situation in Auckland starkly contrasts with burgeoning international research on dogs that highlights their intelligence, rich understanding of their world, their advanced memory and learning capabilities and possession of skills that resemble those seen in young children. Research has also demonstrated dogs ability to read an...

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Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

Dogs being walked off leash need to be able to be recalled for safety of people and other dogs, and it's much safer to reduce this number, especially for public spaces like parks

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Tell us why

I am mostly in support of this proposal.

I am in support of keeping dogs out of most of those prohibited areas under point 3, especially the puhinui stream as they are currently causing much erosion and harm to the stream bank, which is detrimental to the huge efforts being undertaken by council and community groups to improve the health of the stream. Dog owners also don't always have control of their dogs in this area or watch them closely, so they need to just be dog-free zones.

I think any off leash dog areas should be contained with fencing and monitored by animal management. I don't think it's the place of a botanic garden to provide off leash dog areas, but the community does need a place for this. I believe a fenced off leash dog area should be created elsewhere, such as in Totara park to provide this for the community.

I believe the cafe should be able to allow on leash dogs in their outside cafe areas at their / the botanic gardens discretion.

Many people walk their dogs through the gardens each day on leash, and I'm not proposing this change. It's the off leash areas that need relooking at to make sure things are safe, not causing damage to the stream, and make sense to the location (eg should a botanical garden really having an off leash dog areas? Is this what other botanical gardens have? Does it make sense? Is it safe? Or is it a historic use of the space that needs to change).

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Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

I believe a limit of 10 dogs is reasonable but think that certification and registration of dog walkers is a much better solution. What we have noticed is that there are 'good' walkers and 'bad' walkers. The proposed restrictions do nothing to stop the 'bad' walkers. Rather it will lead to 'good' walkers leaving the industry as it is not economical for them to operate. By requiring registration (and assessing providers) it will mean that capable / trained professionals can continue to operate while 'bad' walkers will be immediately penalised if they are not registered.

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Tell us why

Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:

Tell us why

Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?

3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks

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Te Ārai Regional Park

Ambury Regional Park

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

Hunua Ranges Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Long Bay Regional Park

We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Mahurangi Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

Mahurangi East

Mahurangi Scott Point

Tell us why

Muriwai Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Pākiri Regional Park

We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Shakespear Regional Park

We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāpapakanga Regional Park

We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during

lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Tāwharanui Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
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 whe

Waitawa Regional Park
We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

#6801

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1A. What do you think of this proposed change?

Support

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Tell us why

2. General policy and bylaw matters

To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.

What do you think of the following proposed changes?

Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:

Tell us why

Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

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#6840

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Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?

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Ambury Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dogs should be on leash the whole time at all park and beaches. However the dog owner currently not controlling their dog and let it run around and jumping onto children and other dogs which create safety concerns for others.

Auckland Botanic Gardens

We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.

A. What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

Mahurangi Regional Park (West)

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi East

I support the proposed change

Mahurangi Scott Point

I support the proposed change

Tell us why

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What do you think of this proposed change?

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
I think dog should be either prohibited or control under control on leash to be consistent with all parks. Also protecting children and other dogs from being attacked and scared.

Tāpapakanga Regional Park
We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).
What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Dogs should not be allowed off leash on a beach. They usually ran off and jumping onto children which makes us not able to let children play on the beach.

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What do you think of this proposed change?
I do not support the proposed change
Tell us why
Rules should be consistent and dog should be control on the leash all time.

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What do you think of this proposed change?

I do not support the proposed change

Tell us why

Dog should be on leash on the beach

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Tell us why

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Tell us why